

# CENTER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP Center Joint Unified School District - Conference Room #5 8408 Watt Avenue, Antelope, CA 95843

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

### MINUTES

**OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER** - Trustee Friedman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** - Trustees Present: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Kelley,  
Mr. Wilson

Administrators Present: Scott Loehr, Superintendent  
George Tigner, Chief Administrative Officer  
Craig Deason, Assist. Supt., Operations & Facilities  
Jeanne Bess, Director of Fiscal Services

**FLAG SALUTE** - led by Douglas Higgins

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - approved adoption of agenda as presented.

**Motion:** Friedman                      **Vote:** General Consent  
**Second:** Wilson

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

### BUDGET DISCUSSION/UPDATE

Mr. Loehr announced that this meeting was to get an overview of the budget and to get a direction from the board on what to focus on for possible reductions to balance the budget.

Jeanne Bess, Director of Fiscal Services, noted that the January release of the budget is affecting the way we are looking forward. For the 12-13 SY we are being hit with the loss of 160 ADA (based on P2) which adds up to \$860,000 we are losing. The trigger cuts: if the ballot measure does not pass then we will lose \$370 per ADA, which would equal \$1,665,000; current year we have lost half of our transportation funding and next year all of the funding which would equal \$328,000. If we currently receive funding for transportation then lose it we will have to use general fund money to fund this. We need to consider the amount back out due to no furlough days; and we need to hold out \$200,000 for the possible increase on health and welfare benefits. All added up it comes out to about \$3,000,000. We can get some of the needed money from fund 17, the district reserves, but this will still leave us with a deficit of about \$2,000,000.

Trustee Anderson asked how much the district would be required to keep in reserve and asked about the sweeping of monies. Jeanne Bess noted that the money that is sweepable is Categorical money. Mr. Loehr noted any money that can be grabbed from funds would be ongoing. Budgets would not disappear completely. Trustee Hunt asked what the scenario is if the ballot measure passes. Ms. Bess stated that our funding would be flat except for the transportation, loss of ADA and the amount for the increase in benefits. There was discussion of the reserve money moving in and out of fund 17.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION/UPDATE (continued)**

It was noted that not all deferrals would be eliminated; we would probably only need 1 TRAN for next year. There was a discussion on the amount of the TRAN and how much we are paying when we pay it back. Trustee Wilson asked when the county might step in and take over. Jeanne explained the process.

Trustee Kelley inquired on our ability to obtain future TRANS; Jeanne explained that it gets harder to obtain.

Richard Hayes noted that many students have left the district because of the economy. Mr. Loehr agreed with Rich Hayes. Mr. Loehr also noted that we are trying to keep students here.

Trustee Wilson noted that the state is saying that the state doesn't have any more money. He asked if School Services has put out any new information?

Mr. Loehr noted that we need a plan to address the deficit; it must be finalized and reported to the county by March 15. Trustee Anderson asked how many teachers would equal the 160 ADA. It was noted that the number equals just over 10, but the numbers we are looking at are realistically 6-8.

List of ideas on how to get to that amount of money:

- non-personnel SLIP money, sweep or freeze until November (not GATE)
- next year freeze a percentage of each site's allocation from general fund until November (this year ask what they can give to the cause). The sites will still have their lottery money.
- eliminate 12/13 Summer School; would have to see what we could do with Summer School this year.
- put MHS under AVCS/Global administrator or under the CHS administrator. Mr. Loehr noted that they are currently looking at the program at MHS. It started as a credit recovery program; it has changed over the years and now offers more programs than a credit recovery program. It could mean losing a partial administrator and support staff.
- close Spinelli Elementary and disperse the students to 3 other schools. It was noted that we would lose county programs, we would have higher cost in transportation, and would cause problems having a vacant school in that neighborhood. (NO)

Caryn Kennedy asked if there is space available at the other sites. It was noted that there is space because of the increase in class sizes.

- charge home-to-school transportation. This was not encouraged.
- eliminate athletic transportation; Mr. Jordan noted that events within a reasonable distance transportation is not needed.

Mr. Hayes asked how much the board members' benefits cost the district?

Mr. Loehr asked if the Board had any other suggestions? Trustee Friedman asked if we have asked the community for donations. Trustee Kelley asked if we could use ConnectEd to ask families for donations.

Ms. Kennedy noted that you don't get the donations at the secondary level that you get at the elementary level.

Mr. Muldoon asked that we look at the amount of days the district office works during the year. There is a difference of 20-30 days with other districts.

