

Executive Council Minutes
Open Session
February 23, 2009

Officers present:, High School Vice President Bob Walker, Middle School Vice President Bob Ruark, Elementary Vice President Stephanie Martin, SPED Vice President Jan Van Horne, Secretary Naomi Lukaszewski, Treasurer Kelly Logan,

President Marc Houle was delayed due to a Site Visit.

6-12 Director Candy Smiley was delayed due to a Site Visit.

K-5 Director Karen Wusthoff was absent due to attendance at PDAB meeting.

Reps: None

Meeting called to order: 4:35 p.m.

Handouts: Possible CSR calculations and impact

Agenda: State Budget

Labor Issues—*Confidential Session*

Start dates for Fiscal Group

Interview schedule for PPAP and PDAB Board, IBPS

I. Minutes

A. February 9 Executive Council: unanimously approved with amendments

B. February 12 Representative Council: unanimously approved with amendments.

II. School Services and State Budget

A. PFT Staff part of Conference Call with CA School Services

1. Discussed implications of new budget deal

B. Budget Items

1. 2008-2009 \$192 per student reduction

2. 2009-2010 Funds further reduced by 13.094%

3. Bottom Line for PUSD

a. Estimated \$20-\$23 million in cuts based on categoricals and revenue.

b. All figures regarding cuts are estimates.

4. Textbook adoption suspended

5. CSR unclear

a. Penalties reduced

b. Reduction in penalties not enough to offset cost of maintaining CSR

6. 180 school days funded

a. Too soon to discuss furlough

b. Need to know final configurations for CSR, amount of stimulus money

c. Teachers would need to approve furlough by voting in favor

C. Federal Stimulus money

1. Supposed to have a “no supplant” clause

a. States not allowed to reduce state funding due to increase in federal funds.

b. Possible \$3 million for SPED

i) Will offset encroachment on General Fund

Open Session closed. Confidential Session opened: 4:55 p.m.

Labor Items: Layoff process

Confidential Session closed. Open Session resumed: 5:20 p.m.

III. Possible Action around State Budget

A. Where to make cuts?

1. Cutting on-going expenditures e.g. teachers impacts following years as well.

2. Cutting on-time monies e.g. SLIP funds only impacts single year.

a. Equivalent cut will need to be found in following years.

B. CSR—*see handout*

1. Currently 9500-9600 CSR students (K-3 & 9th)
 - a. PUSD receives an additional \$1050 per CSR student
 2. Need to check calculations for accuracy.
 3. All figures, regardless of accuracy, are speculative.
- C. May 19th Special Election and Revise will change outcome
1. Public needs to vote on several aspects of Budget
 - a. Including but not limited to: hard spending cap, lottery funds removed from education.
 2. State Superintendent Jack O'Connell proposing change to CSR cap instead or reducing penalties.

Open Session closed. Confidential Session opened: 5:40 p.m.

Communication between PUSD and PFT

Confidential Session closed. Open Session resumed: 5:45 p.m

IV. Fiscal Group Start Date

- A. Job description, eligibility, interview and selection process determined.
 - a. No start date

Discussion: What should the start date be for new members of the Fiscal Group?

- There needs to be some continuity due to the bulk of knowledge required.
- Summer would be good. They wouldn't be teaching and would have time to devote to getting up to speed.
- After the signing of a new agreement. That's a good transition time.
- What if an agreement is not signed until September?
- We may need to sign an agreement this year that is based on contingencies. "If this happens with the budget, then..."
- In fiscal negotiations, is it possible to discuss changing SPED operations? [SPED practices] impact the budget because they cost the district money.
- Fiscal group sometimes discusses non-fiscal items but the main purpose is to work with the budget.
- [Changing SPED practices] sounds like a long term fiscal goal. Right now we are focused on the sort term fiscal crisis.
- What checkpoints are there in IBPS?
- How do we discuss non-fiscal issues? Does that need to be addressed?
- Do we need to form another group?
- Why do we need another group?
- IBPS is focused on money and the budget. When are other issues like working conditions discussed? My working conditions are important to me, especially in a lean money year.
- This is a good year to discuss things like working conditions, especially since there isn't going to be any raises...
- For awhile!
- Should we reduce the number of people on the group?
- It is getting unwieldy. There are ten people in the room.
- Why so many?
- Initially, we had 11. They had five and we had six but then Kevin Skelly left and was not replaced. We ended up with six because when we asked for anyone interested in being part of the Fiscal Group we got three volunteers. We accepted all of them in the interest of building capacity.
- Maybe the Directors could rotate. You are all so involved that it would not be difficult to stay current with information.
- So—when should members of the Fiscal Group start?
- It would need to be a floating date, after ratification of a contract.

Consensus: New members of the IBPS fiscal group would begin their duties after ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement in the year they are appointed.

V. Interview Schedule

A. Interviews for PPAP, PDAB Boards and IBPS Group originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, Thursday, February 26 and Monday, March 2.

1. Given the short notice and the probably unavailability of candidates, February 24 and 26 interview dates are cancelled.

2. Monday, March 2 is also cancelled.

a. Both the PFT President and PFT Secretary will not be able to participate in interviews due to a scheduled Site Visit.

b. For the same reason, there will not be an Executive Council Meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 6:15 p.m.

Next meeting: March 9, 2009

Submitted by Naomi Lukaszewski, PFT Secretary