

Arcadia Unified School District

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

**January 27, 2014
Administration Center, Board Room
234 Campus Drive
Arcadia, CA 91007**

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 6:08 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administration Center.

B. Roll Call

Committee Members present: Leigh Chavez, Matt McSweeney, Vicky Stiles, 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; 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: Leigh Chavez
Seconded by: Gary Yamada
Approved: 7-0

D. Approval of Minutes: September 30, 2013

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Moved by: Lynne Whitaker

Seconded by: Leigh Chavez
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. She said the money received in August was probably from 2012-2013. For tracking purposes, the District will follow-up with the County regarding the distribution of funds.

B. Report on Expenditures

Ms. Aragon reviewed the Expenditure Report for 2013-2014 consisting of teachers and counselors. She stated that the amounts for the three counselors have been revised accordingly. This year, the teachers' annual salary is being paid over 11 months while last year's annual salary was paid over 10 months, resulting in teacher salary expenditures being reflected in August 2013.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Auditor's Letter on 2012-2013 Measure A Parcel Tax

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

B. 2012-2013 Annual Report to Governing Board

Ms. Aragon shared the last draft of the 2012-2013 Annual Report. Ms. Stiles will present the Annual Report to the Board on February 11, 2014 and welcomed other members to attend. The Annual Report will be posted on the District website and copies will be provided to the Committee and various City offices.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the 2012-2013 Annual Report to the Governing Board.

Moved by: Gary Yamada
Seconded by: Matt McSweeny
Approved: 7-0

C. Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Presentation

Ms. Aragon provided an overview of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which will dictate how districts receive funding. LCFF will tie directly to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Ms. Aragon said the LCFF is not about getting more money; it has to do with redistributing the money between districts previously cut during the economic crisis. LCFF will provide some equalization. Implementation of funding is expected to occur over eight years. There is no guarantee that the State will fund a specific amount each year. Funding will depend on how the economy is doing. Arcadia USD is not being funded at the level in 2007-2008. California receives \$2.5K less per pupil than the national average of \$10K-12K per pupil.

Districts used to get a base grant (also known as revenue limit), which was not equal throughout California, in addition to categorical funds that could only be used for certain purposes (e.g., SIP – School Improvement Programs). Of the 50+ categorical programs, Arcadia USD qualified for less than half of them. Districts in lower socioeconomic status received more funding.

If fully implemented (in eight years), LCFF would provide districts the same base grant amount. In addition, there would be supplemental and concentration grant funds that will differ between districts based on the percentage of unduplication English learners, students of low socioeconomic status, and Foster Youth. The higher a district's percentage, the more funding that district will receive. Currently, 26% of Arcadia USD students generate this additional funding. Stakeholders, including the local community, will guide the Board on how money is spent. Mr. Sylvia said the District has programs, like ACI and AVID, that assist kids.

Ms. Aragon said the base grant needs to be increased in order to support education at the proper level. Although districts will be getting the same base grant, the difference between districts will depend on the socio-economic level and other factors, such as class size reduction (CSR). The District is a part of a large consortium with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) for ROP funding. For the next two years, the program will continue pursuant to the agreement in effect; however, unless something changes in the law, the District will eventually lose some of the current funding it receives.

The State came up with eight goals that would be tied to the budget, also known as the LCAP. The District is in the process of developing the plan with parents, community, teachers, etc.

Parent meetings have been scheduled to provide more information regarding the Common Core Standards. Ms. Aragon shared the flyer and encouraged the Committee to attend. At least four members expressed interest in attending and will report back to the Committee. Mr. Foran said the same information is available on the District's website and a Common Core Facebook page is in the works.

D. 2014-2015 Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule

Motion: A motion was made to approve the 2014-2015 Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee meeting schedule.

Moved by: Leigh Chavez
Seconded by: Gary Yamada
Approved: 7-0

E. Questions & Answers

None.

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 7:09 p.m.

Moved by: Leigh Chavez
Seconded by: Albert Sylvia
Approved: 7-0

NEXT CITIZENS' MEASURE A OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 2, 2014

6:00 p.m.