



SMMUSD Financial Oversight Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Testing Room, SMMUSD Admin Offices
1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404

I. Call to Order

7:07 pm

Committee Members: Alex Farivar
Jon Kean
Paul Silvern

Seth Jacobson
Debbie Mulvaney
Griffin James, SAMOHI rep

Board Liaisons: Craig Foster

Laurie Lieberman

Staff: Jan Maez

Kim Nguyen

Absent: Joan Krenik
Gordon Lee
Shelly Slaugh Nahass

Tom Larmore
Marc Levis-Fitzgerald
Manel Sweetmore

Public: None

II. Approval of Minutes

7:07 pm

This item was tabled to the November 10, 2016 FOC meeting due to lack of quorum.

III. Staff Report

7:07 pm

A. Budget Update

Ms. Maez provided the committee an overview of October 5, 2016 District Budget Committee meeting presentation. It was clarified that a budget deficit will still exist even with voter approval of Proposition GS and GSH.

Ms. Maez’s presentation may be found at:

<http://www.smmusd.org/fiscal/BudgetDocs/BudgetCommittee100516.pdf>

IV. Discussion/Action

A. 2016-17 Charges and Scope of Work

7:34 pm

The 2016-17 Ad Hoc Subcommittee membership include:

- Sustainability: Ms. Slaugh Nahass (Chair), Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Levis-Fitzgerald

- District Budget: *Ms. Krenik (Chair), Mr. Farivar, Mr. Lee*
- Nominating Subcommittee: *Ms. Slaugh Nahass (Chair), Mr. Farivar, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Levis-Fitzgerald*

V. Ad hoc Subcommittee Update

7:34 pm A. Sustainability: *Ms. Slaugh Nahass (Chair), Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Levis-Fitzgerald*

Mr. Jacobson reported that the subcommittee met with a representative from SoCalGas regarding the Continuous Energy Improvement (CEI) program. The MOU requires one dedicated staff to work with them directly. Personnel cost would be paid for by SoCalGas at no cost to the District. Although the time commitment is eight (8) hours per month, it is anticipated that the individual would have additional work required of the program and needs further discussion. Chino Valley USD was offered as a comparable district where savings generated a balanced cost for the staff person.

The subcommittee reviewed the water usage. The plan is for the subcommittee to go back and confirm some of the data that seem questionable. City of Santa Monica is providing \$800,000 toward conservation work at Santa Monica schools.

B. District Budget: *Ms. Krenik (Chair), Mr. Farivar, Mr. Lee*

7:45 pm Mr. Farivar reported that the District Budget Committee met on October 5, 2016 and the next meeting will be November 9, 2016. Site administrators were asked to give thought toward a \$4.5M reduction.

C. Nominating Subcommittee: *Ms. Slaugh Nahass (Chair), Mr. Farivar, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Levis-Fitzgerald*

7:49 pm Mr. Jacobson reported that two (2) applications were received but the subcommittee has not reviewed the submissions. Given the low number of applicants, the committee recommended that the deadline for applications be extended to November 18, 2016. Members of the FOC present agreed to the extension.

VI. Receive and File (Limited Discussion)

- A. 9/14/16 Press Release: SMMUSD Saves Taxpayers More Than \$15 Million
- B. Final Financing Summary

VII. Public / Committee Comments

7:54 pm Mr. Griffin reported that he and the ASB advisor reviewed ASB expenses. The homecoming dance to be held on October 14, 2016 will profit approximately \$12,000; however, ASB has a \$25,000 debt. Mr. Griffin will confirm student groups currently active with conservation efforts.

VIII. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2016

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.