

**Malibu Unification Negotiations Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Malibu City Hall, 23825 Stuart Ranch Road
Malibu, CA 90265**

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The Committee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Tom Larmore

Laura Rosenthal

Debbie Mulvaney

Manel Sweetmore

Paul Silvern

II. Approval of April 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

By consensus, the Committee approved the minutes for April 11, 2017.

III. Status of the Board's rescheduling of its discussion on the Committee's Report

- *Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent of SMMUSD, informed the Committee that the Board has not yet rescheduled its discussion of the Committee's Report. The Board is likely to schedule a special evening meeting for this purpose with a start time of 6:00 p.m.*
- *Dr. Drati asked the Committee for feedback on a number of dates in May that are under Board consideration. Among the possible dates mentioned, the general consensus of the Committee was that May 30th would probably be the most realistic, especially if it turns out the Committee is able to develop an alternative Revenue Neutrality Formula for the Board's consideration. (See discussion below.)*

IV. Discussion of additional feedback on the Committee's Report and new information provided by the District's Chief Financial Officer

Note: Dr. Drati and Ms. Maez, SMMUSD's Chief Financial Officer, participated in this discussion item.

- *Mr. Larmore and Mr. Sweetmore reported on the additional feedback received on the Committee's Report during meetings (held since the Committee last met as a whole) with some Board Members, Dr. Drati, and Ms. Maez.*

- *One result of these meetings has been new information, which opened up some options for developing an alternative Revenue Neutrality Formula. Mr. Larmore and Mr. Sweetmore explained that any alternative Formula would be based on the same principles as the initial one recommended in the Committee's Report.*
- *Mr. Sweetmore walked the group through a spreadsheet and series of graphs that depicted one alternative Revenue Neutrality Formula labeled "Baseline," and another labeled "Ability to Pay." Meeting participants asked questions and offered suggestions for improving the clarity and accuracy of the information used and presented.*
- *During the course of the discussion, Ms. Mulvaney agreed to provide Mr. Sweetmore with the most recent projection for SMMUSD's 2017-2018 end-of-year Fund Balance, with the associated projected ADA Method division of these funds between SMUSD and MUSD. In addition, Ms. Maez and Mr. Sweetmore agreed to work together on the assumptions to use for projecting annual revenue growth rates for a hypothetical SMMUSD, SMUSD, and MUSD for the fiscal years 2029-30 and beyond.*
- *While the Committee did not take a formal position whether to support an alternative Revenue Neutrality Formula, the Committee reached consensus that it would be worthwhile to refine the alternative Revenue Neutrality Formula labeled as the Baseline, based on the feedback provided during the meeting. Mr. Sweetmore and Mr. Larmore agreed to work on this task as a MUNC Subcommittee, in consultation with Ms. Maez and Dr. Drati.*

V. Status report from the Malibu Team about whether to seek appointment of a third team member

Dr. Rosenthal and Mr. Sweetmore informed the Committee of their decision not to seek the appointment of a third Malibu Team member.

VI. Discussion of Future Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee agreed to schedule the following two meetings:

- *Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7-9 PM at District Offices in Santa Monica*
- *Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 7-9 PM at Malibu City Hall*

VII. Public Comments

Mr. Seth Jacobsen shared his view that it is important for the Board of Education to reschedule its discussion of the Committee's Report as soon as possible.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.