



**SMMUSD Financial Oversight Committee Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016**

**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**

7:01 pm

<u>Committee Members:</u>	Alex Farivar arrived @ 7:06pm	Jon Kean
	Joan Krenik arrived @ 7:38pm	Tom Larmore
	Debbie Mulvaney	Paul Silvern
	Shelly Slaugh Nahass	Seth Jacobson
	Sky Petretti, Malibu student rep	

Board Liaison: Craig Foster arrived @ 7:11pm

Staff: Jan Maez Kim Nguyen

<u>Absent:</u>	Gordon Lee	Dean Chien, SAMOHI student rep
	Manel Sweetmore	Marc Levis-Fitzgerald
	Laurie Lieberman	

Public: None

**II. Approval of Minutes**

7:02pm

A motion was made by Mr. Silvern and seconded by Mr. Larmore to approve the March 9, 2016 minutes.

AYES: Six (6) (Jacobson, Kean, Larmore, Mulvaney, Silvern, Nahass)

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE: One (1) (Petretti)

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: Five (5) (Farivar, Krenik, Lee, Levis-Fitzgerald, Sweetmore)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

**III. Staff Report**

7:03 pm

**A. Budget Update**

Ms. Maez informed the committee that the district was moving forward on schedule with presenting a preliminary budget to the Board in a study session or discussion item by the May 19, 2016 Board meeting. The district is working with Dolinka Group regarding the RDA taxes to look at better long term projections. The pass-through portion of the RDA taxes is standard and not different than what it used to be but the residual seem to be declining. The District is looking into the reason for that decline as well as student enrollment. CalPERS announced that the current year employer contribution remains flat but the out years will be higher.

#### IV. Discussion/Action Items - None

#### V. Ad hoc Subcommittee Update

- 7:09 pm A. Impact of Living Wage and Minimum Wage: *Ms. Mulvaney (Chair), Mr. Kean, Ms. Krenik, Mr. Silvern*

Ms. Mulvaney reported that the subcommittee is examining two different models: one that maintains the structure of current salary with 2.5% differences between ranges of step and column; and another that does not maintain that relationship. The City of Santa Monica currently uses \$15.37 per hour living wage for City employees. Coaches (\$12.40/hour), Student Workers (\$10.00/hour), and Noon Duty aides (\$10.00/hour) are the three (3) classifications that are currently below the minimum wage. Effective July 1, 2016, minimum wage will increase to \$10.50 per hour ~~ea~~ffecting Student Workers and Noon duty aides, which will cost the District approximately \$12,555 per year.

- 7:14 pm B. Maintenance Financing: *Mr. Larmore (Chair), Mr. Lee, Mr. Farivar*

Mr. Larmore reported that he spoke with City of Santa Monica on their polling of a **sales and transaction use** tax for affordable housing. They are naturally interested in joining with the school district but would like to explore alternative district needs other than maintenance and facilities. The City is looking to putting this initiative on the November election.

- 7:20 pm C. Potential Cost Savings through Sustainability: *Ms. Slaugh Nahass (Chair), Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Levis-Fitzgerald, Mr. Sweetmore, Mr. Chien, Mr. Petretti*

Ms. Slaugh Nahass reported that the subcommittee met as a committee to discuss priorities and research results from Mr. Jacobson. The subcommittee also met with Purchasing Director, Virginia Hyatt on the subcommittee's first goal of reviewing water. There is a City of Santa Monica grant in the amount of \$700,000 to be used for Santa Monica schools only. A consultant was hired at a cost of approximately \$66,000 to do a site by site external use evaluation beginning with Franklin Elementary. The City will conduct the site by site internal review. Should the District wish to hire the consultant to evaluate Malibu schools, that separate cost will be about \$30,000. Mr. Jacobson will look for a similar grant that may cover the cost for Malibu. Any new construction such as Edison requires **wastewater containment retention**. Another option is to have separate meters distinguishing internal water usage and external water usage as there are no sewage fees attached to external water use.

- 7:43 pm D. District Budget: *Ms. Krenik (Chair), Mr. Kean, Mr. Larmore, Ms. Mulvaney*

Ms. Krenik reported that the Board has not requested an FOC review of any budgetary items and as such, the subcommittee has not met.

7:43 pm

E. Nominating Subcommittee Report and Possible Action: *Ms. Slaugh Nahass (Chair), Mr. Farivar, Mr. Sweetmore*

Ms. Slaugh Nahass reported that all four (4) incumbents resubmitted their application and resume. The subcommittee consulted with the Board President regarding how to proceed in this situation. It was decided to recommend the reappointment of the four (4) incumbents.

A motion was made by Mr. Kean and seconded by Mr. Petretti to recommend to the Board of Education the appointment of Mr. Seth Jacobson, Ms. Joan Krenik, Mr. Tom Larmore, and Mr. Marc Levis Fitzgerald to the Financial Oversight Committee.

AYES: Eight (8) (Farivar, Jacobson, Kean, Krenik, Larmore, Mulvaney, Silvern, Nahass)

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE: One (1) (Petretti)

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: Three (3) (Lee, Levis-Fitzgerald, Sweetmore)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

**VI. Receive and File (Limited Discussion)**

**VII. Public / Committee Comments**

**VIII. Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 12, 2016

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.