

MEETING MINUTES  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**MEETING DATE:** October 11, 2017  
**TIME:** 3:45 pm  
**LOCATION:** CSO Boardroom  
**MINUTES ADOPTED:** January 17, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erik Schoengant, Amy Baer, Emily Busch, Doug Marquand, Kevin Kerr, Katy Dunlap, Mayra Perez, Eric Thompson, Chris Posedel, John Coffrini, John Gilluly, Lee Chretien, Donna Romberger, Patty Gessner, Peter Gebbie, Alicia Klein, Denise Corrado

*Adoption of Meeting Minutes*

Minutes were not approved they will be reviewed and approved at November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting (Nov. and Dec. meetings cancelled, minutes presented at above date)

*Budget Presentation*

Doug presented an abbreviated version of 2017-18 Adopted Budget from Board Meeting on June 26, 2017, and 2016-17 Unaudited Actual Report from Board Meeting on September 11, 2017.

Doug took projected increases in SPED into consideration along with anticipated changes in professional services.

Peter is LCFF funding for disadvantaged kids included? Doug Yes

TLHS field concerns. Alicia asked if CSO puts aside funds for major repairs, Doug answered no and we would be using \$300,000 from Facility Use Fees to help pay. Deferred Maintenance funds were not set aside for the field but there is a fund balance in this account. Erik asked if Facility Use Fees have a separate fund, yes they do. The state mandates a fee cap and a formula for districts to determine facility rental fees.

John G. asked if it is typical for a field to need upgrading every 10 years. Yes, it is not unusual for a field to need replacement in 10 years. There is new technology that may extend a portion of the field beyond 10 years in the future.

Alicia asked if funds from the current SRHS Bond are set aside for field maintenance and 10-12 year refurbishing. Doug says no, funds were not budgeted into the Bond program for ongoing field maintenance. Lee thinks the taxpayers would expect that to be there.

Patty noticed a large gap in SPED, Doug responded that SPED cost usually have an uptrend, but they did not go up in 16-17 as much as expected. Alicia pointed out that another school she is affiliated with also had the same outcome.

John G asked about the funds in account 9318 Library, Doug will look into what expenses are paid from here. *Note: It was determined that this was an old resource from the prior Schools and Library Improvement Program. Although this program ended,*

*positions continued to be paid from this resource and funded by the General Fund. Staff will look into closing this resource out in 2017-18 since this is no longer a restricted funding source.*

Alicia asked about the big drop in Local Revenues, Doug said those are grants and fundraisers, he will look into the decrease of \$471,346. *Note: These funds are generated locally and are not budgeted until actually received.*

Erik asked why we are sitting at estimating 5% in Property Tax when we fought last year to get 5% and ended with 6.8%. Doug answered that MCOE is very conservative and our numbers were pretty solid. Doug verified Chris's questions regarding if the 6.8% is secured and unsecured. Lee asked if we usually over budget or under budget. This year Doug used actuals from 16/17 plus COLA to build 17/18 budget.

### **Benefits**

Lee asked if we went back to 14/15 did we use actuals and the CPI. Doug said we spent 4.4 million in employee benefits in 16-17. In order to budget, Donna said it must be very hard to guestimate what families are going to request. Lee asked what kind of controls are there when creating these estimates. How did we miss on \$800,000 in SPED when we cut teachers based on these numbers?

### **Student from outside our district**

John G asked if had spent over \$350,000 in educating kids from outside our district. Wasn't their momentum to cut off those kids? Alicia answered that because of the fear in the community they took a lighter approach. There was a residency check for all incoming 10<sup>th</sup> graders for the first time at SRHS, a practice in which TLHS has been doing. It would be a good idea to bring Mike Gardner into speak to our registration policy and practice. Erik said that there is population growth in the classroom. Are we truly seeing growth or are there systems in place to monitor the growth. What were the DMS and VV graduation numbers compared to SRHS and TLHS incoming numbers? Patty asked what the actual number of IDT vs. how many untruthful registrations.

*Note: As of 6/8/17 8<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment: DMS 386 + VV 77 = 463*

*As of 12/4/17 9<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment: SR 355 + TL 328 = 683*

### **Budget**

Lee pointed out the carryover in materials and supplies. Why don't we have accurate cost controls in place? I asked this at the Board meeting, they said it was at the CSO level and if not at the CSO level then the sites?

Patty pointed out the Materials and Supplies unspent balance of \$111,000. This is concerning because WeAreSR was told "the sky is falling" in the HSD. WeAreSR and other parent groups have been working so hard at fundraising and contributing to the school and there seems to be money sitting out there and the "sky is not falling". Parents need to better understand the process at the sites and how cost is controlled.

Were "soft costs" written into the Stadium Bond? There is revenue that is being lost for the site from ticket sales and for the Athletic Boosters for food and spirit sales. Doug replied that transportation costs for players are covered.

The athletic budget at both sites was increased by \$40,000.

Lee would like to see more structure at meetings. What are our goals, what is our purpose?

Alicia pointed out that if this committee is an advisory committee then the budget reports should be reviewed here first before presentation at the board meeting. Seeing them after illudes the purpose of this committee. We are here for advisement.

***Future agenda items***

CSO allocation of time ESD vs. HSD. Alicia asked if the CSO has done an time allocation survey, this was discussed last year and we were told it would be done.

Three-year historical trends

Mike Gardner presentation

Property Tax historical data

Budget sheets with trend data, pull out 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> interims

Highlights of the Governor's Proposed 2018-19 Budget

***Board/Superintendent Update*** None

***General Public Comment*** None

***Adjournment*** Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm