Superintendent's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2025

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**

   Superintendent Tavitian welcomed attendees and introduced Mr. Michael Taylor, MGT Consultant. Mr. Taylor provided an overview of the Facility Asset Management Study, emphasizing that its purpose is to explore available options rather than to close schools. He then invited all members to introduce themselves.

2. **Purpose**

   Mr. Taylor explained that the goal of the study is to develop solutions to address the impact of declining enrollment. The Superintendent's Advisory Council was established to collaboratively find these solutions. He outlined key factors contributing to declining enrollment, including California's overall population decline, high

housing costs, decreasing birth rates, the effects of COVID-19, and an increase in home-schooling.

3. **Student Centric Approach**

   Mr. Taylor urged the council to evaluate all options with a focus on students' needs and experiences.

4. **Enrollment Data (Lennox and Others)**

   Mr. Taylor presented historical enrollment data for the Lennox School District and neighboring districts, sourced from the California Department of Education. He encouraged members to consider strategies for attracting more students, such as offering academic and specialized programs.

   Members shared insights on why students are leaving the district and discussed factors contributing to Wiseburn Unified School District's ability to attract more students. Key challenges identified included immigration concerns, cost of living, security issues, and negative publicity.

   Mr. Taylor presented a cost analysis based on a hypothetical school model, providing insights into financial considerations.

5. **Process and Timeline**

   Mr. Taylor emphasized the importance of allowing sufficient time to evaluate options before making final recommendations to the Board of Education and the

Superintendent. He noted that the study is currently in Phase I of a three-phase process.

6. **Superintendent’s Advisory Council (SAC) Role**

   Mr. Taylor briefly explained the role of SAC members in guiding this process.

7. **Potential Options**

   Mr. Taylor outlined various potential options for addressing enrollment challenges and shared examples of actions taken by other districts.

8. **Compliance with Legislation**

   Mr. Taylor reviewed relevant legislation to ensure that any proposed solutions align with legal requirements.

9. **Communication Strategy**

   A communication strategy chart was shared to promote transparency with the community and media.

10. **Road Ahead**

    The next meeting is scheduled for **May 6, 2025**, instead of the previously planned April 29, 2025.