

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 10, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jon Elliott called the regular meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Parcel Tax Program to order at 3:30 pm.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

In Attendance:

Committee Members Catherine Ogle, Jon Elliott, Ken Jensen, Matthew Lifschiz, George Childs, Peter Freeman, Mimi Felson; Superintendent Constance Hubbard. Also present: Roy Tolles (Board Member).

ABSENT FROM MEETING

Board Member Liaison Martha Jones

INTRODUCTION/WELCOME

REVIEW & DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Board of Education
revisions to CAC's charge

Jon Elliott reviewed the revisions to CAC's charge made by the Board of Education. Most notably, the Committee's scope of work is limited to advising on whether and to what extent to levy parcel tax measures B & E. Consideration of any additional items is subject to approval by majority vote of the Board of Education. Committee members expressed concern that they may be too constrained by this change. Roy Tolles shared that the Committee decides what they need to consider in order to fulfill their charge.

Superintendent Hubbard presented the District's First Interim Financial Report. This year's \$1.4 million gap was filled by additional state revenue limit funds (\$670,250), one-time federal revenue (\$475,075) and additional parent club donations (\$300,000). The \$1.1 million increase in employee expenses for 2011-12 over 2010-11 is attributable to increased cost of medical insurance premiums (\$400,000), step and column salary increases (\$300,000) and buying back the 5 furlough days (\$450,000). Each furlough day saves the District \$90,000, every 1% decrease in the salary schedule saves \$200,000 per year and every 1% increase in the parcel tax generates an additional \$80,000 per year. Discussion ensued about what would have to be cut if the parcel tax was not increased. The concept of a 3 legged stool (employees, taxpayers and student families) sharing the burden was discussed. Committee members were to email Jon Elliott by Friday, 12/17/10 with any input on the development of a statement of philosophy of sharing the burden.

REVIEW & ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of CAC meeting of November 18, 2010

Ken Jensen moved and Mimi Felson seconded approval of the minutes from the meeting of November 18, 2010.

2. CAC Annual Report for 2011-2012:

This item will be rolled over to the next meeting.

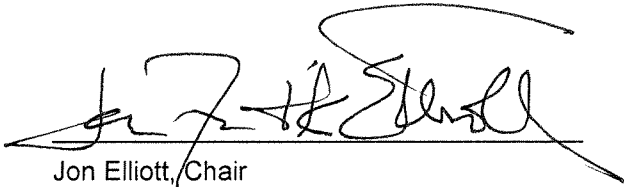
- a. Review scheduling (target delivery January 2011)
- b. Review the 2010-2011 report (with key passages highlighted for reconsideration in 2011-2012) to confirm/revise approach and content for 2011-2012 report (including possible appendices with updated "Key Metrics" and public outreach information). Specific text may be considered for approval.
- c. Establish appropriate subcommittee(s) and workplan(s) for this period and identify subcommittee members.

SCHEDULE FUTURE MEETINGS

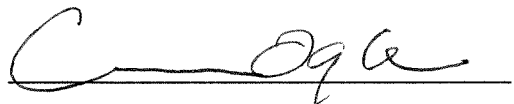
The next meeting is scheduled for 1/13/11 at 3:30 PM in the District Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM.



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



Catherine Ogle, Secretary
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