

**Arcadia Unified School District**

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

**June 2, 2014**

**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 6:02 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014, in the Staff Development Room A of the Arcadia Education Center.

**B. Roll Call**

Committee Members present: Leigh Chavez, Matt McSweeney, Vicky Stiles (departed after Item No. III.A.), Albert Sylvia, Jennifer Tom, Lynne Whitaker, Gary Yamada

Committee Members absent: 0

Staff present: Christina Aragon, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Connie Chu, Senior Administrative Assistant

Consultants: 0

Visitors: David Conway, Director of Fiscal Services, Monrovia Unified School District

**C. Approval of Agenda**

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

**Moved by:** Matt McSweeney

**Seconded by:** Jennifer Tom

**Approved:** 7-0

**D. Approval of Minutes: January 27, 2014**

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

**Moved by:** Gary Yamada

**Seconded by:** Albert Sylvia

**Approved: 7-0**

## **II. PARCEL TAX UPDATE**

### **A. Report on Parcel Tax Collections/Exemptions**

Ms. Aragon reviewed the expected parcel tax collections and exemptions for 2013-2014. The District is following up with the County regarding the amounts received in August, November and February as they may be from prior year (2012-2013). Ms. Aragon said the amount of the District's delinquencies was lower than the County's average which helped in the District's recent bond rating call for the second issuance of Measure I bond funds.

### **B. Report on Expenditures**

Ms. Aragon reviewed the Expenditure Report for 2013-2014 consisting of 35 teachers (originally budgeted at 37 teachers – number adjusted due to step and column) and 3 counselors.

## **III. ADMINISTRATION**

### **A. LCFF & LCAP Update**

Ms. Aragon provided an update on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Arcadia USD was among the lowest funded unified school districts. California was ranked 49 in funding in 2011-2012. When the new funding model is fully implemented (estimated in eight years), all districts will get the same base grant per ADA. In addition to the base grant, districts will receive an additional allocation for the 9-12 grade span, as well as the K-3 grade span that have Class-Size Reduction. Arcadia USD falls in the 26 percentile for English learners, free and reduced-price meal program, and foster youth. Supplemental and concentration grants will be calculated based on that number. Ms. Aragon said the auditors will keep track and will be monitoring at a much higher level.

The LCAP is the educational plan that drives the budget. It has been posted on the District's website. There will be a public hearing for both the LCAP and budget on June 10, 2014. They will both be taken back to the Board for adoption on June 24, 2014. Ms. Aragon said planning meetings took place before the LCAP was drafted. Some members of the Measure A COC reported attending the planning meetings and/or parent meetings. Mr. Yamada said he has heard pros/cons. Mr. Sylvia said there will be a lot more writing involved which is probably good.

Mr. McSweeney inquired about the auditing services. Ms. Aragon said the District hires a third party auditor to audit the financial records. Mr. McSweeney asked about funding related to the athletic programs. Ms. Aragon stated the District continues to fund athletics, including stipends for coaches.

### **B. 2013-2014 Annual Report Planning**

The Committee was provided copies of the 2012-2013 Annual Report to pass out to the community. Ms. Aragon asked for feedback for the next annual report. Mr. Yamada and Ms. Stiles said the current format looks good and to continue with it.

**C. Terms for Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee Members**

Ms. Aragon reviewed the terms and asked the Committee members to complete the form provided to confirm their ability to continue serving on the Committee. Ms. Stiles asked what the next steps would be if replacements are needed. Ms. Aragon said the District would present recommendations to the Board for approval.

**D. Questions & Answers**

Ms. Aragon asked the Committee for topics of interest for the next meeting. It was discussed that she would bring information on where the District is financially. Mr. McSweeney would like to see a breakdown related to funding (i.e., from the State down to the teachers). Ms. Aragon will provide a pie chart to show the breakdown of salaries and benefits.

**IV. COMMENTS**

**A. Audience**

None.

**B. Committee**

None.

**C. Staff**

None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn the Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**Moved by:** Albert Sylvia

**Seconded by:** Lynne Whitaker

**Approved:** 6-0

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

**Monday, September 29, 2014**

**6:00 p.m.**