

**La Cañada Unified School District  
Parcel Tax Oversight Committee  
May 7, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Committee Chair Jim Andersen.

Roll Call:

Voting members:

Jim Andersen  
Paris Cohen

Carl Husfeld  
Sue Lieu

Sid Karsh

Non-Voting members:

Wendy Sinnette

Mark Evans

Dan Jeffries

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Andersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes for October 3, 2019**

It was moved and seconded (Karsh/Husfeld) to approve the minutes of October 3, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2019 was approved unanimously.

**Superintendent's Report**

Ms. Sinnette provided a district update. She reported that the students have been amazing throughout the school facility closures. The students have been working hard and progressing through their academic course of study. She thanked parents for their support.

Ms. Sinnette stated that the district successfully passed its parcel tax extension in March. We were one of the few districts to successfully pass a parcel tax measure. She expressed her gratitude to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to pass the parcel tax. The budget for 2020-21 is looking bleak and the district will be as strategic as possible, spending the coming year identifying where cuts may be made.

Ms. Sinnette sadly reported that a district third grade teacher passed away due to COVID-19 conditions. She stated that we have to stay committed to social distancing and the stay at home order.

Staff is currently working on a grading format for distance learning. A survey went out to teachers, students, and parents. We received excellent feedback. After significant collaboration, the district is offering parents the choice of receiving credit/no credit or a grade.

LCFEF will announce its Rose Harrington recipients tomorrow. Two teachers will receive the award: Kathryn Wullschlager and Brandon Carroll.

The district has been focusing on how to best recognize senior graduation and lower grade promotions while adhering to the requirements of COVID-19 social distancing. She discussed some of the creative ideas that are being considered. She briefly discussed what reopening in the fall may look like.

### **Update on Expenditures and Revenues**

Mr. Evans provided an update on expenditures and revenues, showing estimated versus actuals. He provided a report showing positions supported by the parcel tax.

Ms. Lieu asked for a membership update. Mr. Evans is currently in communication with legal counsel for guidance on requirements with the passing of the new parcel tax.

### **Review and Approve the Measure LC Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Report for 2019-20**

Mr. Evans presented the 2019-20 annual report for review.

Ms. Lieu asked for the opportunity to review the distribution of positions supported. Ms. Sinnette and Mr. Evans stated that this would be better reviewed once school starts and we have a better idea of what the school year will look like in 2020-21. Positions supported were reviewed and discussed. These positions may need to be reviewed due to the anticipated decrease in support from the Educational Foundation.

It was moved and seconded (Andersen/Lieu) to approve the annual report. The motion to approve the annual report was approved unanimously.

Mr. Evans clarified that the 2020-21 parcel tax will remain at the \$450. 2021-22 will see an adjusted tax amount not to exceed an increase of 3%.

### **Discussion of Anticipated Revenue and Expenditures for Parcel Taxes in 2020-21.**

Mr. Evans reviewed the actual revenues and expenditures for 2019-20 and the estimated revenues and expenditures for 2020-21.

### **Renewal of the Parcel Tax**

Once Mr. Evans receives advice from legal counsel regarding membership for the new parcel tax he will distribute an application for the new 2020 Parcel Tax Committee.

### **Schedule of Meetings for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year**

The meetings for 2019-20 were calendared for October 1, 2020 and May 6, 2021

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

Mr. Evans reviewed his email for public comment and none were received.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.