

**EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(BAC) MINUTES
January 12, 2012**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.
- Present, were 25 members comprised of the community, parents, students, and EMUHSD staff.
- Attendees: Ryan Di Giulio, Dana Smith, Julie Jennings, Joel Kyne, Oscar Cisneros, Larry Cecil, Rossana Alvidrez, Cathy Satterfield, Winetta Belt, Rhonda Logan, Lisa Chambers, Rosana McLeod, Larry Fry, Mike Felix, Ken Rausch, Donna Duncan, Veronica Larios, Marling Ronquillo, Carol Truscott, Raymund Lu, Andrew Jaramillo, Dario Macias, and Briseida Valencia.
- Absent: Bob Mata, Rita Donato, Robin Torres, Freddie Arteaga, Edith Echeverria, Matt Strother, Joseph Wong, Jody Zeto, and Robert Medina.
- Ryan introduced Barry Dragon, fiscal consultant from Eric Hall and Associates and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) team. He stated that during these difficult times we need to develop a budget to meet those challenges ahead. He further commented that all ideas, suggestions, and recommendations will be forwarded to the Superintendent who in turn, will submit to the Board of Trustees.
- Mr. Dragon gave a brief self introduction and explained to the committee, his role in assisting this committee as a facilitator. He emphasized the following points in making this committee effective in achieving its goal, which is the success of our students:
 - Key word is to collaborate
 - Identify priorities
 - Align vision statement with mission statement and goals to make effective suggestions
 - Transparency
 - And three most important: MODEL, MODEL, MODEL
- Mr. Dragon then presented a slide presentation providing background facts and figures on school budgets. He gave a complete explanation of the fundamentals of a school budget stemming from the state and its mandates. He stated that the budget committee is an advisor to the superintendent. Superintendent will review what committee recommends; bring back to the group, and then present to the Board for consideration and approval. In future meetings, this committee will break up into smaller groups and look over possible cuts and reductions and meetings will be held every couple of weeks for the next few months. A brief workshop presentation will be held for the Board on February 1. Additionally, LACOE is requiring that a fiscal stabilization plan be submitted to them by the end of February.

- Mr. Dragon's initial presentation included Board of Trustees' Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Priorities. As part of the content of meetings, an agenda was described as having protocols and ground rules. Grounds rules were read to establish climate of the meeting. Cuts and reductions will be based on district-wide needs, not individual agendas. No bird-walking. He explained difference between empathy (meaning to understand where other person is coming from) and sympathy (meaning to agree with the other person).
- Mr. Dragon's presentation included definitions and terms used for budget reports and approval and adoption. The State Required Budget cycle was explained along with Revenue Limit, ADA, Budget Development Revenues (other local revenues such as lottery), Categorical programs (one time flexibility), and Special Ed. encroachment. The 2012-13 state budget proposal paints a very grim picture, more drastic budget impact is foreseen to take place in 2013-14 and up to 2016.
- Pie charts and graphs were also presented to enable committee a visual concept of expenditures and allocations. A timeline was reviewed and district data was provided to better understand relationship between revenues and expenditures. Enrollment figures were provided as there has been a gradual decrease of student population, thus impacting revenue. There are two factors to the formula: Base revenue Limit x ADA equal FTE or approximately \$6,000 per student. Our Reserve for Economic Uncertainties (REU) has been slowly depleted. A 3% reserve is required by law, and our district had above that percentage for a several years, but district now has a structural deficit. Overview, EMUHSD has been eroding at a rate of about \$7-8 million per year.
- Also discussed were TRANS—Tax Revenue Anticipated Notes, COLA, Budget Assumptions, and Multi-Year Projections.
- Mr. Dragon, in closing, stated that more financial information will be provided to develop budget reduction opportunities and work towards a consensus on final recommendations to the Superintendent. Reductions are projected to be \$9 million in the next three years.
- Ryan announced that Minutes of this meeting should be posted online next week, and an e-mail reminder of meeting will be sent. He reminded all to be sure to sign in with contact information.
- Next Meeting Date—January 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the PDC at South El Monte HS.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.