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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 DeVito, 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
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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 DeVito, 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.

II. Budget Advisory Committee Presentation & Recommendations

Ellen Feldman and Lilly Newman- Co-Chairpersons

III. 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

- 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 Klirsfeld – 26 Carousel Lane – music difficulties with part time staffing
- Michael Abneri – 94 Regent Drive – budget on website; networking with successful schools
- Darlene Haut – 205 Blacksheath 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 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