



**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES – JANUARY 31, 2023
4:30 P.M. District Office Board Room**

A. Introductory Items

1. Dr. Carruth welcomes the committee and called the meeting to order at 4:42 P.M. Mr. Whittenberg took visual attendance of the committee. Those in attendance were: Kandace Page, Sarah Lemke, Pam Bartlett, Stephanie Davis, Eric Larsen, Teri Whiting, Darrin Slojowski, and Jon Pratt.

B. Action Items

1. The minutes were reviewed and Teri Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022 and a second motion was made by Pam Bartlett. Motion carried.

C. Discussion Items

1. Update on the State Budget: Mr. Whittenberg discussed that Governor Newsom gave a very optimistic budget proposal. The LAO is not as optimistic, so it will be interesting to see what May revise and June enacted budget show. Dr. Carruth will elaborate on the midyear cut that was included with the Governor's proposed budget. Mr. Whittenberg highlighted that CalPERS employer rates will be increasing instead of decreasing as previously planned. Dr. Carruth informed the committee that the Governor's proposed revenue projections came in higher than the LAO. The state has a \$23B revenue problem on the non-prop 98 side of the budget. At this time the Governor plans to fully fund the statutory COLA at 8.13% for 2023/24, along with the midyear cut to education coming from discretionary dollars versus coming from restricted dollars. Dr. Carruth discussed the various conversations occurring in Sacramento that make people in education uneasy regarding the proposed budget and the fact that the Governor is cutting these onetime funds to avoid using the rainy day funds. Since this is just a proposal, groups are trying to convince the Governor to not make these midyear cuts to education's one time funds.
2. Dr. Carruth explained that with the last election that Proposition 28 was passed by the voters. This is ongoing funds annually for school sites to use for Art and Music program. This will be allocated directly to sites to the tune of \$876K district wide. Guidelines from the state are still pending, as of now the district has heard that 80% of the funds should be spent on personnel and the other 20% on

other items. Stephanie Davis asked how we are supposed to spend the funds and can we carry them over. Dr. Carruth responded that was unknown at this time.

3. Dr. Carruth spoke regarding the committees previously identified funding priorities. First was security cameras on campuses. Mr. Whittenberg shared that the district has obtained camera maps for each site, showing where cameras would be most ideal. At this time the district is hoping to bring this in house, since onetime funds have been proposed to be reduced and the district can save funds by doing this in house. Next discussed was Classroom and Office Technology. This needs to be updated district wide as the district has student chrome books that are not working because they are outdated. Next discussed was Curriculum Materials (textbooks). Chris Moore's office put together an estimate of the curriculum that needed to be updated. As a district we are falling behind in our curriculum investments. The district is hoping to use lottery funds and some one time funds to get the district up to date with our curriculum needs. The hope is also to be putting some additional funds to school sites for VAPA needs, which will likely come from Proposition 28 funds. Next discussed was the need to update maintenance equipment since the ban on gas powered equipment has gone into effect in the state. Also discussed was site based professional development funds as well as increased CTE consumable funds such as food classes needing more funds due to food costing more. Finally discussed by Mr. Whittenberg was the unforeseen facility needs. Mr. Whittenberg gave an update on the current status of the PA and Bell system installation, and final testing is scheduled for Presidents Day weekend. The district has aging electrical transformers and the district has been discussing a more economical solution to help with this issue. The kitchen at Union Mine also needs a new HVAC system. Dr. Carruth shared that since we do not have a bond these facility needs come directly from our general fund which takes funds away from program.
4. Dr. Carruth opened discussion up to the committee for ideas and thoughts. Teri Whiting asked what the timeline is for when the legislator would have to take action to implement the midyear cut. Dr. Carruth answered that the legislator comes together in six weeks and this will be a top discussion issue. We should know more by the May revise. Stephanie Davis asked when we will meet again to which Dr. Carruth indicated around May. Teri Whiting asked if the district will be starting priority items now to which Dr. Carruth said we will, but within scale to funding.

5. **Adjournment**

Eric Larsen motioned to end the meeting Jon Pratt seconded. Motion passed.