

Santa Clara County  Office of Education

**COUNTYWIDE CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICERS  
MEETING SUMMARY  
APRIL 7, 2016**

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

Sandra Harrington, Alum Rock Union Elem School District	Kirsten Perez, Morgan Hill Unified School District
Brett McFadden, Campbell Union High School District	Tracy Huynh, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District
Julia Yu, Cupertino Union Elementary School District	Melina Nguyen, Oak Grove Elementary School District
Karen Poon, East Side Union High School District	Rita Sohal, Union Elementary School District
Nelly Yang, Evergreen Elementary School District	Debbie Jones, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Alvaro Meza, Gilroy Unified School District	Judy Kershaw, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Susan Ady, Lakeside Joint School District	Ki Lam, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Martin Fregoso, Los Gatos Union Elementary School District	Yen Lam, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Tom Gray, Los Gatos Union Elementary School District	Theresa Martinez, Santa Clara COE (Recorder)
Rudy Avalos-Sanchez, Luther Burbank Elementary School District	Ann Redd, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Wendy Zhang, Milpitas Unified School District	Mark Skvarna, Santa Clara County Office of Education
Victoria Knutson, Morgan Hill Unified School District	Robert Miyashiro, School Services of California

**I. Welcome and Announcements**

Mark Skvarna, Interim Chief Business Officer, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**II. Stakeholder Discussion - District Interest on a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note Program**

Mr. Skvarna discussed the benefits of issuing a TRAN (Tax Revenue Anticipation Note) through Piper Jaffrey and CSBA for districts to participate as needed and surveyed representatives on their interest. Additional information to follow.

**III. Discussion - Interest on ASB Future Workshop**

Ki Lam, Controller-Internal Business Services, surveyed district representatives to determine interest in an Associated Student Body (ASB) workshop/training. Those interested in participating were asked to follow-up with the number of attendees for their district and to provide specific areas/information they would like covered. Details on the date/time will follow.

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

Robert Miyashiro, School Services of California, reported on:

- The Recovery in the Stock Market
  - o As of April, the Dow Jones is fully recovering from the drop in January.
  - o General Fund revenues no longer signaling a downward revision for 2016-17.
  - o The January Governor’s Budget forecast for capital gains revenues of \$13 billion should remain largely unchanged at the May Revision.
  
- Economic and State Revenues
  - o National and California economies continue to expand
  - o The U.S. unemployment rate is down to 4.9%; the California rate is down to 5.7%.
  - o Through February, year-to-date revenues are up \$442 million.

- California State Teachers' Retirement System Unfunded Liability
  - o Calculated employer liability increased from \$47 billion to \$58 billion, while the state's share dropped from \$20 billion to \$15 billion.
  - o While employer contribution rates are fixed in law through 2020-21, thereafter the employer rate will be subject to marginal increases or decreases to reflect what is needed to exhaust the unfunded liability by 2046.
  
- State Minimum Wage
  - o Commencing on January 1, 2017, the minimum wage will increase from \$10 to \$10.50 per hour for employers with 26 or more employees.
  - o On January 1, 2018, the minimum wage will increase to \$11 per hour, with annual \$1 per hour increases until reaching \$15 per hour in 2022.
  - o From that point forward, the minimum wage will be indexed for inflation.
  
- New legislative bills introduced to address the school district reserve cap:
  - o SB 1249 would repeal the current law regarding the school district reserve cap; the bill does not repeal the additional reporting requirements around school district reserves.
  - o AB 2689 would delete the numerical cap of two or three times the minimum reserve level for school districts and would instead replace those numbers with blanks.
  
- New legislative bills introduced with the intent to help address the current teacher and substitute teacher shortage include:
  - o AB 2122 would establish the California Classified School Employee Teacher Credentialing Program to recruit and financially support classified school employees to enroll in a teacher training program.
  - o AB 2336 would (until January 1, 2022) require the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue "Emergency Special Education Substitute Teaching Permits," authorizing the holder to serve as a special education substitute teacher for up to 40 days for any one teacher during a school year.
  - o AB 2401 would reestablish the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) System, including appropriating an unspecified amount to provide grants for BTSA participants.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.