

Riverside Unified School District
Business and Governmental Relations Division

Board Finance Subcommittee Meeting

Superintendent's Office

May 28, 2013

2:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Beaty called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Charles Beaty (Chair), Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Dr. Rick Miller, Mr. Mike Fine, Ms. Sandie Meekins, Mrs. Dalia Gadelmawla, Mrs. Joyce Threadgold (recorder)

ALSO PRESENT FOR A PORTION OF THE MEETING: Mr. Marcus Ridley, Contract Analyst and Ms. Marta Nelson, Transportation Manager

1. Approval of the Board Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Cloud moved and Dr. Beaty seconded the motion to approve the Board Finance Subcommittee Minutes of May 8, 2013.

2. Award of Pupil Transportation Services Bid

Mr. Fine introduced Marcus Ridley, Contracts Analyst, to the Subcommittee. Marcus proceeded to review the summary of the bid results for the pupil transportation services. Eight providers requested bid packets and of the eight, three submitted no-bid letters, and four did not respond at all. Student Transportation of America (STA) is our current provider and was the only one to submit a bid. Marcus reviewed the goals that were established in January by the District against the bid responses from STA. Mr. Fine stated that the STA's bid lowered our current cost by \$1.2 million in the first year. The bid will be presented to the Board of Education at the June 17, 2013 meeting. The Finance Subcommittee recommends awarding the bid to STA.

3. Provisions for Victoria Grove/FAMMS Transportation

Mr. Fine shared with Subcommittee the current Board Policy on home-to-school transportation. He explained that the existing policy states that there is a 10 mile walking distance for middle and high school students and there is only one street in the FAMMS attendance area that is at the ten mile mark. Mr. Fine stated that we have provided a bus for a few students that live within 10 miles of the school and then filled the remaining seats on the bus with Special Consideration students who apply for and are accepted to ride the bus. He further stated that for 2013-14, there would not be any students that would qualify for transportation to FAMMS outside of the 10 mile limit. However, there are current Lake Mathews' students on that particular street that would be going to Miller in 2014-15. Mr. Fine explained that the existing policy allows some exceptions based on safety. The Subcommittee agreed that we would continue to provide a bus for the Victoria Grove area to FAMMS on a Special Consideration basis.

4. Interim Audit Findings and Recommendations

Ms. Meekins shared with the Subcommittee that as of last week, all school sites had submitted corrective action plans for their audit findings related to site cash, attendance and ASBs.

5. 2013/14 Budget Development

Mr. Fine distributed the Initial Assessment of LCFF and Budget Demands/Priorities for the 2013-14 school year. He explained that in the past we have been very accurate in our assessment of the state budget even before it has been adopted. This year is different, and even with the disagreements in Sacramento regarding the State's revenue projections, we must move forward with developing the District's budget. A lengthy discussion ensued and the Subcommittee made recommendations for refinement to the budget priorities brought to them by Mr. Fine. The revised recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education in a report/discussion item on June 3; with the Adoption of the 2013-2014 District Budget being presented at the June 17th Board Meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Unscheduled Communications

There were no unscheduled communications.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.