

**Evergreen School District
Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)
Minutes of October 19, 2017 Meeting**

I. Call to order

- a. 5:30 pm; Welcome and introductions

Present: Kathy Gomez, Nelly Yang, Kim McNiven, Jim Zito, Brian Wheatley, Kristi Frankina, Gina Juarez, Phil Bond, Jim Sherman, Pauline Benton, Dianne Hobbs, Stacey Johnston, Conrad Taylor, Dixie Lopes.

II. Approval of minutes from June 1, 2017 meeting

- a. Approved.

III. Budget Update/Board Approved Fiscal Stabilization Option and

IV. 2017-18 Work Focus align with District Strategic Objectives – Achieve Financial Stability and Sustainability

- a. Nelly presented to BAC what was presented to Board regarding current financial forecast (\$11M deficit by 2020-21) and “menu” of fiscal stabilization options.
- b. Nelly showed a graph of historical and projected enrollment, noting that the last time we had enrollment close to our current enrollment (1997-98), the district had three fewer schools.
- c. Nelly showed the Cabinet’s recommendation to the Board that included using committed one-time funds, releasing GASB 45 available fund and consolidating school sites. The Cabinet recommendation contained ongoing reductions of \$1.1M.
- d. The Board approved a different plan, which did not include any school site closing, and included ongoing reductions of \$0.6M.
- e. The Board-approved plan was given to County Office, but subsequently, County has informed District that costs for Special Education may increase by \$1.6M/year.
- f. Discussion ensued: Need to make additional changes to ongoing spending since there is no expectation of enrollment increase in the near to medium term.
- g. Any staffing changes would need to be communicated by March, 2018.
- h. Add December 7 meeting to BAC schedule.
- i. Discussion: upcoming parcel tax proposal, feasibility/timing of closure of schools, charter school funding nuances, other districts with similar challenges.
- j. Subcommittee to meet before next BAC meeting to work on specific recommendation: Kristi, Stacey, Dixie, Conrad, Gina, Nelly, Kathy(?).

V. Public Comment: None

VI. Meeting adjourned: 6:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie Lopes
Secretary