



## **SMMUSD Financial Oversight Committee Minutes**

**Date: Monday, April 20, 2015**

**Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

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

### **I. Call to Order**

7:00 pm

Committee Members: Seth Jacobson  
Tom Larmore  
Gordon Lee  
Debbie Mulvaney  
Cynthia Torres

Jon Kean  
Joan Krenik arrived @ 7:30pm  
Marc Levis-Fitzgerald  
Shelly Slaugh Nahass  
Manel Sweetmore arrived @ 7:03pm

Board Liaisons: Craig Foster arrived @ 7:07pm  
Laurie Lieberman arrived @ 7:08pm

Staff: Jan Maez Kim Nguyen

Absent: Paul Silvern Jordan Golden-SAMOHI  
Kennedy Myers-Malibu HS

Public: Mark Sauschogrin, SMMCTA

### **II. Welcome Committee Members – Seth Jacobson, Marc Levis-Fitzgerald, Debbie Mulvaney**

7:08 pm

The Financial Oversight Committee welcomed Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Levis-Fitzgerald, and Ms. Mulvaney to the committee.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

7:08 pm

A motion was made by Mr. Kean and seconded by Ms. Torres to approve the March 12, 2015 minutes as amended.

Under VI, "...more notice ~~when the fundraising goal deadline for the year is set~~ **events.**"

AYES: Nine (9) (Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Kean, Mr. Larmore, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levis-Fitzgerald, Ms. Mulvaney, Ms. Slaugh Nahass, Mr. Sweetmore, Ms. Torres)

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE: None (0)

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: Two (2) (Ms. Krenik, Mr. Silvern)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

#### **IV. Staff Report**

7:10 pm

##### **A. Budget Update**

Ms. Maez informed the committee that the Board Budget workshop, an open/public board meeting, was scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The workshop will include standard analysis of enrollment and LCFF calculations, assumptions of expenditures, major considerations, how LCAP impacts expenditures, VSS/SMMEF, classroom staffing ratios, few augmentations to staff through the district, experience with custodial staff, and other small staffing implications. Ms. Maez will be attending a School Services conference on the Governor's May revise, which will be available around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May.

Ms. Maez and Superintendent Lyons attended several LACOE board meetings regarding the issues surrounding ROP funding. There were a couple of proposals that improved the initial word of sweeping the full amount of the money. The ROP funding questions are complex, and state level agencies have become involved. The ROP budget is expected to look very much like last year.

The committee discussed the shortfall in fundraising of \$4 million. There are on-going discussions at the superintendent advisory committee meetings on this subject. At the April 16, 2015 board meeting, the Superintendent laid out some options that she would recommend to the board.

Certificated staff members are employed under annual contracts and if they do not receive notices by March 15<sup>th</sup>, they cannot be laid off for the following year. While classified staff members are not protected for the full year in the same way, it takes 180 days to go through the process of laying off classified staff employees.

#### **V. Discussion/Action - None**

7:31 pm

##### **A. Proposal from DWK – Janet Mueller**

Ms. Maez updated the committee of her receipt of the proposal from Janet Mueller of DWK.

Staff has been working on the information request received from WestEd and the first draft of Santa Monica-only district budget.

#### **VI. Updates from Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

7:35 pm

##### **A. Retiree Unfunded Health Benefit Liability Review (*Mr. Kean*)**

Mr. Kean provided the committee with a revised subcommittee report incorporating the suggestions and comments from the March 12, 2015 FOC meeting. The memorandum from the Retiree Unfunded Health Benefit Liability Review subcommittee may be found at the end of these minutes.

7:40 pm B. Bond Review for Malibu Unification (*Mr. Larmore, Mr. Lee, Ms. Slaugh Nahass, Mr. Sweetmore*)

Mr. Larmore informed the committee that a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the other assets and liabilities in the event there is something there that should be anticipated or any dealbreakers that need to be brought to the board's attention.

7:42 pm C. Budget Review for Malibu Unification (*Mr. Silvern, Ms. Krenik, Mr. Sweetmore, Ms. Torres*)

A meeting will be scheduled for Ms. Maez and the subcommittee to discuss the information provided to WestEd and Santa Monica-only district budget.

## **VII. Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF) Update**

7:44 pm Mr. Kean reported the breakdown of fundraising contributions, which currently total \$2,058,168. The committee had a spirited discussion on strategies of future fundraising messages and how to reach the \$4 million goal. One suggested message: "Giving is citizenship in the school community." It was also suggested that the announcement of a specific fundraising goal should be withheld until 40% of the money has been raised.

## **VIII. Advocates for Malibu Public Schools (AMPS) Update**

8:30 pm Mr. Sweetmore informed the committee that WestEd is making good progress and is on track for a mid-May report out. Roui Israel is the AMPS representative and project manager. Criteria #3 on assets was just provided. They will engage the district when a draft petition is done.

## **IX. Receive and File (Limited Discussion)**

## **X. Public / Committee Comments**

8:35 pm Ms. Maez informed the committee that the district is in the process of working with Keygent on the issuance of a 2<sup>nd</sup> series for Measure ES, and the refinancing of one of the Measure BB series. The projected present value savings is \$3M.

**XI. Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**XII. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.