

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 27, 2012

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Administration Building – Conference Room

Members Present: President Dennis Ryan
Vice President Roy Lester
Board Member Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Gina Guma
Board Member Darlene Tangney

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Dr. Randie Berger, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Vincent Butera, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum
and Instruction
Mr. Michael De Vito, Chief Operating Officer

President Ryan called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:30 PM to discuss a specific personnel/legal matter.

Motion to Go into
Executive Session


Motion by: Board Member Guma
Seconded by: Board Member Tangney
Approved: 5-0

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:15 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Guma
Seconded by: Board Member Tangney
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by


Carole Butler, District Clerk
April 17, 2012

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 27, 2012

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: Middle School Auditorium

Members Present: President Dennis Ryan
Vice President Roy Lester
Board Member Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Gina Guma
Board Member Darlene Tangney

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Dr. Vincent Butera, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum
and Instruction
Mr. Michael De Vito, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

I. Call to Order/Pledge/Opening Remarks

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance, described the formation and work of the Budget Advisory Committee and thanked each member of the committee individually for their commitment.

Call to Order

II. Budget Advisory Committee Presentation & Recommendations

Budget Advisory
Committee Presentation

Ellen Feldman and Lilly Newman- Co-Chairpersons

Introduction: Presentation highlights: Summary of Administration's Proposed Budget, Health Insurance Trends, Comparisons of Fringe Benefits, Workers' Compensation, Health Insurance, Comparative Cost per Student and Opportunity. Recommendation highlights: Health Insurance, Workers' Compensation, Government Action, Salaries, Going Green, Energy Costs, Staffing, Retirement Incentives, and General Business. Presentation is on line and on file with the District Clerk.

III. Discussion of Work Session Topic: BUDGET

**Discussion of Work
Session Topic: Budget**

Budget Presentation – Superintendent Weiss and COO Michael DeVito
Budget Calendar, Budget and Tax Levy Goals, Serial Bond – Principal, Operating Budget, Budget and Tax Levy Summary, 8 Year Budget and Tax Levy Trend, Operating Budget, Total Budget & Tax Levy 2005-06 to present, Revenue Projection, Account Group Headings with Current Budget, Proposed Budget, Dollar Difference and Percent Change, Enrollment Changes, What's in the Budget, and Overall reductions in the Budget. Presentation is online and on file with the District Clerk.

IV. Time for Public Comment on the Work Session Topic

**Public Comment on Work
Session Topic: Budget**

- Dave Garfinkel – 535 W. Broadway – cost per student analysis
- Errol Brett - 23 Biarritz St –risk manager; bidders on health insurance; independent firm
- Lilly Newman – 240 Greenway Road – BAC focused on results not comparison of programs
- Lynn Gergen – 511 Lido Blvd – re-vote; guidance director connections; music cuts; athletic costs
- Ross Kapilian – 89 National Blvd – music education significance
- Hope Orner – 327 W. Olive St – need for psychologists in buildings for crisis management
- Bari Klirfeld – 26 Carousel Lane – music difficulties with part time staffing
- Michael Abneri – 94 Regent Drive – budget on website; networking with successful schools
- Darlene Haut – 205 Blackheath Rd – ramifications of failed budget; construction; fields
- Gerri Maquet and Jackie Miller – CCPTA Co-Presidents – support all programs; band; reserve funds; MS & HS guidance
- Robert Esformes – 304 Lafayette Blvd – guidance director; class size; music reduction
- Diane Revinskas – 200 Maple Blvd – restructuring is sound; budget specifics
- Debra Rubinstein Rivera – 540 E. Olive St. – sustainability of budget for future
- Joy McCarthy – 28 Wyoming St – monitoring of success of special education
- Heather Puckhaber – Lindell teacher – significance of TAs in 1st grade

V. Board of Education Comments

**Board of Education
Comments**

- Board Member Gallagher discussed 4% maximum legal reserve fund; complicated fiscal era; Board will report on April 17.
- Vice President Lester explained that while most attendees do not want to see cuts, taxpayers do. Trusts Mr. Weiss with decisions.

Board of Education Comments (continued)

- Board Member Tangney – thanked BAC for tremendous efforts; does not support TA cuts, pondering consolidation of guidance and special education changes.
- Board Member Guma thanked BAC; learning something new at each presentation; hardest job as a Board member; thinking about risk management position.
- President Ryan thanked Mr. Weiss and Mr. DeVito and everyone involved in the budget process. Democratic budget with no favoritism; grappling with guidance, clubs vs. TAs, music cuts. City of Long Beach is asking for \$6 million. How much can the taxpayers pay? Need to represent everyone. Budget will continue to be reviewed.

VI. President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn Work Session at 10:08 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Gallagher

Seconded by: Board Member Guma

Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by:



Carole Butler, District Clerk

April 17, 2012