


 Santa Clara County Office of Education

**COUNTYWIDE CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICERS**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

**In Attendance (alpha by district order)**

Sandra Harrington, Alum Rock Union Elem School District	Wendy Zhang, Milpitas Unified School District
Kolvira Chheng, Alum Rock Union Elem School District	Victoria Knutson, Morgan Hill Unified School District
Tina Hsu, Berryessa Union Elementary School District	Tracy Huynh, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District
Phuong Le, Berryessa Union Elementary School District	Robert Clark, Mountain View Whisman Elementary SD
Jason Vann, Cambrian Elementary School District	Maria Liu, Mountain View Whisman Elementary SD
Jackie Chen, Campbell Union Elementary School District	Jenina Moreno, Orchard Elementary School District
Jim Crawford, Campbell Union Elementary School District	Rosanna Jeng, Saratoga Union Elementary School District
Greg Torr, Campbell Union High School District	Lori van Gogh, Sunnyvale Elementary School District
Julia Yu, Cupertino Union Elementary School District	Anna Leung, Union Elementary School District
Karen Poon, East Side Union High School District	Rita Sohal, Union Elementary School District
Nelly Yang, Evergreen Elementary School District	Nghia Do, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Joanne Chin, Franklin-McKinley Elementary School District	Judy Kershaw, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Alvaro Meza, Gilroy Unified School District	Yen Lam, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Susan Ady, Lakeside Joint School District	Anita Maharaj, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Cathy Vance, Loma Prieta Joint Union School District	Theresa Martinez, Santa Clara COE (Recorder)
Kim Ginelli, Los Altos Elementary School District	Araceli Sandoval, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Tom Gray, Los Gatos Union Elementary School District	Mark Skvarna, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Greg Medici, Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District	David Wu, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Rudy Avalos-Sanchez, Luther Burbank Elementary School District	Robert Miyashiro, School Services of California
Marie dela Cruz, Metropolitan Education District	Michelle Underwood, School Services of California

**I. Welcome and Announcements**

Mark Skvarna, Interim Chief Business Officer, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Skvarna briefly discussed the senior citizen exemption form he previously shared for those districts who have passed or are contemplating parcel taxes. The form and instructions can be modified to suit specific district needs.

Mr. Skvarna reported that nothing is happening with the State Bond issue for construction.

Mr. Skvarna introduced Judy Kershaw, recently appointed Director of District Business and Advisory Services (DBAS).

**II. Stakeholder Input Conversation**

Elizabeth Brumbaugh, Santa Clara County Office of Education facilitated a stakeholder discussion with district representatives for strategic planning.

**III. State, Economic and Legislative Updates**

Robert Miyashiro and Michelle Underwood, School Services of California, reported on State, Economic and Legislative updates.

**a. State Budget Outlook**

- Revenues for 2016-17 are now assumed to grow 2.6% or about \$3 billion.

- The Governor Budget proposes \$10.2 billion for the state reserve in 2016-17 to guard against state cuts during a possible recession.
- The Governor's Budget assumes that 10% of General Fund revenues will be from capital gains.
- Proposition 98, the minimum funding guarantee for K-12 education and community colleges, will be based on Test 3 in 2016-17.
  - Test 3 is equal to the change in per capita General Fund revenues, plus 0.5%, estimated at 2.88%.
  - The Governor's Budget provides \$2.4 billion new Proposition 98 funds in 2016-17.

b. Legislative Issues

- LCFF Gap Closure is the only new money coming in.
- SB 114 Facilities Bond did not make it out of its house and is now a dead bill.
- California legislators are interested in continuing the expansion of Early Childhood Education (ECE).
- The Governor's Budget proposes a \$1.6 billion Early Education Block Grant (EEBG) instead of additional resources through new state preschool slots.
- The funding level for Adult Education is unchanged, remains status quo.
- Career Technical Education Incentive Grant three-year bridge funding commencing in current year.

Legislative bills introduced to address teacher shortage:

- SB 62 would reinstate the "Assumption Program of Loans for Education", a student loan forgiveness program for new teachers.
- SB 915 would re-establish the CalTeach to help recruit teachers, identify financial aid and placement.
- SB 933 would create a "California Teacher Corps" and give matching grants to local districts to create or expand year-long teacher training programs.

Legislative bills introduced to address mental health, addressing the comprehensive needs of the student and school safety.

- AB 1644 would expand eligibility to preschool and TK students.
- AB 1576 and SB 884 legislative intent bills, could be amended to include full proposals.

LCFF Carryover and Proposition 30

- There is no new legislation that would restrict the use of carryover funds.
- Prop 30 revenue assumptions are included in DOF's gap closure percentage.

c. Friedrichs Lawsuit

- This case addresses the constitutionality of nonmember "fair share" fees and fees used to fund political activities.
- The U.S. Supreme Court decision is expected by early summer.
- There is legislation in the works:
  - to grant union representatives 30 minutes with public employees to discuss the benefits of union membership; and
  - to require employee orientation concerning union membership.

d. Reserve Cap

- SB 799 introduced to reform the reserve cap has stalled.
  - The bill could be changed or amended to include a cap of 17%

- There are no plans to move the bill until June.
- The California School Boards Association (CSBA), sponsor of SB 799, continues to place a high priority on amending the reserve cap.

e. State Facilities Bond

- The bond has already qualified for the November 2016 ballot.
- Is a \$9 billion K-12 and community colleges bond utilizing the current school facilities program to allocate funds.

**IV. Extended TK Discussion**

Mathew Tinsley, Director of the Strong Start Initiative at the County Office of Education, presented an introduction to the Initiative, a coalition of organizations, including school districts and the County Offices of Education, to increase access to early childhood education in the county for all children ages zero to eight.

Araceli Sandoval-Gonzalez, Statewide Field Director, Early Edge California, discussed the opportunities of Extended TK. Ms. Sandoval-Gonzalez shared examples of how districts are expanding their TK enrollment and the benefits to be gained.

Matt Philips, Director, School Services of California, demonstrated how to use the Expanded Transitional Kindergarten (ETK) Cost-Benefit Calculator, a tool to assist in identifying the various factors and costs associated with implementing an Expanded TK program.

To access the calculator:

- From the Schools Services of CA, Inc. homepage select Tools & Resources
- Select Budget Tools
- Select ETK Calculator

**V. Special Guest**

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson (at the Santa Clara COE for a global education and learning conference) stepped in to say hello and spoke briefly about the budget and current educational issues. Superintendent Torlakson thanked the Chief Business Officers and Fiscal Directors for what they do to keep budgets balanced, their creativity and stick-to-itiveness, and belief in our public school system.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.