

Meeting: ECASD Referendum Committee

Date: January 5, 2024

Time: 1:00p.m. – 2:30p.m.

Location: Administration Building Room 123B

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marquell Johnson*	<input type="checkbox"/> Lori Bica	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erica Zerr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abby Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Johnson
<input type="checkbox"/> Kay Marks	<input type="checkbox"/> Kaying Xiong	<input type="checkbox"/> Kim Koller	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandy Van Vleet	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Committee Chair

The regular meeting of the Referendum Committee was called to order by Marquell Johnson at 1:04p.m. on January 5, 2024. Quorum was met.

Notes: Marisa Pomplun

- **Public Comment**
 - No public present wishing to speak.
- **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - The minutes from December 7th were reviewed.

Erica Zerr made a motion to approve the December 7, 2023 Referendum Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Marquell Johnson. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- **Referendum Work**
 - The District has a referendum date. They will go in November 2024.
 - Abby shared information with the committee what Administration is working on to see what items could be reviewed in preparation of the referendum. The group talked about what the Administrative Committee will be reviewing and what will happen if a referendum doesn't pass, how we can be prepared.
 - There are items that the District could postpone until after the referendum should the Board choose.
 - Budget projections were shown manipulating different items to change what the bottom line looks like.
 - Does the board want to set the District up for success for this deficit as well as the cliff when the 2016 referendum falls off in 2031? This should be part of the conversation of the timeline of this referendum.
 - Abby asked what the next steps are for a survey. The RFP process would be about 4 weeks. In total the full process of the survey it would take about 12-14 weeks. Looking around the mid to end of April for survey results to come back. There has been desire for a decision/question to be adopted by the end of the school year.
 - The Referendum Committee is interested in having multiple options to be ready to go and then compare them to the survey results.

Marquell Johnson made a motion to address the request to put out an RFP for the survey. The motion was seconded by Erica Zerr. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Action Items

- Representation from each level for the administrative committee
- Ideas – personnel, programing, remaining services/ancillary things (have they been implemented or not)
- Important – reassure for 24-25 looks like, cost savings (time frame for savings) communications to public, tough love black and white, what it means if it fails – board needs to be 100% aware of the conversation on November 6
- Addressing unfulfilled positions – difficult conversations that need to be had
- Every person to have access to our historic mill rate (historically under invested in the district)

- Recreate the table for CPI - .5 .75 1 1.5
 - Update calendar information to anticipate a question adopted by July 1
 - See progress and see categorization of the ideas
 - Make-up of the administrative committee
 - Where are you in terms of getting specifics?
 - If not specifics, what is holding you up.... What are the stumbling blocks?
 - Update on where you are and people giving RFP feedback
 - Providing/redoing the additional tables with finer break down of CPI
 - Recommendation from Administration – what is the ideal dollar amount?
 - \$2M lower \$4M lower what happens... \$2M over what can we do?
 - Global categories to define for a question and then smaller what does that mean... staffing. Big categories and then boil down to what that actually means
 - February dates for next meeting
 - Work of the Admin group
 - Work of looking out past a failed referendum
 - Any capital needs that could be added
- **Wrap-up Meeting**
 - Next meeting February 20, 2024

Erica Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marquell Johnson. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:15p.m.