

**Culver City Unified School District
COMMUNITY BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Place: District Board Room
4034 Irving Place
Culver City, CA 90232

Date: November 14, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mr. Elmont.

Roll Call of Committee Members

Jessica Beagles-Roos, Vice Chairperson – present
Alan Elmont, Chairperson – present
Dylan Farris – absent
Debra Hamme – present
James T. Harris – present
Anne Diga Jacobsen, Parliamentarian – present
Scott Kecken – present
David Mielke – present
Jon Pearson – absent
Mike Reynolds – present
Audrey Stephens – present
Elissa Huang – absent

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mike Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Mielke and seconded by Ms. Diga Jacobsen to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Hamme to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Introductions

Dave La Rose, Superintendent, gave an outline of his background, the purpose of CBAC and the relationship to the budget process. Mr. La Rose spoke of the mission to serve higher learning to every child in Culver City and to consider the budget process and the budget itself as a source of trust to the community. The maintaining philosophy is to place the children at the center of budget decisions.

VI. Brown Act Refresher

Anne Diga Jacobsen gave the Committee a presentation on the Brown Act. Ms. Jacobsen discussed key themes such as the opportunity for the public to be aware and participate in our meetings, as well as the need to have transparency in the agenda, minutes and any related discussed documents.

VII. Review of CCUSD Budget and Unaudited Actuals

Mr. Reynolds presented a CCUSD budget update based upon the passing of Proposition 30 at the recent election. He gave the January 1st budget revisions, year goals and objectives. Comments on the presentation included Mrs. Stephens asking about the difference between restricted and unrestricted accounts, Mr. Mielke asked about adopted and unaccounted figures, and Mrs. Hamme asked about the accuracy of line item 5000 in the budget (Services: Other Expenses). Also, the issue of the \$3.5 million reserve for unfunded capital projects was discussed. Mrs. Hamme clarified the Board approved funds from the general fund for capital projects. Mr. Reynolds also presented ways to solve our long-term deficit spending problem. He suggested Proposition 30 solved three-fifths of the problem but the District needs to find ways to reduce the deficit. Solutions included investing money into 'golden handshake' deals for employees. Mrs. Stephens asked for Brown Act clarification on asking questions about the budget.

VIII. Future Agenda Priorities

Prioritizations discussed included a breakdown of the 5000 budget line item category. Mr. Elmont suggested recapitalization to address the deficit. Mrs. Stephens brought up the issue of cuts. Mr. Harris asked for more detail on deferred maintenance. Mr. Elmont requested more information on the Deferred Maintenance Fund and reserve outlays. Mr. Mielke asked about COLA. The Committee wishes to see money allocated to educational programs. Dr. Beagles-Roos wanted an update on Special Education. Finally, advocacy and public outreach for CBAC were discussed as agenda items. Priority of activities include (1.) Cuts, (2.) Expenditures, (3.) Advocacy, (4.) Revenue, and (5.) Outreach.

IX. Elections

Mr. Elmont brought up the issue of annual elections for CBAC. He asked for an election at the next meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Diga Jacobsen and seconded by Mr. Mielke.

X. Public Input

None

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Mielke motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Diga Jacobsen. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.