

Special Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2011, 2:00 p.m., PDC 104

Members Present

Susan Bangasser, Kellie Barnett, Yendis Battle, Martha Camacho-Kelly, Jim Hansen, Matthew Isaac, Glen Kuck, Charlie Ng, Penny Ongoco, Karen Peterson, John Stankas, Mike Strong, Steve Sutorus, Margaret Sweeney

Others Present

Larry Cicalone, Deb Daniels, Gloria Harrison, Rebecca Warren -Marlatt

Welcome & Introductions

Charlie opened the meeting and self-introductions were made. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to review the budget in light of yesterday's Chancellor's Cabinet budget retreat.

Overview of Budget

Charlie distributed a handout depicting the current SBCCD resource allocation model and how it would be affected by the state budget under a "Best Case Scenario" (-\$290 million), or an "Alternate Scenario" (-\$600 million). He mentioned that no mid-year cuts are anticipated for this year, and that the District is currently projecting 15,141 FTES, or 1,060 over our cap (unfunded).

Regarding these scenarios:

- They assume (based on information from leaders in Sacramento) that the governor's census date reform will not come to pass, rather the state will just cut the FTES.
- The Best Case reflects a \$400 million cut with \$110 million added back as a result of state growth numbers and an increase in the credit unit fee from \$26 to \$36.
- The Best Case results in a reduction of state funding for SBCCD of \$3,558,000.
- The Alternate Case results in a reduction of state funding for SBCCD of \$7,361,379.

During the discussion, it was noted that the handout depicting Vacancies contained inaccuracies, specifically, the Biology position was actually filled, and the Cafeteria and Bookstore positions should not be included since they are self-supporting.

Questions

John asked if other cost saving measures had been discussed, i.e. solar panels to save on energy, outsourcing, redistribution of the retirement offerings, etc. Charlie mentioned that many of these were discussed. Deb added that solar panels were being put on the Tech building and the athletic fields, as well as on the new parking structures at both campuses. At Crafton, solar panels are being incorporated into the new Wellness Center. Overall, the District approved an alternative energy plan that would greatly reduce utility costs, however, these savings could not be realized in 2011/12.

Some of the biggest priorities talked about in Chancellor's Cabinet were trying to avoid layoffs, maintain step and column increases, and preserve FTES. Charlie commented that, at this time, the most meaningful decisions that can be made are the general directions we want to head, what directives can be obtained from the Board, and what can the Budget Committee do to assist in shaping what's going to happen in terms of real budget development between now and March-April. Charlie cautioned that we were at the beginning of the process.

John went on to question if Chancellor's Cabinet had discussed a rebalancing of human resources between Crafton and Valley. Charlie mentioned that this was discussed, but not fully investigated. John asked about the elimination of administrative positions vs. classified, and Charlie replied that this has not been discussed yet, but could be considered in future discussions.

Board Retreat

At the upcoming special study session of the board, Charlie will discuss FTES, fund balances, shortages and general directions. Hopefully, the board will then provide its directives based upon District recommendations.

Next Steps

The Chancellor's Cabinet has considered personnel actions such as layoffs, furloughs, and salary cuts and has determined that these steps are off the table for the time being.

Summer schedules are due now and fall schedules are due in February. It was recommended that two schedules be developed and analyzed by the campuses to decide how to handle the decrease of FTES. The colleges are to determine their own priorities re: programs and services, i.e. sections, library, etc.

The following items will be added to the 2/10/11 meeting agenda:

- Brainstorm on different solutions to budget shortfalls.
- Put together a scope and schedule for the training of District employees and to promote awareness on campus.
- Continue on with the scheduled evaluation of the resource allocation model.

The committee also formally recommends that management at least look at the allocation of human resources among all District sites.

Adjournment

It was decided that the Budget committee would continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month even though the majority of the board meetings for this calendar year were changed to the third Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in PDC 104.

Kelly Goodrich, Recorder