



# Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee

## MEETING NOTES

June 21, 2022 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ WebEx & Admin Boardroom (Hybrid)

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**Members present:** Ken Davis, Jerry Carney, Lyman Kaiser, AJ Mangum (V), Jan Rennie (V), Jay Smith (V), Nicole Uebel

**Members absent:** Dierdre Aden-Smith, Cynthia Bernard, Ayla Bertetto, Jacqueline Dowds-Bennett, Erin Hobson, Chip MacEnulty, Karen Petersilie, Joseph Shelton, Vickie Tonkins, Dan Yaciuk

**Guests attending:** Public Consulting Group (PCG) Representatives: Dr. Jennifer Meller, Meredith Crouse, Christine Donis-Keller, Isabelle Blair, Mary Ellen Hannon  
(All Virtual) Lauren Nelson, BOE Treasurer, Terry Seaman – Executive Director of Facilities & Transportation, Jon Furda – Capital Program Manager and Jennifer Hotaling, Capital Program Assistant Manager

**Ex-Officio members present:** Glenn Gustafson and Kim Gilstrap \*Note: (V) = Virtual Attendee

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### Preliminary Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions:  
Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda:  
Chairman Davis called for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. With a motion from Mr. Kaiser and a second, from Co-Chairman Carney, the committee unanimously approved tonight's agenda, with no expressed changes or exceptions.
3. Approval of the Meeting Notes (04/19/22):  
Chairman Davis called for a motion to approve the meeting notes from April 19, 2022. Co-Chairman Carney motioned to accept as written and a second, from Mr. Kaiser, was motioned. The committee unanimously approved the notes, with no expressed changes or exceptions.
4. Triannual Assessment Update, with the Team from Public Consulting Group:  
Chairman Davis provided a brief introduction of the PCG team, welcoming them. Dr. Meller greeted the Committee, noting this is the third consecutive assessment of the MLO, performed by PCG, and commended the MLO oversight committee on their dedication. Dr. Meller provided a brief overview of her assessment team's approach and the primary questions, in determining the committee's structure, intent and alignment, ultimately. She stated that a large portion of the data used in this assessment came from reports and documentation, which was found on the D11 website, as part of our financial transparency to the community. Additionally, PCG performed interviews with D11 staff and Board of Education members, in groups and individually. They also conducted surveys with staff and the community. Dr. Meller's synopsis of the assessment findings corresponded with determinations and facts, as outlined in the (now) "Eighth Biennial/Triennial Assessment of the District 11 Mill Levy Override (MLO) Spend Plan".

PCG's Christine Donis-Keller spoke to governance and accountability, noting the MLO oversight committee has maintained their commitment to monitoring funds and expenditures, through regular meetings. However,

it is obvious that regular attendance by some committee members has varied and there remains to be several vacancies. With interest in recruiting more members, the District should develop a written onboarding process, which is reflected in their statement of recommendations, from the final report. After Meredith Crouse spoke to the recommendations being provided to the committee, there was some discussion of documentation in attaining those goals. The PCG team completed their overview and presentation, following which, they left the meeting.

**Action Item:**

There are no Action Items on tonight's agenda.

**Non-Action Items:**

5. Monthly Financial Statement Update – April:

Mr. Gustafson began by stating the revenues to expenditures ratio appears to be heavy on the expenditures, which is normal for this time of year since May brings a substantial amount of the tax revenues. He stated that the District is still well in line with the budget and still planning to pay the balance of the bond debt on December 1, 2022, for an early payoff.

6. MLO Phase-In Report:

Mr. Gustafson continued with the Phase-In Report, noting that with the approval of the Charter Schools Amendment, it is now reflected as only 2000 MLO PIP 21 again, without "a" and "b". He continued with some explanation of the inflation factor, informing the committee that "we are extremely close to our Mill Levy cap", which endangers the benefit of the inflation factor. Further discussion of this is put on hold and may continue in the August meeting.

7. Meeting Calendar for FY22-23

Ms. Gilstrap presented next fiscal year's schedule of committee meetings, without major variance from previous years. The meetings will continue to be held from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, on the third Tuesday of each month, barring holidays and school closures. Meetings will also continue to be offered in a hybrid fashion.

8. PIP Review Inventory & PIP Amendment History:

The PIP Review Inventory was explained to the newer members of the committee, with the benefits of being able to view the status of each PIP review, at a glance. The PIP Amendment History offers the same convenience of tracking all plan amendments.

9. PIP 2017-8: Capital Renewal/Replacement:

Guests Terry Seaman and Jon Furda are here with updates on the progress of the district's capital projects. With inflation challenges, progress is moving slowly. Mr. Furda presented highlights of the upcoming budget, based on the last two years. Even with the present challenges, there is still noticeable change and improvement throughout district structures. Mr. Furda stated that he is making efforts to ensure the school principals are informed of all projects being performed in their buildings. This effort is in support of transparency and educating staff and the community of how the MLO funds are expended. Chairman Davis expressed the importance of advertising what accomplishments have been made or are in progress, due to MLO funding. Mr. Furda and Mr. Seaman agreed and shared some efforts already under way.

10. Address Funding for 2000 MLO PIP 7B – Instructional Staff Development & Technology Training:

Mr. Gustafson informed the committee that this PIP continues to fail in utilizing all funds allocated. Co-Chairman Carney expressed specific concerns and suggested that the committee consider reallocating funds to another item that may be in need. Further discussion resulted in unchanging the allocation, at this time, and review next year for possible amendment to MLO 2000 PIP 7B.

11. Future Funding Challenges for Charter Schools:

Mr. Gustafson explained the challenges of enrollments vs funding per pupil and now considering a proposal from a new charter school, with 800 students. As charter school funding becomes nearer to depletion, the option of reallocation really cannot be successfully supported. This matter will continue to be monitored going forward, ensuring the committee will be kept abreast of the situation.

12. Committee Chairperson's Comments:

Committee Chair, Mr. Davis announced that he will be moving to Tennessee in the near future and will, therefore, be resigning his position. This triggered a conversation about recruiting new committee members, along with a new Chairperson. Mr. Davis humbly thanked the committee for allowing him this opportunity.

13. Future Agenda Items:

Chairman Davis requested to have the following topics placed on the August agenda, for further discussion:

- The August agenda should cover the topic of discussion for PIP compliance.
- More in-depth discussion of the Capital Programs Funding and Bond Debt payoff
- Discussion of solution options and possible reallocation for PIP 2000-7B

Adjournment:

Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

6:00 pm

D11 Admin. Building Boardroom/Webex