



DISTRICTWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL

Special Meeting

MEETING NOTES – July 1, 2009

ATTENDING: B. Carino, C. Chiriboga, J. Colson, N. Comer, S. Cooke, T. Flood,
J. Marron, C. Miles, T. O'Hare, S. Pereira, D. Quittner S. Rearic,
B. Sampson, A. Satele, D. Simms, B. Tiffany

ABSENT: Z. Close, T. Hankins, C. Hill, T. Pitt, M. Wangler, P. Wright

ALSO ATTENDING: J. Newmyer, G. Barr

RECORDER: P. Tillery

Vice Chancellor Rearic explained that the purpose of the special meeting is to launch the analysis of the District's budget system and communications by budget consultant Joe Newmyer.

Rearic briefly recapped and gave a status of the steps in the budget process that were discussed at the June 8, 2009, Tentative Budget Workshop. Step 1, develop and balance Tentative Budget, has been completed. The Tentative Budget was approved by the Governing Board at the June 16 Board meeting. Step 2, close out fiscal year 2008/09, is in process and completion is expected by the end of July. The 2008/09 year-end numbers will be used for development of the 2009/10 Adoption Budget, Step 3 of the process. Step 4 of the budget process is to prepare for further reductions and mid-year cuts.

Rearic called upon budget consultant Newmyer to tell the Council members about his background and experience.

Chancellor Miles explained that the decision to enlist the services of Mr. Newmyer was predicated on what has been heard about the lack of trust in budget information received from the District. She said that the District cannot move forward to solve budget problems without trust in the system. The Chancellor recognized the budget work of Rearic, Sampson, Satele and Flood and thanked them for their willingness to enlist the services of a budget consultant.

Chancellor Miles explained that as part of the analysis process, a task force would be formed and chaired by Mr. Newmyer. The Chancellor asked for discussion of budget concerns, clarification of what has worked and what hasn't, and suggestions to assist Mr. Newmyer and the task force with analysis of the District's budget system and communications.

Lengthy discussion followed concerning areas that would improve communication and transparency of the budget.

The charge and composition of the task force were discussed. It was agreed that the charge of the task force would be:

Analyze the current budget system and communications, and make recommendations to help build trust and understanding of the budget system.

Composition of the Task Force would include:

Joe Newmyer	Chair
Greg Barr	Trustee
Nick Comer	Classified Staff representative
Shirley Pereira	Grossmont College faculty representative
Marc Valenzuela	Student representative
Dana Quittner	District Administrator
Brad Tiffany	College Administrator
To be appointed	Classified Staff representative
To be appointed	Cuyamaca College faculty representative

The work of the task force is to begin immediately and conclude in approximately one month.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Districtwide Strategic Planning & Budget Council (DSP&BC) will be **Monday, July 20, 2:00-3:30 p.m., and will be held in the Griffin Gate at Grossmont College.** The task force charged with the analysis of the District budget system and communications will provide an update at the July 20 meeting.

NOTE: The July 13 regular meeting of the DSP&BC was cancelled.