

**Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Long Beach Unified School District**

Date: October 27, 2009

Time and Location: Purchasing Building Rm. 1, 9:00 am

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Laurie Angel
- Joe Boyd
- Suzanne Caverly
- Michael Day
- Karen Foote
- Susan Ginder
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Absent Committee Members:

- Diana Craighead
- Jody Storey
- Robert Williams
- Graciela Lopez
- Davina Keiser
- Judith Pineda
- Byron Bolton
- Gonzalگو Moraga
- Jean Houck
- Mark Taylor

Committee Staff Members in Attendance:

- Chris Dominguez
- Peter Davis
- Kristi Kahl
- Betty Ng
- Kim Stallings
- Chris Steinhauser

Absent Committee Staff Members:

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Others Present:

Proceedings:

Agenda Item: Welcome

Kristi Kahl Reminded attendees that the agenda was what was requested at the last meeting. Roster changes were requested, as job titles etc. have changed. The minutes will be posted as soon as possible, as Kristi and Pete will be taking and posting the minutes.

<i>Next Steps: Provide updated roster and post minutes</i>	<i>Person Responsible: Kristi Kahl</i>
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Chris Steinhauser said we have to cut \$90 Million at this date. LBUSD is still working on waivers with money on the state level. On the Federal Level, he is also working on waivers to spend money differently. Based upon need (academic deficiencies) of the students. You could target a particular sub-group that is not doing well. LBUSD will apply to federal government for the Race to the Top grants. The focus will be on the \$30 million grant in conjunction with a non-profit. College Board, Fresno Unified and Garden Grove will be the partners because we are already sharing common “Promising Practices”. LBUSD will also apply for the Program Improvement School grant from the federal government.

Common Course standards are being set. All but Texas have signed on. They are K-12 standards which were based upon many California standards. Chris is on the committee to approve the grants.

LBUSD will not be seeking matching “Hard Cash Match” grants. LBUSD does not have cash for matching funds.

244 fewer positions in the district. 17 fewer assistant principals. 10 fewer counselors, 11 fewer librarians and 4 fewer nurses.

Discussion:

How does the nature of this crisis impact this committee’s work? Chris explained that the committee needs to come up direction for the Board by January because that is when the State will announce the budget for the coming year.

Recommendations and priorities by January 6th. Things to know, No summer school - except for Special education and Credit Recovery, Title 1 money will be lower = \$6 million less at this time. Enrollment in Kindergarten has grown for the first time in three years. Elementary is only down 354 students. The trend has been a loss of approximately 1,000 per year. High School has grown at all grade levels.

We will apply for Run to the Top money which should happen in July. All other federal money is unclear when that will be dispersed.

Evening High School will remain open in some form. It is important to be sure that the system is efficiently educating the students enrolled there.

A question arose regarding how Measure T will help, and even if it passes, there will still need to be cuts.

Next Steps: N/A

Person Responsible: N/A

Agenda Item: State & District Budget Updates

The LBUSD Board of Education. Betty Ng shared the LBUSD Budget Update as it was presented to the LBUSD Board of Education. From February to July the Budget cut ranged from 13% in February to 18.4% in July. Based upon by the agreements by the state Categorical Funds were used to balance the budget. Betty Ng provided what Categorical funds were used and how much was used from each category.

Without the Federal Dollars LBUSD would be \$47 million in arrears by 2010 – 2011 school year. The State has deferred payment of \$146 million to the district to date. The State money will come in and the district will be able to make its payroll. LBUSD lost \$1.7 million for Home to School Transportation, \$1.2 million loss in Instructional Materials, K-3 Class Size Reduction penalties for going over 20.44 students per class has been reduced, but LBUSD continues to pay penalties for going over that number.

Next Steps: Continue to Provide Updates

*Person Responsible:
Betty Ng and Kim Stallings*

Agenda Item: Process for Preparing for Teacher Layoff

Chris Steinhauser said - Teacher Layoff is a possibility. The groundwork for this has to begin now, even, if the layoffs are not given. 900 teachers will be contacted to provide information to help verify their seniority as part of the preparation process.

Next Steps: None—Information Only

Person Responsible

Agenda Item: Budget Principles

Kim Stallings – reviewed the Budget Principles and Asset/Revenue Generation as designed from our last meeting.

Question posed: Data cost money to collect. Should we have a priority as to what data we need? How do we know what data we need? Not an easy process, but we need it to make decisions.

Item 2 – remove 100%

Item 4 – “Conservative” means the same as prudent. Change to “Be conservative and prudent in managing public funds.”

Item 10 – Change (55) to (5%)

Sites seeking extra funding poses some issues as far as equity issues, school process issues and staff expectancy issues. Education is supposed to be free for all; this poses some questions about is this really happening?

Next Steps: Make Revisions

*Person Responsible:
Kristi Kahl*

Agenda Item: Exploring Possibilities

Pete Davis led a discussion in small groups on Aha's and Insights from the meeting. Aha's included that school sites have been doing much fundraising; Categoricals have been used as part of flexibility and other funds frozen because restricted; LBUSD has been proactive and has a federal presence. Insights included: Federal fund flexibility process is easier than that for state funds; site balances swept and created frustration, but can now see why these funds had to be swept; there are some options for CSR; the budget process in LBUSD is a quality process; 2010-2011 will still require another \$15 million reduction to balance for following year.

Next the group was asked to generate (unedited) suggestions for what to explore. Items to explore included: eliminating free services outside the school day/school year (ex: summer school); reduce overlapping benefits (double-coverage); explore new health pharmaceutical providers/HMO; look at "sacred cows" and other budget items that are not supported by the data or mission, but we are emotionally attached to; consolidate administrators so they cover more than one site/department; student chores in the classroom; a cut should be a cut, if we cannot pay for it then we shouldn't keep piling the work on others to try to continue to do it; interventions should be looked at based on site-needs, not a one-size fits all approach (ex: CSR in neediest schools). Superintendent may add other items to the list.

Next Steps:
Committee Members submit other items
Revisit list at November meeting.

Person Responsible:
Peter Davis and Kristi Kahl

Agenda Item: Timeline

November meeting will focus on items requested to explore.

Next Steps: Preparations for sharing of costs

Person Responsible: Kristi Kahl and Peter Davis work with Betty Ng and Kim Stallings

Other Business: Completing Exit Slips

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am

· Minutes submitted by Peter Davis and Kristi Kahl

Committee Member Actions Needed: N/A