

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 29, 2009, 2:30 P.M.

Present:

Dr. Rudy Macioge, Interim Superintendent/BVUSD
Walter Con, Director of Business Services/BVUSD
Tina Fulmer, Assistant Principal/BBHS
Jeanette Haston, Principal/BBES
Mary Kelso, Community Member/Parent
Alan Caldwell, BVEA President
Bonnie South, CSEA President
Tim Larson, Director of Special Programs/BVUSD

Absent:

Beverly Grabe, Board Trustee/BVUSD

Also Present:

Helen Adams, BVUSD

- 1.0 Call to Order: Dr. Macioge called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.
- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Macioge called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adopt the agenda for this meeting. Second by Mrs. South. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.
- 3.0 Minutes: Dr. Macioge called for a motion to accept the minutes from September 22, 2009. Mr. Larson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Caldwell. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.
- 4.0 Public Comments: None offered.
- 5.0 State/District Budget Update: Dr. Macioge reported on the school site meetings. He said they were well attended, but there was not a whole lot of questions/comments. Mr. Con handed out and expounded on a summary report he put together from a county CBO meeting he attended where School Services of California gave an update on the state budget. Mr. Caldwell requested this be sent out electronically to bargaining unit members.
- 6.0 Discussion of Menu of Unrestricted Budget Reductions: Mr. Con presented an updated menu and pointed out the new area in gray to highlight revenue enhancement items. He still needs to add some outstanding suggestions. Mr. Con suggested a couple of ways to improve student attendance - having a full time attendance officer position and holding SARB meetings at the Sheriff's Dept. Mr. Caldwell stated that he will go through the budget suggestion forms he has received as there are a lot of duplicates and generate a list. Mr. Caldwell asked about the potential of Special Ed funds coming. Mr. Con said we still don't know how much we are actually getting, when we will receive the money, and how we will be able to use it. Mr. Caldwell asked to have it put on the list. Mr. Con stated it is

on Line 17, but may be made more clear that it is stimulus funds that it is referring to. The following are some of the suggestions turned in to be put on the list:

- Special assessment district/parcel tax for additional funding.
- Sell solar or wind-generated energy.
- Digital books.
- District-wide jog-a-thon. If each student raised \$100, that would amount to \$300,000.
- Package an independent study program to draw home school students back to district.
- TRAC Coaches – offer as a stipend, rather than a contract position.
- Install setback thermostats.
- Eliminate computer lab aide/site tech positions.
- Evaluate necessity of BBMS Geometry class that has only 7 students.

Mrs. Fulmer asked Mr. Con to contact Julie Chamberlin who still has questions about item #1 on the menu. Mr. Con read the one suggestion form that was turned into the district office and will add to the list. Mr. Larson gave an explanation of Title I funding. Mr. Caldwell questioned whether we could use Title I funds for a program for high school students with attendance problems.

7.0 New Business: Dr. Macioge asked for suggestions on how to attack this list. Mr. Caldwell suggested using a SPAA day when we get back from break to gather staff's thoughts. Mrs. Kelso suggested having a formatted sheet for each group to come up with their suggestions that equal the targeted amount for each year. Mr. Caldwell said even with the SPAA day forum, he would still want to do an evening meeting with his group. Dr. Macioge suggested using building representatives or site administrators to assist with getting information out. Mrs. Haston brought up that the SPAA day has been set to go over benchmark data. Mr. Larson suggested having a staff meeting that morning to discuss budget. Dr. Macioge will meet with the principals tomorrow to discuss setting up these staff meetings. Mrs. South offered to come to the staff meetings to assist the principals. Mr. Caldwell asked when Mr. Con would need additional items in order to have an updated menu put together. He stated by October 12th. Mr. Con reminded everyone that on December 15 the board has to adopt a 3-year plan with cuts equaling \$1.45 million, but added this plan will be reviewed and possibly changed at every financial benchmark. Discussion followed that changed the Budget Advisory Committee meeting from October 20th to October 27th to allow time for the bargaining units to meet. An emergency meeting could be scheduled after that, if necessary.

8.0 Adjournment: Dr. Macioge called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Con. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Macioge adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.