

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
District Office – Board Room
760 Magnolia Avenue
Piedmont, CA 94611

MINUTES OF

Citizens' Advisory Committee to Parcel Tax Program (Measures B & E)

December 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jon Elliott called the regular meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Parcel Tax Program to order at 4:36 pm.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
In Attendance:

Committee Members Catherine Ogle (arrived 4:38 PM), Eileen Ruby, Cathie Geddeis (arrived 4:48 PM), Peter Freeman, George Childs, Jon Elliott, Ken Jensen, Matthew Lifschiz, Mimi Felson, Superintendent Constance Hubbard, Board Member Liaison Martha Jones, Board Member Liaison (alternate) Richard Raushenbush

ABSENT FROM MEETING

Committee member Ad Brugger

REVIEW & ACTION ITEM

1. Approve Minutes of 11/5/09 Meeting

George Childs moved and Mimi Felson seconded corrections to the minutes from the 11/5/09 meeting.

REVIEW & DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Financial summary information format

Catherine Ogle and presented a proposed draft format of financial summary information from the subcommittee. When the District's full First Interim Report becomes available the format will be filled in. The Committee found the format useful and suggested some additions and changes. Members of the Committee were interested in obtaining First Interim Reports from other Districts and Superintendent Hubbard offered that most districts probably will have these reports on their websites by 12/15/09, although they may not all be using the SACs format used by Piedmont. Discussion ensued including health and welfare costs. The Committee requested and Superintendent Hubbard agreed to provide the following information to the Committee: clarification of gross and net health and welfare numbers, a scattergram for employees on the salary schedules for 2009-2010 and the District's J90 information for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 (draft).

2. Update on District responses to current fiscal crisis

Superintendent Constance Hubbard presented the District's First Interim Report dated 12/9/09. She explained that the 2009-2010 Budget numbers are more accurate in the First Interim report dated 12/9/09 than in the Approved Budget dated 9/23/09, because more of the actual costs are known. The cut off date for the First Interim numbers is 10/31/09. Projections for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 include: modest revenue increases and 0 COLA, per School Services recommendations; maintaining the current program and no Measure B increases. By the spring of 2009-2010, the District's goal is to identify \$1 million in cuts to implement in 2010-2011, which will also carry over into 2011-2012. Projecting beyond three years is problematic because of the uncertainty of the future. There is a \$1 million decrease in revenue looming in 2012-2013 due to the expiration of the Emergency Parcel Tax. School Services is projecting that 2013-2014 or 2014-2015 are the earliest school districts can expect to receive increased revenue from the State.

Total employee expense as a percentage of total revenue has increased from 85% historically to 95% in the projected year 2011-2012. This is unsustainable. Discussion ensued including new ideas for generating additional revenue. The Committee was invited to share their opinions on the Teachers Contract at the upcoming School Board Meeting on 12/9/09.

3. Preparing a summary of Committee activities


Jon Elliott reported that he has been asked to make a brief report at the School Board meeting on December 9.

4. Next Meeting

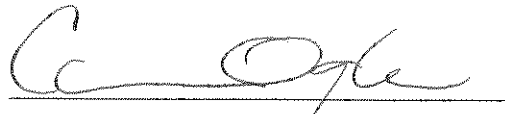
The next CAC meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2009 in the District Office Board room.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.



Jon Elliott, Chair
Citizens' Advisory Committee to the
Parcel Tax Program, Measures B & E



Catherine Ogle, Secretary
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