



Pacifica School District

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MEMORANDUM

Administrative Services

Agenda Item:
Meeting of

11a
01/22/14

TO: Wendy S. Tukloff, Ed.D., Superintendent
For Board of Trustees

FROM: Josephine Peterson, Chief Business Official

SUBJECT: Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Annual Report
(Information)

The Measure N Parcel Tax and Renewal (Measure L) (Save Pacifica Schools Act) ballot language stated that the Parcel Tax would have “independent citizen oversight”. In the fall of 2008, the Pacifica Board of Trustees established a committee to review expenditures and to report to the public regarding the match of expenditures to the ballot language. The Committee consists of six parents (one from each school site selected by the Parent Teacher Organization) and seven community members (selected through an application process by the Governing Board). Members of the committee are:

School Representatives:

Cabrillo	Mike Ray (chairperson)
Ingrid B. Lacy	Anne Carew
Ocean Shore	Richard Zuromski
Ortega	Kristin Chun
Sunset Ridge	Apeksha Pradhan
Valleamar	Laura Vuskovic

Community Representatives

Marisa George	Aaron Bonner
Warren Hultberg	Therese Dyer
Judith Kell	Hem Patel
Remi Tan	

Joan Weideman (Trustee), Richard Faust (Alternate Trustee), Wendy Tukloff (Superintendent) and Josie Peterson (Chief Business Official) attend the Committee meetings as non-voting members.

The Committee met on November 5, 2013 and reviewed the final expenditures for 2012-2013, proposed expenditures for 2013-2014 and a report on student achievement.

Richard Zuromski, Ocean Shore representative will present a report of the Committee's review.

Approved for Board Presentation

Pacifica School District Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Report – January 2014

The Pacifica School District Parcel Tax Oversight Committee makes an annual report to the public regarding how the parcel tax money has been used by the Pacifica School District. This fulfills the provision in Save Pacifica Schools Act (“Measure N” in 2008) and renewal of this tax in 2011 (Measure L) that requires a review of expenditures by an independent citizen oversight committee.

After careful review, we report that all monies collected by the Parcel Tax in Fiscal Year 2012-2013 have been used in accordance with the language and spirit of the Save Pacifica Schools Act of 2008 and the renewal in 2011.

The Measure L ballot language stated that the Parcel Tax is to be used only for the following purposes:

- Protect local elementary and middle schools from state budget cuts
- Maintain high quality education
- Protect academic programs in math, science, reading and writing
- Attract and retain qualified teachers
- Support library services and classroom computer instruction

Further, the ballot language also stated:

- There is to be an exemption for senior citizens
- No funds used for administrator salaries
- All funds will stay in Pacifica to promote student achievement
- Independent citizen oversight

We have reviewed the accounting to understand how the Parcel Tax money is being collected and used. Senior exemptions are being granted. No parcel tax money is being used for administrator salaries. All expenditures are being used for authorized purposes.

All monies collected are being used for the following purposes, which are consistent with the Measure L ballot language:

- Protecting teacher positions from being eliminated due to budget cuts, maintains high quality education and attracts and retains qualified teachers.
- Funding Middle School counseling at both the Ingrid B Lacy Middle School and the three K-8 programs in the district – protects vital academic programs and maintains high quality education
- Literacy/Math Coaching supports high quality education
- Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program – supports high quality education and helps to attract and retain high qualified beginning teachers
- Geometry District wide supports high quality education

Over the past several years, education funding has been cut repeatedly. The state budget has not been providing the funding levels guaranteed by Proposition 98. The Parcel Tax money is making a huge difference in our schools.



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Parcel Tax Report

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 Actuals

Parcel Tax Revenues

2011-2012 Balance of Parcel Tax Funds	\$650,315
2012-2013 Funds Received	\$1,306,121
Total Parcel Tax Funds Available 2012-2013	\$1,956,436

Parcel Tax Expenditures

Teachers Salaries	\$1,514,498
BTSA-Beginning Teacher (funds received from County)	\$400
Literacy/Math Coaching	\$57,577
Geometry Districtwide	\$5,200
Counseling Program	\$143,099
Total Parcel Tax Expenditures as of June 30, 2013	<u>\$1,720,774</u>
Balance in Parcel Tax Fund as of June 30, 2013	<u><u>\$235,662</u></u>



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Parcel Tax Report

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 Estimates

Parcel Tax Revenues

2012-2013 Balance of Parcel Tax Funds	\$235,662
2013-2014 Projected Funds	\$1,276,647
Total Parcel Tax Funds Available 2013-2014	\$1,512,309

Parcel Tax Expenditures

Teachers Salaries	\$892,000
BTSA-Beginning Teacher	\$60,000
Literacy/Math Coaching	\$156,995
Geometry Districtwide	\$15,000
Counseling Program	\$148,087
Total Parcel Tax Expenditures as of June 30, 2014	<u>\$1,272,082</u>

Balance in Parcel Tax Fund as of June 30, 2014	<u><u>\$240,227</u></u>
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