

SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Dining Room
Nutrition Services Building
1257 Northpark Boulevard
San Bernardino, California

**MINUTES
ADOPTED
1/13/15**

November 19, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Present: President Michael Gallo; Vice President Bobbie Perong; Board Members Barbara Flores, Margaret Hill, Abigail Medina, Lynda Savage, and Danny Tillman; Superintendent Dale Marsden; Deputy Superintendent Harold Vollkommer; Assistant Superintendents Kennon Mitchell, John Peukert, Perry Wiseman, and Matty Zamora; Executive Director of Community Partnerships Hector Murrieta; School Police Chief Joseph Paulino; Fiscal Services Director Janet King; and Superintendent's Assistant Carla Cross. Minutes recorded by Administrative Assistant Jennifer Owens.

SESSION ONE - Opening

1.0 - Opening

1.1 - Call to Order

Vice President Perong called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

1.2 - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

1.3 - Adoption of Agenda

Upon motion by Member Tillman, seconded by Member Hill, and approved by the affirmative vote of Members Flores, Hill, Medina, Perong, Savage, and Tillman (Noes: None; Absent for Vote: Gallo), the agenda was approved as presented.

SESSION TWO - Public Comment

2.0 - Public Comment

Ron Fletcher recommended moving Public Comments to the end of the meeting. Superintendent Marsden stated that the workshop is to give the Board more time for input. After Board comments, they will invite comments from the public.

SESSION THREE - Workshop

3.0 - Workshop

3.1 - Board Quarterly Strategic Workshop

Board members, the Superintendent, and other administrative staff participated in a workshop discussing the following items:

Budget

- LCFF Changes
- Class Size Requirement (K-3)
- Facilities Master Plan
- LCAP Central Expenditures
- QEIA
- ROP
- Technology Budget Plan

Janet King reviewed changes to the budget after the adoption in June 2014 (see page 4.1).

Michael Gallo arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Dale Marsden stated that the District could lose funding by adding additional staff disproportionately throughout the District. Lobbyists asked the District to give them information on the impact to the District for them to share with the legislators.

Michael Gallo suggested that the District go out for grants for digital access for challenged families. Abigail Medina asked what the District is doing for all classrooms' technology needs. Dr. Marsden stated that many sites are using LCFF for technology. Kennon Mitchell stated that schools have purchased 5,000 devices for SBAC. Principals are doing their due diligence to have enough devices. Last week the District gave the 700 loaner devices to the schools. We will be fine this year for SBAC testing. Dr. Mitchell will provide a report on the numbers of devices per student and school. Mr. Gallo asked Staff to go after California Emerging Technology fund money. Dr. Marsden stated that the grant opens in March, and we will have our grant writers, California Consulting, apply. Bobbie Perong and Danny Tillman asked to see the entire technology budget, including staff and infrastructure.

Danny Tillman left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Michael Gallo asked Staff to consider using the Open Gov tool. Dr. Marsden stated that we will ask our new Chief Business Officer for a recommendation on using that or another tool. Members of the Budget Subcommittee will also discuss this.

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Bobbie Perong asked if there are enough counselors at each school. Perry Wiseman stated that we have counselors at the middle and high schools, and each elementary school has one. Abigail Medina asked if we can add more support at the high schools, possibly with academic advisors. Dr. Wiseman stated that the District would need to know their duties and then the Board would decide. Michael Gallo stated that the District needs to honor the LCAP process and roll this back into an assessment process at a CBAC meeting. Dr. Marsden stated that the GEAR UP grant for seventh graders will provide a GEAR UP Coordinator at every middle school.

Bobbie Perong asked where the \$1.4 million for African American students is budgeted. Dr. Marsden stated that it is in the entire picture. Mrs. Perong stated that this money could be used for on-site suspensions. Dr. Wiseman stated that it is allocated already.

Peg Tracey stated that CTA lobbyists have said that the state won't sweep the QEIA money. School Services of California has stated that the state General Fund is up. Because of the increase in STRS and PERS, the state adjusted the gap funding. The state could do a QEIA extension. The Governor's budget will be positive in January. CTA lobbyists are working on the Title One staffing issue. All districts with QEIA schools would need to file for a waiver.

Margaret Hill asked about health services at schools. Dr. Wiseman stated that they added a health aide at every elementary school. Mrs. Perong asked about Innovation Grants. Dr. Marsden stated that we need to hold off on that until January when we will hear the Governor's budget.

Dr. Marsden stated that Extended Cabinet will be expanded to include LCAP participants. We will evaluate the data and reprioritize the LCAP. There is a hold on spending LCFF. None of the 133 QEIA teachers will be laid off. New teachers are being hired on temporary contracts. We will hold on all salary increases until January after we see the Governor's budget.

An unidentified person in the audience asked about future raises. Dr. Marsden stated that they want to give a raise, but they have to plan on real numbers. We will know more in January. She asked why CSEA members are always making the sacrifices and don't get the raises. Michael Gallo stated that that is not his understanding; CSEA got a raise. Bobbie Perong stated that all employees had to make cuts for three years. We are now beyond those years. Mr. Gallo stated that the Board cares about all employees.

President Gallo left the meeting at 2 p.m., and Vice President Perong chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Carl Greenwood stated that he is being asked about the \$4 million carryover. They didn't get raises or upgraded equipment. The Board doesn't do anything for classified employees and the 4 percent raise didn't catch them up. Janet King stated that if raises had been given in prior years, there would have been layoffs. Abigail Medina stated that the Board has to be fair to all. Mrs.

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Perong stated they are all working together. It's time to stop looking in the past. Tom Hernandez stated that they want the Board to see their side. This is the lowest paying district.

SESSION FOUR - Closing

4.0 - Adjournment

By the affirmative vote of the members, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of the San Bernardino City Unified School District will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Board of Education Building, 777 North F Street, San Bernardino.