

SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting of September 11, 2024 Held at the District Office and available on Zoom.

Minutes:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Assistant Superintendent Jim Monreal.

Attendance

Les Forster, Community at Large Representative

Kris Chopra, High School Parent Representative

Dave McLaughlin, Elementary Parent Representative

Sarah Brothers, Business Representative

Greg Larson, Senior Organization Representative

Absent

None

Staff

Jim Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, SCCS

Hannah Weikel, Executive Assistant, SCCS

Beatriz Diaz, Finance Supervisor

Public Visitors

None

Public Comments

Greg Larson gave public comment to announce that he was elected to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, and asked whether there would be any conflict of interest with his new appointment. It was confirmed that he could participate in both without conflict.

Elect Chairperson

A motion was made by Sarah Brothers to elect Dave McLaughlin to serve as the chairperson for the 2024-25 school year. Approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the committee's meeting of May 8, 2024 were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Sarah Brothers and seconded by Kris Chopra. Approved 5-0.

Measures T

Assistant Superintendent Jim Monreal presented the unaudited actuals for Measure T, which funds grades 9-12. He shared information about grant sources that are helping fund programs made possible by parcel tax dollars. He also discussed the positions and programs funded by parcel taxes. The reports presented were formatted to align with what the committee had requested the previous year. Discussion arose about costs fluctuating across programs and wages. Mr. Monreal reported that Measure O is almost spent down, and will not need to be reported out in the near future.

Measure U

Assistant Superintendent Jim Monreal presented updated budgets for Measure U, which funds grades K-8, going into detail about the various staffing positions, student programming, and resources that are funded by parcel tax dollars. Parcel Tax funding supports the following positions and programs: music classes, mental health counselors, maintaining smaller class sizes. It was noted that it does not require as much funding to operate elementary schools.

Discussion ensued regarding carryover from past measures, and how the District ensures it is divided amongst schools equitably.

Measure O

There is minimal carry over dollars from Measure O that are applied to Measure T and Measure U. They are clearly noted on the reports linked [here](#) and [here](#).

Future Meeting Dates

The Committee Members discussed upcoming meetings for the 2024-25 school year.

Adjournment

A motion is made by Sarah Brothers to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM and Les Forster seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Monreal
Asst. Superintendent, Business Services
Santa Cruz City Schools

Hannah Weikel
Executive Assistant Business Services
Santa Cruz City Schools