

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Board of Education
SPECIAL MEETING: BUDGET WORKSHOP**

MINUTES

Approved 2/20/02

May 24, 2001

A SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 24, 2001, in the Board Room of the District's Administrative Offices, 1651 Sixteenth Street, Santa Monica, California.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order by President Tom Pratt at 5:09PM; all members were present.
(The) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mr. Jordan

II. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Fiscal Services, Dr. Arthur Cohen, discussed the 2001-2002 Planning Budget. Dr. Cohen distributed the Summary Information booklet which is the narrative description of the huge, 2-volume "2001-2002 Budget Planning Books." Both documents are attached hereto and made a part hereof of these original Minutes and are also on file in the Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Fiscal Services.

Additionally, in conjunction with Superintendent Neil Schmidt, Dr. Cohen prepared four discreet models of the proposed 2001-2002 budget for the Board's edification, which focused on the General Fund, labeled:

- "Model A - Budget Planning Summary for 2001-02 - General Fund - Unrestricted"
[No reductions]
- "Model A.1 - Budget Planning Summary for 2001-02 - General Fund - Unrestricted"
[No reductions, no state energy grant and reduced CSR funding]
- "Model B - Budget Planning Summary for 2001-02 - General Fund - Unrestricted"
[Limited reductions]
- "Model B.1 - Budget Planning Summary for 2001-02 - General Fund - Unrestricted"
[Limited reductions, no state energy grant and reduced CSR funding]

Dr. Cohen briefly reviewed the basic funding variables that might influence the proposed budget (Enrollment, P-2 ADA, State COLA, State Funding, Lottery and Parcel Tax increase [Prop Y]), projected total state and local revenues (\$72,137,834), the estimated beginning balance (\$6,112,9620), estimated expenditures (\$71,874,019), and various reserve positions (relative to models A, A.1, B and B.1) vectored out to the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Dr. Cohen also handed out a copy of an advisory article by Ken Hall, of School Services of California, entitled "Developing Your 2001-2002 Budget: Do Not Include Energy Relief Funding."

Questions the Board will consider before the adoption of the balanced budget (June 27, 2001) include, but are not limited to:

- A. possible shared savings when working with the Cities of Malibu and Santa Monica on capital improvements, recreation/ park facilities, etc.
- B. potential additional governmental grant monies available for conservation programs
- C. possible variances in other discreet budgets (CDS, ES, Food Services, ROP, etc.)

- D. staffing concerns, *e.g.*, FTE assistant principals, librarians, secondary schools
- E. both the numbers of students effected by budget or program cuts and how various groups of students might be effected by specific program cuts
- F. projected local general fund contributions (LGFCs) to Special Education as well as to other restricted funds
- G. verification (hard-numbers' data) of the trend of decreasing resident students
- H. the fiscal effect, if any, of the new Head Start Program on CDS

Dr. Schmidt and Dr. Cohen concurred that, because the district would be in a transitional period during the 2001-2002 school year, the budget outlined in Model B.1 would offer the greatest latitude for building in reasonable budgetary safeguards while allowing for thorough fiscal analysis to affect long-range changes.

It was further agreed that the advent of the new State Account Code System (SACS) would prove quite valuable in annotating the effects of program cuts on various student groups, should those cuts become a necessity.

The Board thanked Dr. Cohen for his presentation and remarked, again, that they would sorely miss his fiscal acuity.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Abby Klein, representing the Site Governance Councils of Franklin, Grant, Roosevelt and Rogers Elementary Schools, addressed the Board regarding possible staffing cuts in the ranks of assistant principals, use of API money and other grants; she also urged the Board to pursue clarifying the district's budget process.

Jim Jaffe, of Santa Monica, suggested that the Board take a careful look at the student numbers at Santa Monica High School, relative to the number of permit students *versus* resident students currently enrolled there.

Craig Hamilton, of Santa Monica, addressed the Board regarding possible transferring dollars from (other) non-restricted funds to zero-out funds that ended in deficit.

Harry Keiley, representing the SMMCTA, addressed the Board indicating that he and his fellow union members were committed to ensuring a continuing COLA for all district workers and requesting that, while considering staffing concerns, the Board look seriously at the ratio of counselors to students at Santa Monica High School.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

There were no public comments for the Closed Session items.

V. CLOSED SESSION

Following the public portion of the meeting, the Board met in Closed Session, for the reasons listed below:

- Personnel Matter/ Assistant Superintendent Search - Business and Fiscal Services Pursuant to GC 54957 as cited in the Brown Act
- Conference of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent (s) regarding 2000-

2001 negotiations with the Santa Monica-Malibu Teachers Association (SMMCTA) regarding Child Development Services (CDS) and Peer Assistance Review (PAR), pursuant to GC 54957 as cited in the Brown Act

There was no report out prior to the Closed Session adjournment at 8:42 P.M.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M., in a motion by Mrs. Brady and a second by Mrs. Leon-Vazquez.

This meeting adjourned to a Special Meeting with Superintendent-designate John Deasy regarding Strategic Planning, Wednesday, May 30, 2001, from 6-7 P.M., which will be held in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica.

Approved:

President: Julia Brownley
Secretary: John Deasy
Date: 2/20/02