



## SMMUSD Financial Oversight Committee Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, March 12, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Location:** Testing Room, SMMUSD Administrative Offices  
1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404

### I. Call to Order

7:06 pm

Committee Members: Jon Kean  
Tom Larmore  
Paul Silvern

Joan Krenik  
Gordon Lee arrived @ 7:16pm  
Shelly Slaugh Nahass

Board Liaisons: Laurie Lieberman

Craig Foster

Staff: Jan Maez

Kim Nguyen

Absent: DeAndre Parks  
Manel Sweetmore  
Cynthia Torres

Jordan Golden-SAMOHI  
Kennedy Myers-Malibu HS

Public: Gerardo Cruz arrived at 7:11pm  
Mark Sauschogrin, SMMCTA

### II. Approval of Minutes

7:08 pm

A motion was made by Mr. Silvern and seconded by Mr. Kean to approve the February 12, 2015 minutes as amended.

Under Agenda Item VI, Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF) Update – **No report.**

Under Agenda Item VII, Advocates for Malibu Public Schools (AMPS) Update – **Addressed under Agenda Item V**

Under Agenda Item VIII, Receive and File (Limited Discussion) – **None**

Under Agenda Item IX, Public / Committee Comments – **None**

AYES: Six (6) (Mr. Kean, Ms. Krenik, Mr. Larmore, Mr. Lee, Mr. Silvern, Ms. Slaugh Nahass,)

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE: None (0)

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: Three (3) (Mr. Parks, Mr. Sweetmore, Ms. Torres)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

### **III. Staff Report**

7:10 pm

#### **A. Budget Update**

Ms. Maez informed the committee that since the February 12, 2015 FOC meeting, the Malibu field lights lawsuit came to a conclusion. The judge ruled in favor of the district which means that the lights can be turned on as allowed (61 nights/year) by the California Coastal Commission (CCC). Ms. Maez clarified the Measure BB project issue. The coastal development permit was appealed directly from the citizens to the CCC. The permit is for a new administration and library building as well as the renovation of the middle school wing and parking lot. The appeal is related to the night time lights that will be used in the parking lot to include how often those can be used, the number and brightness of the lights. There is no opposition to the buildings. The controversy with the project has been ongoing since 2007 and the issue has either been traffic or parking.

The Board budget study session is scheduled for May 4, 2015 from 4:00pm-8:00pm. There are no significant changes in staffing allocation with certificated staffing with exception to LCFF to move toward 24: 1 ratio for TK. Last year, the staffing ratio was 25:1. Most school sites are at that level so staff will recommend to the Board to take the final step toward 24:1. LCFF is expected to be fully implemented in 2021.

Ms. Maez informed the committee that there are agreements with both labor organizations through this year. The district and SMMCTA negotiating teams have constituted and will continue to use the interest base bargaining method. The union have sunshined their proposal. The district will soon follow. There still needs to be a public hearing. Negotiations will begin in April for 2015-16 school year.

In response to questions about changes in STRS and PERS at the February 12, 2015 FOC meeting, Ms. Maez provided the committee a chart that shows projected change over time. The chart may be found at the end of these minutes.

Ms. Maez informed the committee that the Board of Education approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> interim report at their March 5, 2015 board meeting. She pointed out that a multi-year projection was included in the report. The 2<sup>nd</sup> interim report may be found at: <http://www.smmusd.org/fiscal/BudgetDocs/2ndInterim1415.pdf> and the corresponding PowerPoint presentation from the March 5, 2015 Board of Education meeting may be found at: [http://www.smmusd.org/fiscal/BudgetDocs/030515\\_2ndInterimReport.pdf](http://www.smmusd.org/fiscal/BudgetDocs/030515_2ndInterimReport.pdf).

### **IV. Discussion/Action - None**

### **V. Updates from Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

7:35 pm

#### **A. Retiree Unfunded Health Benefit Liability Review (*Mr. Parks, Mr. Kean*)**

Mr. Kean provided an overview of the subcommittee's recommendation but will revise the written report and come back to the committee next month.

The memorandum from the Retiree Unfunded Health Benefit Liability Review subcommittee may be found at the end of these minutes.

8:03 pm B. Bond Review for Malibu Unification (*Mr. Larmore, Mr. Lee, Ms. Slaugh Nahass, Mr. Sweetmore*)

Mr. Larmore presented the subcommittee's analysis on this topic. He also suggested that there may be a need to discuss and look at other things such as how the district should divide asset categories.

8:04 pm C. Budget Review for Malibu Unification (*Mr. Silvern, Ms. Krenik, Mr. Sweetmore, Ms. Torres*)

Mr. Silvern reported that WestEd sent a request for information to the district that has mostly been responded to. Staff is continuing to work on a Santa Monica only budget. The AMPS representative expects to have a draft from WestEd in May 2015. The subcommittee will review the draft before it is brought forward to the full FOC. Ms. Maez informed the committee that WestEd will use a multi-year format similar to, the report that accompanies district budget reports. The district still needs to provide enrollment and staffing ratio numbers.

The criteria summary and West Ed update provided to the Budget Review for Malibu Unification subcommittee may be found at the end of these minutes.

#### **VI. Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF) Update**

8:16 pm Ms. Krenik reported that SMMEF will be putting up a thermometer banner. Donation incentives and Pier Party are coming up in April. There is a new liaison to school sites. Mr. Larmore stated that his firm assists in the solicitation for sponsors and would like to receive more notice ~~when the fundraising goal deadline for the year is set~~ **events.**

#### **VII. Advocates for Malibu Public Schools (AMPS) Update**

8:17 pm The committee was informed that Roui Israel is the AMPS representative and contact.

#### **VIII. Receive and File (Limited Discussion)**

8:18 pm A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim report

#### **IX. Public / Committee Comments**

8:19 pm Ms. Slaugh Nahass reminded the committee that there will be three (3) new members at the next meeting.

**X. Next Meeting:** Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**XI. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.