



ACALANES UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette, CA 94549
MEASURES G & A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
6:00 PM, District Community Room

Measures G&A Meeting Minutes

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| <u>Call the Meeting to Order</u> | Chair Ms. Rafferty called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. |
| <u>Approval of Agenda</u> | Ms. Schweppe moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Hilkemeyer seconded the motion. The committee approved the agenda as presented. |
| <u>Approval of Minutes</u> | The minutes from the February 21, 2023 were reviewed and no changes were requested. |
| <u>Members Present</u> | Helen Bequette, Kris Foss, Erich Hilkemeyer, Karl Richtenburg, and Stacey Schweppe |
| <u>Members Absent</u> | Linda Rafferty |
| <u>Staff Present</u> | Dr. John Nickerson, Superintendent Julie Bautista, Chief Business Official Nick Carpenter, Director of Fiscal Services |
| <u>Public Comments</u> | No public comments were made. |
| <u>Election of Chair and Vice Chair</u> | Mr. Hilkemeyer nominated Mr. Richtenburg for Chair and Ms. Bequette for Vice Chair. Ms. Foss seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the motion. None opposed the motion. |
| <u>District Updates</u> | <p>Superintendent Dr. Nickerson gave an overview of all five high schools. Our district has about 5,400 students. We currently have a 99% graduation rate and 97% of graduated students go to a two or four year postsecondary education (17%/80% respectively).</p> <p>Our strong college-prep program continues to be strong. The number of students taking AP courses continues to increase. Our UC/CSU A-G eligibility rates have continued to rise over the last five years as well. We strive for all of our students to meet this whether or not they go to a UC/CSU college. For State testing CAASPP, we are well above the state and county average that meets or exceeds the standard for English Language Arts and Math.</p> <p>Opportunity gaps in UC/CSU A-G completion rate is one of our ongoing challenges. Most of our students are successful learners but we have some demographics that have lower success rates. We are putting our resources to help all students be successful learners.</p> |

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| | <p>Mental Health is a challenge for schools right now. We know it's tied to student achievement. The adolescent experience has changed for the worse over the last couple of decades. We have many initiatives to help support students. Our Wellness Center programs have served over 50% of students.</p> <p>Labor is a challenge. There is a historic shortage of teachers and school employees. It is also challenging due to affording employee salary increases. Mr. Hilkemeyer asked for metrics on teacher retention as part of the goal for the Measures G&A spending.</p> <p>Recognizing that we don't want students on their phones all day, most classrooms have what we call a "phone spa" during class where they do not use their phone during class.</p> <p>Generative AI has changed the technology in schools. Starting to think about AI literacy and how it can be used to transform our classroom.</p> |
| <u>Budget Update</u> | <p>CBO Ms. Bautista presented the budget report for FY23-24 and went over the Fund's 1st Interim numbers. She also spoke about the increased revenue projection due to an increase between a conservative budgeted increase in property taxes to the actual number from the county.</p> <p>The multi-year projection report was presented for the next two years. LCFF was explained to show how we are a Basic Aid, or community funded, district. 93% of our revenue come from local property taxes. Our conservative rate we use for the increase in property taxes is 2% for the projection. For Expenditures, we have our Step & Column Increase, Retiree Savings, CalSTRS, CalPERS, textbook adoption, capital outlay, and deferred maintenance. With these revenues and expenditures, we are deficit spending for this year and projected deficit spending for the next two years.</p> |
| <u>Measures G&A Annual Report</u> | <p>Director of Fiscal Services, Mr. Carpenter presented the Measures G&A Parcel Tax Annual Report draft. Parcel Tax revenues are averaging about \$10.5M per year. This brings in about 11% of Total General Fund Revenues. The parcel tax revenue primarily funds regular instruction, guidance & counseling services, and instructional support.</p> |
| <u>Future Agenda Items and Meeting Date</u> | <p>The committee decided to reconvene on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm. At this meeting, the committee will discuss the draft of a letter to the Governing Board Members and collaborate on the format for the Measures G&A Annual Report for FY22-23. This report will be presented to the Governing Board at the March 6th, 2024 board meeting.</p> |
| <u>Adjourn</u> | <p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.</p> |