

SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
Virtual Meeting of October 6, 2020 Held Via Zoom

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Farrell at 5:35 PM via Zoom. No changes were made to the agenda.

Attendance

Matt Farrell, Senior Organization Representative

Carol McKee, Elementary Parent Representative

Rob Darrow, Representative at Large

Isabelle Tuncer, Secondary Parent Representative

Absent

Linnaea Holgers, Business Community Representative

Staff

Jim Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, SCCS

Suzanne Trincherro, Finance Director, SCCS

Amy Walker, Executive Assistant, SCCS

Public Visitors

None

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee's meeting of 04/21/2020 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded by and passed. MPS (McKee, Darrow) 4-0, the minutes were approved.

2019-2020 Parcel Tax Budget Expenditures

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the 2019-2020 parcel tax reports that correspond with the unaudited actuals. Mr. Monreal stated that the external audit usually begins in August, but due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it will occur in March of 2021 instead. Mr. Monreal presented the parcel tax reports for each measure.

Mr. Monreal noted that much of the funds from Measure P were devoted to paying salaries of Librarians, Itinerant Teachers, Art Teachers, and Life Lab teachers.

Mr. Monreal presented the parcel tax reports that correspond with the unaudited actuals for Measure I. Mr. Darrow inquired about the numbers changing for the next fiscal year. Assistant Superintendent Monreal responded that the information being presented is the projected budget for the next school year, but that there could be an audited adjustment. Mr. Monreal also stated that the new budget will be discussed at the next meeting on December 15th.

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the parcel tax reports that correspond with the unaudited actuals for Measure J. Mr. Monreal noted that much of the funds through this Measure were dedicated to kindergarten through eighth grade Librarians, Media Assistants, Counselors, Art and Music Teachers.

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the parcel tax reports that correspond with the unaudited actuals for Measure O. Mr. Monreal stated that this measure was mainly dedicated to Middle School and High School CTE programs, STEM, Enrichment Providers, and Athletics, including Athletic Director salaries and coaching stipends. Mr. Darrow inquired about whether the carry over will stay in the same account for the new year. Assistant Superintendent Monreal responded that the carry over will stay in the same account as long as it still matches the language of the Parcel Tax. Mr. Farrell inquired about the revenues in comparison to the projections. Mr. Monreal responded that the revenue was slightly under the projected amount. Mr. Farrell raised a question about a decline in revenue due to the fires and COVID-19. Assistant Superintendent Monreal responded that we may see an increase in senior exemptions. Mr. Monreal also stated that we may see a bigger impact on secondary revenue than elementary, as the fire did not come into the city limits. Assistant Superintendent Monreal noted that an update will be given on this issue on the interim report.

2020-2021 Parcel Tax Budget Summary

The Committee Members discussed new Measures T and U. Assistant Superintendent Monreal stated that we will now collect revenue from only T and U. Mr. Monreal also stated that Measure O will be the only measure that will be carried over. Mr. Farrell inquired if Measures T and U were permanent. Assistant Superintendent Monreal responded that the Measures are permanent unless changed by the will of the voters.

The Committee Members discussed the transition from Measures I, J, O, and P to Measures T and U. Mr. Farrell inquired about a presentation to the Board. Mr. Monreal responded that there would be a presentation to the Board and that the End of Year Report will take place in April of 2021.

Financial Activity Report

Mr. Darrow stated that he would like to speak with the staff who are paid through these Measures and the programs the Measures support. Mr. Farrell responded that this could be added to the Annual Report to the Board. Ms. McKee inquired about communication to the community about how the Measures impact our schools.

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will take place December 15th at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded by and passed. MPS (McKee, Darrow) 4-0 meeting adjourned 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Monreal
Asst. Superintendent, Business Services
Santa Cruz City Schools

Amy Walker
Executive Assist., Educational Services
Santa Cruz City Schools