

Arcadia Unified School District

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

**September 29, 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 6:06 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2014, in the Staff Development Room A of the Arcadia Education Center.

B. Roll Call

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

Committee Members absent: 0

Staff present: Connie Chu, Senior Administrative Assistant; Dierk Esseln, Director, Fiscal Services

Consultants: 0

Visitors: 0

C. Approval of Agenda

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

Moved by: Matt McSweeney

Seconded by: Gary Yamada

Approved: 7-0

D. Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2014

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented with one correction to Item No. I.B. – Leigh Chavez (not Vicky Stiles) departed after Item No. III.A.

Moved by: Lynne Whitaker
Seconded by: Albert Sylvia
Approved: 7-0

E. Election of Officers

1. Chair

Motion: A motion was made to elect Vicky Stiles as Chair.

Moved by: Jennifer Tom
Seconded by: Gary Yamada
Approved: 7-0

2. Vice Chair

Motion: A motion was made to elect Anthony Parrille as Vice Chair.

Moved by: Matt McSweeney
Seconded by: Albert Sylvia
Approved: 7-0

II. PARCEL TAX UPDATE

A. Report on Parcel Tax Collections/Exemptions

Mr. Esseln reviewed the expected parcel tax collections and exemptions for 2014-2015 and 2013-2014. Mr. Parrille inquired about the process when there is a change in ownership. Ms. Chu said property owners are eligible to receive the exemption for the entire term of the parcel tax, so long as they continue to own and occupy their principal place of residence. Any change in ownership would require a new application for exemption.

B. Report on Expenditures

Mr. Esseln reviewed the Expenditure Reports for 2014-2015 and 2013-2014 consisting of 32 teachers (12 ES, 8 MS, and 12 HS) and 3 counselors. The 2014-2015 Expenditure Report includes the August payroll. Mr. Esseln informed the Committee that the County does charge the District parcel tax fees (about \$4,000). While allowed to be charged to the parcel tax, those fees were charged to the General Fund. Mr. Esseln said the budget will be adjusted, if required, as funds are received.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. 2014-2015 General Fund Budget Update

Mr. Esseln reviewed the District's general fund revenue, totaling \$79.4 million. LCF (Local Control Funding Formula) Unrestricted consists of a combination of property tax and State revenue. SELPA is a consortium of districts that share the costs and benefits of special education classes. Other Local includes local donors (e.g., PTA). The information shared was derived from the Budget presentation given to the Board on June 24, 2014. The general fund expenditures include Certificated/Classified salaries, benefits, books and supplies, services, capital outlay, and other outgo, totaling \$79.3 million. Mr. Esseln shared what the percentages equate to in dollars. Mr. Parrille asked if there is a correlation between the enrollment number and the amount spent on books. Mr. Esseln said he believes that there is a direct impact as the order of books would reflect the amount needed. Mr. Sylvia said textbooks are supposed to be good for 7 years, but schools are holding off on purchasing to decide based on common core needs. Mr. Esseln also reviewed the cost allocation per ADA (average daily attendance) based on 2013-2014 2nd principal ADA (9,497). Ms. Stiles asked if the amount received is up to par based on the need. Mr. Esseln said the District expects a little more funding this year, but school districts are not adequately funded especially when compared to the rest of the nation. Mr. Sylvia asked if the info presented can be shared with the public. Mr. Esseln said yes. Ms. Tom asked how the District's funding compares to other local districts. Mr. Esseln said Arcadia USD's funding is below average.

B. Draft Review of 2013-2014 Annual Report to Governing Board

Ms. Chu shared a draft of the 2013-2014 Annual Report. The next draft will include the Committee's picture, as well as the Chairperson's message. Ms. Chu will email the draft in December/January for review.

C. Questions & Answers

None.

IV. COMMENTS

A. Audience

None.

B. Committee

None.

C. Staff

Mr. Esseln thanked the Committee.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

Moved by: Anthony Parrille

Seconded by: Albert Sylvia

Approved: 6-0

NEXT CITIZENS' MEASURE A OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

6:00 p.m.