

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DECEMBER 8, 2016

Meeting Notes

Present: Liz Schott, Ashley Paff, Quoc Tran, Barbara Johnson, Tim Lentini, Mary Beth Karlin, Pere Wait, David Riedel, Heather Ainsworth, Dory Leifer

Welcome Celeste Perez – Celeste Perez, Bacich PE teacher, will be joining the Finance Committee for the balance of the 2016-17 school year. Welcome!

Measure D Bond Update – Liz Schott gave an update on the Measure D. The District has provided Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc. with a letter of intent for the Measure D preconstruction bond projects. Lathrop will be working with Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (QKA) and Counterpoint Construction Services to procure a modular manufactured two-story classroom building for Kent Middle School. QKA has submitted paperwork and payment to the Division of the State Architect (DSA). The “bin- time” or “wait-time” for DSA approval may take up to 7 months. Kent construction completion is estimated for February 2018, and Bacich in 2019. The Design Committee visited One Workplace in Oakland to learn about 21st century school furniture. Tomorrow, Liz, Paul Miller, and Peter Zingg will be visiting Healdsburg USD, and Mark West USD, to look at paging, bells, clocks, and AV Systems.

Parcel Tax Renewal – Next Steps – We are collecting information on why people think the Measure B parcel tax renewal did not pass in November. Liz will be presenting this information to the Board on Tuesday, December 13th. A fact finding discussion led to the following items:

- Considerable number of voting seniors, but was not well publicized, although a letter was mailed to all 65 and over voters
- Distribute a flyer to the voting population
- The Tamalpais received the 3rd highest ‘YES’ votes
- People did not like the fact that the money goes directly to salaries for teachers
- Language should have stressed RENEWAL
- People are tired of voting for additional expenses
- “One more tax”
- Families that don’t have school-aged kids didn’t seem to vote in favor of Measure B
- High turn-out vs. complexity of the ballot
- 89% voter turnout, 7% did not vote on Measure B
- 3,000 no votes, 4000 yes votes
- Major opposition to Marin County pension plans, with comments, *“I’m not voting for anything until they figure it out”*.
- Tax fatigue
- \$1,600 amount deterred many voters, instead of x% increase

- Voters were not completely aware of the rate structure change from tiered to uniform
- Next Door and anti-tax is an issue

Possible considerations/recommendations:

- What was at stake if Measure B did not pass?
- What is the downside?
- Yard signs were posted too late, timing a factor?
- 3-1 voters vote by mail, consider mail only ballot?
- More education needed, how?
- What is the possibility of 2 separate parcel taxes, similar to MVSD?
- Separate commercial vs. residential?

Other discussions:

- Berkeley & Alameda passed parcel tax with a \$.30+ cent per square ft. rate
- Uniform price per square ft.
- Alameda capped at a \$7999
- The KSD calculation for a revenue neutral rate would be \$.57 cents/sq. ft.
- Legislation allows for a 60 day challenge, risky
- California Constitution states that all parcels are to be taxed at a uniform rate
- Some consider the uniform rate unfair with comparison to a small house/condo and a large house
- Educate, look at the numbers, psychology behind the numbers
- Red herring effect – public pensions, social security
- Employers also pay the increase in the pension plans
- Next Door tracking – good citizen education
- Social Media – MVSD underestimated the impact that social media had on voters
- Be pro-active
- Talk to CTA
- ‘All hands on deck’ approach
- Teachers took it personally
- If the parcel tax does not pass, it may impact teacher shortage, finding good teachers
- Next time – more teachers will be activist
- Everyone thought it was going to pass!

2016-17 1st Interim Budget Draft –Barbara Johnson gave an overview of the 2016-17 1st Interim Budget. The Kentfield School District has transitioned back Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funding for 2016-17. A narrative summary was provided that explained the revenue streams, and expenditures for 2016-17. The 1st Interim Budget included a negotiated 1% salary adjustment effective July 1, 2016, and a 2% one-time off schedule salary bonus to be paid in January 2017.

Kentfield Schools Foundation (kik) – David Riedel reported that the 2016-17 Annual Giving (AG) program is trending well. **kik** is receiving end of the year contributions for 2016 tax benefits. A Kent parent will be taking over the Ambrosia restaurant, called Kent Tavern in 2017, with local gatherings and supporters of **kik**. In addition, another KSD parent, owner of Round Table Pizza, in San Rafael, will contribute 40% of proceeds to **kik**. The new **kik** commitment signage boards in the community look great. **kik** is looking for and accepting for donations at any level.

Kentfield Schools Parent Teachers Association (KSPTA) – Pere Wait reported that KSPTA is on track. The Book Fair was successful, and met their goal. The KSPTA membership is at 500 families. Rebecca Jelen's Kent Book Drive has also met her goal of participation. The KSPTA Mini-Grant Program is underway. The Craft Fair is happening at Bacich today, December 8th.

2016-17 Finance Committee Meeting Dates

2017-18 Governor's Budget Workshop – January 19, 2017 (Sonoma)

February 16, 2017

March 9, 2017 - CANCELLED

May 25, 2017