

Arcadia Unified School District

**MEASURE A
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**February 3, 2015
Arcadia Education Center, Staff Development Room A
150 South Third Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91006**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

The meeting of the Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee was called to order by Chairperson Vicky Stiles at 6:14 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in Staff Development Room A of the Arcadia Education Center.

B. Roll Call

Committee Members present: Matt McSweeney, Anthony Parrille, Vicky Stiles, Albert Sylvia, Jennifer Tom, Gary Yamada

Committee Members absent: Lynne Whitaker

Staff present: Christina Aragon, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Connie Chu, Senior Administrative Assistant; Ryan Foran, Public Information Officer

Consultants: 0

Visitors: 0

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion: A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Anthony Parrille

Seconded by: Gary Yamada

Approved: 6-0

D. Approval of Minutes: September 29, 2014

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved by: Matt McSweeney

Seconded by: Anthony Parrille

Approved: 6-0

II. PARCEL TAX UPDATE

A. Report on Parcel Tax Collections/Exemptions

Ms. Aragon reviewed the expected parcel tax collections and exemptions for 2014-2015. She stated that the collections received include past delinquent payments – noted separately on 9/30/14 and 12/31/14.

B. Report on Expenditures

Ms. Aragon reviewed the Expenditure Report for 2014-2015, covering approximately 32 teachers and 3 counselors. Teachers are now on an 11-month pay period.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Auditor’s Letter on 2013-2014 Measure A Parcel Tax

Ms. Aragon reviewed the auditor’s letter from Nigro & Nigro, which states that the District collected, reported and spent the funds according to the Measure A language.

B. 2013-2014 Annual Report to Governing Board

Ms. Aragon shared the last draft of the 2013-2014 Annual Report. Chairperson Stiles will present the annual report to the Governing Board on February 10, 2015.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the 2013-2014 Annual Report to the Governing Board.

Moved by: Albert Sylvia

Seconded by: Anthony Parrille

Approved: 6-0

C. 2015-2016 Citizens’ Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule

Motion: A motion was made to approve the 2015-2016 Citizens’ Measure A Oversight Committee meeting schedule.

Moved by: Anthony Parrille

Seconded by: Albert Sylvia

Approved: 6-0

D. Questions & Answers

The following questions were asked by the Committee and answered by District staff:

Q: When will the parcel tax end?

A: The parcel tax will end 2016-2017.

Q: Will there be any increase in teachers and staff?

A: Last year, the District had 10 additional teachers (4 paid by Arcadia Educational Foundation). The District will continue to maintain staff ratio by paying for 10 additional teachers. Enrollment declined (about 100 +/-) this year, mostly at the elementary school.

Q: Will the development at Westfield have any impact on the District or facilities?

A: It will depend on where the kids are coming in (elementary, middle or high school). The District does not anticipate a facilities issue. Taking in permits has helped to stabilize the decline in enrollment.

Q: Is the District's parcel tax similar to the ones passed by San Marino and South Pasadena?

A: It depends on the parcel tax language. There can be more than one parcel tax and they can be structured differently.

IV. COMMENTS

A. Audience

None.

B. Committee

None.

C. Staff

Ms. Aragon is optimistic based on the Governor's Budget. The implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) is happening faster than expected. The LCFF supplemental and concentration grants are driven by the number of low-socio economic students, EL students, and foster students. Arcadia USD's percentage is low at 29%, therefore not providing as many dollars. Some neighboring districts will receive about the same amount of funding, while other districts may receive more. The District continues to talk to the State regarding the inadequacy of the base grant; to give a basic education, the base grant will not be sufficient.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Moved by: Gary Yamada

Seconded by: Matt McSweeney

Approved: 6-0

NEXT CITIZENS' MEASURE A OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2015

6:00 p.m.