

**Evergreen School District
Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)
Minutes of March 2, 2017 Meeting**

- I. Call to order**
 - a. 5:35 pm; Welcome and introductions
Present: Kathy Gomez, Nelly Yang, Delma Juarez, Kim McNiven, Jim Zito, Kristi Frankina, Suzy Woodley, Diane Hobbs, Pauline Benton, Gina Juarez, Phil Bond, Dixie Lopes, Brian Wheatley.

- II. Approval of minutes from January 19, 2017 meeting**
 - a. Approved with change of year in Item II from “1016” to “2016”

- III. Budget Update: 2017-18 through 2019-20 budget details based on Governor’s January 2017 Proposals**
 - a. Nelly reviewed new budget numbers from the state’s Jan 2017 projection (DOF numbers, not School Services numbers – consistent to prior)
 - b. Note: parcel tax expires June, 2019, so \$2.4M is not included in the 2019-20 budget; that year’s budget shows reduction of 10.7 FTE and programs as a result.
 - c. Dilemma: Even though revenue per student is increasing (very slowly), total revenue is declining due to decreased enrollment; however, total expenditures are growing. By 2019-20, 3% reserve is no longer met.
 - d. Areas of increasing expenditure: Supplemental programs, STRS and PERS rates.
 - e. Nelly also reviewed historical “blips” in federal and state one-time funds, and reviewed how the District made ends meet in difficult years using transfers in from other fund categories.

- IV. 2016-17 Work Focus align with District Strategic Objectives: Achieve financial stability and sustainability**
 - a. Question to BAC members: When should the District/Board respond and how should the District/Board respond?
 - b. Comments/Questions: compare this “down cycle” to prior “down cycles” and study how District reacted at that point (see point III e, above, for example)
 - c. Suggestion: make a list of things to cut, reflect on list so are ready to go when the time comes
 - d. County will require a way to get to solvency in Year 3. This plan would incorporate the list suggested above
 - e. How would closing school sites affect the budget? Per Nelly, each school closed would save \$400-500K/year. In addition, closed sites could possibly generate revenue. Discussion ensued about how to re-deploy a site (magnets? charters?)
 - f. Get info from each of the BAC constituent’s community? Not yet, per Kathy
 - g. Need to communicate the budget problem to the community

- h. Dave Cortese bus trip in May: Jim Zito proposes generating a list to give to legislators – possibly to be done by middle school kids. Bring up the STRS and PERS issue there and ask state legislators for relief from increasing rates.
- V. Budget Advisory Committee to present report at March 9th Board Meeting**
 - a. Delma and Gina to present at 6:30 in Board Room
- VI. Public Comment**
 - a. None
- VII. Future meetings: April 27 and June 1, 2017. 5:30 – 7:00 pm**
- VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Lopes
Secretary