

**CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Place: District Administration Office
4034 Irving Place
Culver City, CA 90232**

**Date: November 19, 2008
Time: 6:15 p.m.**

Committee Members Present

David El Fattal, Chairperson
Janet Chabola, Representative
Alan Elmont, Alternate
Christine Feely
Patricia Jaffe, District Representative
Michael Laase, Representative
Jackie Lee, Classified Representative
David Mielke, Certificated Representative

Committee Members Absent

Michael Arena, Alternate
Cynthia Deneve, Parent Rep (LB)
Richard Hibbs
Bonita Knox
Kristin Miller, Parent Rep (ER)
Ron Ostrin, Representative
June Poyourow, Parent Rep (EM)
Laurie Schwartz, Parent Rep (OCD)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20p.m. with Mr. David El Fattal presiding.

Budget Update

- Mr. El Fattal reviewed various articles on the Governor's budget.
 - The First Interim will be presented at the 12/9/08 board meeting.
 - Any budget cuts will be identified in the Second Interim

Administrative Regulations

- Mr. El Fattal distributed AR 3100 (a) – CBAC Administrative Regulations. He asked members to review the document and be prepared to discuss any recommendations for change at the next meeting.

Facilities Project List

- Mr. El Fattal distributed the previous project list which includes major items such as the Natatorium, Robert Frost Auditorium and modernization of athletic facilities including synthetic turf (\$1.25 million). A sub-committee has formed to revisit facilities projects/priorities. Members are Michael Lasse, Janet Chabola and Christine Feeley.
- Mrs. Laase and Mr. Elmont discussed the need to prioritize modernization of those facilities that have the greatest potential to generate income (e.g., RFA, athletic fields). Ms. Feeley and others discussed the need to prioritize the repair and modernization of those facilities that present health and safety issues.

Facilities Revenue

- Mr. Elmont asked if there is any data available regarding the amounts of revenue that can be derived from renting an updated RFA or synthetic turf field. Mr. El Fattal responded the district is seeking this information and a CBAC subcommittee can choose to conduct research also.
- Mrs. Chabola asked if the District could utilize corporate sponsors in the naming of facilities projects. Mr. El Fattal responded that the Board would probably be open to such a situation and that CBAC should consider this issue as it determines the recommendations it will make to the Board.
- Mr. Elmont stated the facilities are not “in shape” enough to warrant appropriate rental fees. Mr. El Fattal described the work and purpose of a facility manager and how this would help maintain the facilities. Mr. Mielke stated this is not the time to add personnel. Mr. Elmont stated that rental fees would need to generate the income to pay for a facilities manager.

General Discussion

- Mr. Mielke asked if the District was working to cut CAHSEE testing and other unfunded mandates. Mr. El Fattal responded that we do utilize a firm that pursues elimination of unfunded mandates at the State level and that the \$25,000 a year we pay for the services is reimbursable.
- Mr. Robert Gray asked about the restrictions on the use of capital funds. Mr. El Fattal explained there are several pots of money which can be used for various types of projects (e.g., deferred maintenance, enrollment growth, capital facilities improvements).
- Mr. Mielke asked if new board members are working to obtain more than \$1M in funds from the City since one new board member was the mayor. Mr. El Fattal responded that the Redevelopment Agency is the entity from which the District receives significant funds. Mr. El Fattal described that the Redevelopment Funds should continue flowing in a nominally increasing amount annually until 2024-25 when this revenue stream will abruptly drop to zero. At the present time, the City of Beverly Hills provides BHUSD approximately \$8.5 million annually and the City of Santa Monica provides SMMUSD approximately \$7M annually as part of their respective Joint-Use Agreements. At this time, Culver City provides mostly in-kind services to CCUSD which are greatly appreciated by the District.

Budget Cuts

- Mr. Elmont stated that for every \$1B in State cuts to K-14 education, CCUSD must make about \$1M in cuts locally. What is left on the cut list. We need to prioritize. We need to look at increasing class size.
- Ms. Feeley suggested looking at high school honors classes and consider having students take them at WLA College.

Budget Cuts (continued)

- Mr. Mielke handed out LACOE salary information and stated that CCUSD teachers are underpaid and that CBAC should consider this. Ms. Feeley stated that salaries are being frozen in the private sector. Mrs. Chabola stated that all businesses are being impacted by the economy. Mr. El Fattal asked the committee to not become involved in negotiations. Mr. Elmont stated that input from the bargaining units is needed. Ms. Lee stated that cutting the receptionist at CCHS has impacted the site. For example, parents can no longer drop off items for their children. Ms. Lee also stated the \$500K per year of “cash-in-lieu” expenditures should be reviewed. Mr. Elmont suggested subcommittee forums so that CBAC could obtain suggestions from each member’s base of support on where we can produce more revenue and where to make reductions.

General

- Mr. Chabola asked if it is possibility to have a fee-based program which integrates external individuals with the District’s core summer school program. Mr. El Fattal responded that the District cannot charge any individual for public education.

Next Meeting Dates

- 12/17/08 and 1/14/09

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.