

Minutes of the OEA Executive Board January 6, 2004

Approved January 29, 2004

OEA Executive Board members present: Quintana, Visnick, Gorham, Swayne, Rendon, Collins, Mandel, Balderston, Zak, Mordecai, Ellis, Traylor, Griffin, Turner, Sandidge.

Guests: Craig Gordon, Barbara Range, Carl Kopman, Harriet Hutchinson, Mark Airgood, Lisa West, Manny Lopez, Bonnita Solberg, Aaron Stark.

I. Call to Order at 4:30 pm.

II. School closures: 13 proposed sites. Burckhalter is on a fault line. Housing development planned for the nearby quarry? Swett: mold problem. We have contractual language (12.9.2.2). Where's the plan to repay loan? Impact on ECE? Criteria? Demographic study?

ALTERNATIVES

bussing, removing portables, use sites for spec. ed., boundary changes

III. Charter Schools: 3 proposals: 1 new, 1 renew, 1 from dependent to independent

IV. Parcel Tax: needs a 2/3 vote and there are many other tax measures on the ballot. We have the CTA sponsored initiative for increased corporate taxation to go on the ballot in November '04.

V. Meeting with Dr. Ward: Ward presented that school closures is about "redirecting money." OPS has 2600 less students compared to last year. **CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES:** 1. schools with under 300 students, and 2. schools that are utilized by less than 70%. "I don't plan on leaving this open for charters." "We let them [charter applicants] know where we want them to be." "We have no plans on not following the contract."

CHARTERS: Ward stated that he's neither pro nor con, he's refused three already, makes decisions based on legalities, took the OUSD person off of writing charters for charter applicants, charters now pay part of encroachment on Special Ed.

RESULTS-BASED BUDGETING (RBB): push funds to our school sites, schools do not get penalized for veteran teachers, trying to cut Central Office by \$11M, considering selling/leasing property.

PARCEL TAX: 3 areas: class size reduction, books and materials, recruit and retain. "I'm gonna go forward anyway." (with or without OEA endorsement)

ROUND OF QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD:

Ward admitted that he had no plan to repay the loan, charters are one of the reasons for declining enrollment, that RBB is “more equitable” stating “we can’t let your 87% ADA have a detrimental effect on her 95%.” He stated that OUSD is “not going to do any contracting out.” He agreed to meet next week with OEA re: “2+2” retirement incentive. His pressure on principals re: accountability and teacher evaluation is “not a policy of harassment.” Re: differentiated salary schedule: “that’s not what I’m pushing.” He agreed to provide OEA with the Scattergram re: student demographics.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Rendon