

Arcadia Unified School District

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

**October 5, 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 6:08 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 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, Lynne Whitaker, Gary Yamada

Committee Members absent: 0

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

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: Anthony Parrille

Approved: 7-0

D. Approval of Minutes: June 1, 2015

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

Moved by: Lynne Whitaker

Seconded by: Anthony Parrille
Approved: 7-0

E. Election of Officers

1. Chair

Motion: A motion was made to elect Lynne Whitaker as Chair.

Moved by: Anthony Parrille

Seconded by: Vicky Stiles

Approved: 7-0

2. Vice Chair

Motion: A motion was made to elect Albert Sylvia as Vice Chair.

Moved by: Gary Yamada

Seconded by: Anthony Parrille

Approved: 7-0

II. PARCEL TAX UPDATE

A. Report on Parcel Tax Collections/Exemptions

Ms. Aragon reviewed the report for expected parcel tax collections and exemptions for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. Mr. McSweeney asked how parcel numbers can increase. Ms. Aragon said new construction and dividing of parcels are likely the cause. Exemptions decreased slightly as ownership may have changed.

B. Report on Expenditures

Ms. Aragon reviewed the Expenditure Report for 2014-2015 (33 teachers and 3 counselors) and 2015-2016 (31 teachers and 3 counselors). The budget remained the same for both years. Mr. Sylvia asked if the District is considering another parcel tax. Ms. Aragon said the Board has expressed a high interest. Currently, they are in the planning stage for a new parcel tax as you cannot renew a parcel tax. Ms. Whitaker asked how many teachers would be let go if the new parcel tax does not pass. Ms. Aragon said a discussion would have to take place regarding what type of budget reductions would be required and how they would impact the District. Mr. Parrille asked what the projected student population will be for the next 2-3 years. Ms. Aragon said projections are for stable enrollment.

Ms. Aragon shared the 14-15 Los Angeles County Unified Schools Unduplicated Count, which includes English learner, free and reduced, and foster children, as well as

the homeless. Districts with 55% or more unduplicated pupil counts receive more funding. Arcadia's unduplicated pupil count is 29%.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Draft Review of 2014-2015 Annual Report to Governing Board

Ms. Aragon shared a draft of the 2014-2015 Annual Report and the Committee said it looked good.

Ms. Stiles expressed how important it is to talk about athletics when considering a new parcel tax.

Ms. Aragon asked if the Committee would support the measure should the District decide to pursue another parcel tax. Mr. McSweeney said he would support it as the benefits outweigh the cost. Mr. Sylvia would support it as property values would increase. Ms. Stiles, Ms. Tom and Mr. Yamada also expressed support of the measure. Mr. Parrille mentioned that, in April, there will be something on the ballot to eliminate the utility tax; property and business owners will be receiving a statement from the City to show what tier they are on.

B. Revised 2015-2016 Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule

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

Moved by: Vicky Stiles

Seconded by: Albert Sylvia

Approved: 7-0

C. 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 7:02 p.m.

Moved by: Matt McSweeney

Seconded by: Gary Yamada

Approved: 7-0

NEXT CITIZENS' MEASURE A OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

6:00 p.m.