

**Public Meeting**  
**NEW SHORES SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

Thursday, June 12, 2008

**LOCATION: Conference Rooms: A and B**  
**San Mateo County Office of Education**  
**101 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City**

**A. ROLL CALL – Joseph Foust, Committee Secretary**

Representing Advisory Committee:

Joe Foust, Pete Hughes, Bonnie Wolfe, Doug Crisman, Lawrence Pon,  
Scott Miron, Heather Irwin

Representing Belmont-Redwood Shores School District:

Nellie Hungerford, Assistant Superintendent;  
Joe DiGeronimo, Consultant;

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Meeting convened at 6:35 PM.
- Minutes of May 8: Approved as written, 4-0 (from those present at last meeting).

**C. MEMBER REPORT/COMMENTS**

- Scott Johnson, Bradley Associates, who worked on Library Foundation fundraising introduced by Lawrence Pon.
- Bond Oversight Committee met last Tuesday and approved \$173K and Total to Date spent is \$1.7M, leaving \$24.22M. Next Bond Oversight Committee meeting is September 9, 6:15 PM.
- Pete Hughes recommended Amendment to City Charter be added to agenda for this meeting for discussion.
- Nellie Hungerford recommended adding an item on Parcel Tax Committee status, and introduced Charles Velschow, co-chair.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Charles Velschow provided summary of the Parcel Tax proposal. Other Committee Co-chair, Paul Patton, also joined. \$96 Parcel Tax being considered for proposal. Survey being conducted to determine if there is enough support. Need to put leadership committee together along with raising \$100k to fund campaign. District will need to decide by August 8 if need to proceed with ballot initiative for this November to start in 2009-2010 tax year. Still looking for volunteers, in particular, for Sandpiper.
- Current parcel tax expires in 2013. This proposal would be for 10 years. Also evaluating if COLA would be agreeable to public.
- It was suggested that the consultants be asked if segregating between Belmont and Redwood Shores might make it be more likely to pass.
- Results of survey will be brought back to NSSAC for further discussion.

**E. DISTRICT REPORT – Nellie Hungerford, Asst. Superintendent, Bus. Services & Operations**

Budget Update

- 2008-2009 budget will be presented to board on June 19. It is balanced but tight. Two new teachers recently added (for a total of 7 new teachers).

- 2010-2011 projected budget is \$700k in deficit due to various reasons without any expected revenue growth.

#### Schedule Issues (if any)

- Kip Grubb, Architect, working on design. A “Modified” Design Committee will meet on July 10 to refine the design. These refinements would be presented to the NSSAC that evening for further input. The updated design would then be presented to the Board on July 30.
- Max Keech is awaiting the Fish & Wildlife approval, followed by BCDC. After these approvals, the project would then go to Redwood City Council for final approval in mid-July and subsequent school pad preparations.

### **F. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – Doug Crisman, Committee Chair**

#### Community Fundraising Options

- Lawrence Pon presented statistics on Measure C bond measure, where it passed with 68% support.
- Key questions: Do we need more money? How much money do we need? How much money can we raise?
- Donor target different for school opening verse library.
- Oracle Foundation interested in supporting.
- Campaign would be competing with Parcel Tax campaign, School Force, PTA.
- Need to have a Feasibility Study and Leadership.
- If start fundraising, need to have a specific purpose and good reason why people should voluntarily donate.
- Suggested that three bids be requested to make proposal for Feasibility Study, which probably runs \$12-\$15K.
- It was suggested that we will know more in July with respect to possible goals of such a campaign.
- It was also noted that we may not know if we would need to fundraise until bids and construction costs are better known.
- General consensus is that any fundraising at this time is premature.
- Joe DiGeronimo noted that past experience is that funding shortages are in landscaping.

#### Joint Use Agreement with Redwood City – Playfield and Levee Trails Access

- Letter received from Redwood City stating that they will not pursue a joint use agreement at this time.

### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

#### Schedule for future meetings

- Next NSSAC meeting is on July 10 at the Sandpiper Community Center and will be open to the Public for presentation by the Architect.
- Special School Board meeting on July 30, with a presentation by the Architect as well as one on the Parcel Tax.
- No August meeting will be planned but any updates will be provided by Nellie Hungerford by email
- September 9, 7:15 PM has been tentatively scheduled.

### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM. Next meeting will be July 10.