

FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 24, 2011

The Budget Communications Committee met at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2011, in the outside conference room at the FCUSD District Office. In attendance were: Rhonda Crawford, Marty Baumann and Cathy Runnels; Dana Carrigan, representing FCLA; and Dave Werra and Bob Schlegel, representing FCEA. Julie Magowan served as recorder.

Ms. Crawford distributed several documents, which included:

- The January 6, 2011 press release from State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson, which declared that California schools are in a state of financial emergency;
- The ACSA overview of Governor Brown's 2011-12 Budget Proposal;
- The School Services publication on the Governor's Budget, which focuses more specifically on the education aspect of the budget;
- Several pages from the First Interim Report that were requested at our last meeting;
- The District's 2011-12 Budget Planning Calendar;
- The Budget Update Power-point that was presented to the School Board on January 20, 2011.

Highlights of the meeting were:

- In looking at the First Interim Report, there are discrepancies in the figures from when the budget was originally built in April. At that time we didn't know how much we would receive in federal money and state additional stimulus money. The figures are then adjusted at First Interim in October. Also, in April we estimate how much carryover the school sites will have, and then adjust in October.
 - Build budget - April/May
 - Close books –August/September
 - These differences cause us to make assumptions when building the budget
 - First Interim – end of October – adjustments are made
- Site allocations usually start out in the 4000 object codes (Books and Supplies) until the site decides how the money will actually be spent. At that time, it will be transferred to the appropriate budget codes. Therefore, the 4000 series will see the most fluctuation through the year. At the end of the year, money that isn't spent is considered "carryover" until the next year; at the beginning of the following year, carryover money goes back to the school, again in the 4000 series.
- This year the district has a balanced budget. The next two years could be questionable. Balancing the budget will be dependent on the June election (if the Legislature decides in March to put the Governor's proposal on the ballot). If the initiative doesn't get on the ballot, or if the voters don't pass it, the Governor will have to start the budget process over. The implication to our district is that we will lose \$614/student in revenue. Because certificated layoff notices are required to go out in March, we have to plan for the "worst case scenario", which is a budget shortfall of \$11.7 million.

- As part of the interim reporting requirements, we must submit to the County Office of Education a “best case” and “worst case” multiyear projection for the next two years. Because we are in a qualified reporting status, we are required to submit an additional interim report (third interim) to the County for review along with detailed assumptions for multiyear projections. The County imposes additional oversight requirements on districts in qualified status.
- Of the \$3.5 million in Federal Jobs money, the district has earmarked .8 million to be spent this year on counselors, special education aides, and elementary school clerical. The balance of \$2.7 million is slated to keep the 4 X 4 schedule at Vista del Lago, middle school electives and the elementary clerical.
- Upcoming dates to remember:
 - Superintendent’s Budget Reduction Considerations to Board – February 3
 - Virtual Budget Forum – February 8
 - Live Budget Forum – February 16 – Mills Middle School
 - Preliminary Layoff Notices to Board – February 17
 - Goal to get layoff notices to teachers – 1st week of March (Deadline is March 15)
- The next meeting will be scheduled in March, after we know if the initiative makes the June ballot.