

West Side Education Authority Regular Meeting (Wednesday, September 13, 2023)

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Members present

Chris Jew, Christine Mallery, Graham Clark, Jeremy Nishihara

Meeting called to order at 1:39 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Flag Salute

1.2 Roll Call

2. OPENING ITEMS

2.1 Approval of Meeting Agenda

- Agenda was amended to change the 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals Report item from Presentation Item to an Action Item.
- Approve the September 13, 2023 meeting agenda.

Motion by Christine Mallery, second by Jeremy Nishihara.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Chris Jew, Christine Mallery, Graham Clark, Jeremy Nishihara

2.2 Approval of the June 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Approve the June 22, 2023 meeting minutes

Motion by Graham Clark, second by Jeremy Nishihara.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Chris Jew, Christine Mallery, Graham Clark, Jeremy Nishihara

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

3.1 Public Comments On Item(s) on the Agenda

- No Comments

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

4.1 Member District Reports

Chris Jew(CUSD):

Unfortunately, Mike Ghelber was unable to join us for today's meeting. We plan to introduce him at our next gathering. Additionally, the housing survey results were not presented to the Board. It is our suggestion that we arrange a joint meeting involving all the Districts for a more effective discussion.

Jeremy Nishihara(SED):

Similarly, the survey results were not shared with our Board.

Graham Clark(FUHSD):

The Board did not receive a formal presentation from us either. To enhance communication, we propose scheduling a dedicated joint meeting.

The Superintendents from each District will collaborate to facilitate this. Organizing a 2 by 2 meeting structure will help us bypass the Brown Act's guidelines.

5. ACTION

5.1 Approval of the 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals

Christine Mallery's Presentation:

In the Unaudited Actuals, we find the SACS forms, and there are no surprises in the figures. Our expenses remain lean, primarily comprising insurance, legal fees, website costs, and survey expenses. We anticipate closing the budget with a healthy \$75,000 reserve. There are a few expenses yet to be audited, and we plan to present the First Interim report for approval in December.

Regarding the QCC (Quality Control Committee) costs, they have been relatively minimal. We did receive notification of increased expenses, but unfortunately, we haven't been able to establish contact with the County to discuss the possibility of reducing these new costs. We hope to gather more information on the QCC's financial status by the end of the first interim period.

Graham noted that the County is treating us as if we were a full-fledged District, and he believes that we should be required to contribute proportionately, rather than being treated like a school District.

Chris proposed the idea of incorporating the committee's expenses within the school district budget. Graham and Jeremy expressed their agreement with this approach. In the meantime, it might be worthwhile to invest some effort into negotiating with the County to lower these costs.

Graham inquired about the ending balance according to the Unaudited Actuals Report. Christine confirmed that the balance stands at \$75,000, with \$25,000 allocated to each of the participating Districts. The County is currently mandating that we maintain a 3% reserve.

- Approve the 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals

Motion by Jeremy Nishihara, second by Graham Clark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Chris Jew, Christine Mallery, Graham Clark, Jeremy Nishihara

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1 Public Comments On Non-Agenda Item(s)

- No Comments

7. FUTURE AGENDA

7.1 Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

- There were no discussions on future agendas

8. ADJOURNMENT 2:05 pm