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Meeting Minutes Long - Final

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

6:30 PM

**KDOL TV Studio, B-237, Met West High School Entrance, 314 East 10th Street,
Oakland, CA 94606-2291**

Measure G Parcel Tax Independent Citizens Oversight

Committee

Bradley Mart, Vice Chair

Sonji Walker, Secretary

Members: John Baldo, Daniel Bellino, Sandy Carpenter, (Vacancy) (Vacancy)

A. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Bradley Mart called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Present 5 - Member [Vacant]
Member John Baldo
Vice Chairperson Daniel Bellino
Secretary Sonji Walker
Chairperson Bradley Mart

Absent 2 - Member Sandy Carpenter
Chairperson Atiff Shakir-Gilmore

C. Speaker Request Cards/Modification(s) To Agenda

None

D. Adoption of Committee Minutes

 [16-0207](#) **Minutes - Measure G Parcel Tax Independent Citizens Oversight Committee - December 17, 2015**

Approval by the Measure G Parcel Tax Independent Citizens Oversight Committee of its Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2015.

Attachments: [16-0207 - Minutes - Measure G Parcel Tax Independent Citizens Oversight Committee - December 17, 2015](#)

No Public Speaker(s).

Postponed to a Date Certain

E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

None

F. Unfinished Business

None

G. New Business

 **16-0213 Measure "G" Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee Audit Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015**

Discussion by the Committee of the Measure "G" Parcel Tax Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Audit Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015.

Attachments: 16-0213 Measure "G" Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee
Examining Audit Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Ruth Alahydoian, Chief Financial Officer gave a presentation on the Measure G Committee Audit Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015. Ruth Alahydoian spoke about the main elements:

- The letter from the Auditor stating, "In our opinion, management's assertion that the District complied with the aforementioned compliance requirements for the year ending June 30, 2015, is fairly stated, in all material respects."
- Financial Summary, which describe the Measure and the total proceeds that were spent
- Management's Assertions, which count separately from Measure G. Expenditures charged against such proceeds were made in accordance with intended uses spelled out in Measure G and approved by the voters.
- Procedures that the Auditor performed. The Auditor gets the information that needed
- Result of Testing – Each of the test there were no findings
- All the funding was spent according to the Ballot Measure
- Financial Table – Beginning Revenue was \$20,707,650 and how it was spent by programs; started the year with \$10,829.00 and ended the year with \$10,829.00
- The expenditure that the Auditor tested to give them the confidence that the numbers are correct

After the presentation by Ruth Alahydoian, the Commissioners had questions:

- Commissioner John Baldo had question regarding to page 4, on number 4, "In addition, for the employee benefits testing, we noted issues which would indicate an error in the amount of employee benefit costs charged." That's it? Asked John Baldo. Ruth Alahydoian will have the Auditor to answer that question.
- Commissioner Daniel Bellino spoke about Results of Testing; "While this is not a specific item mentioned in the ballot language, our conclusion is this program addresses the initiative to attract and retain qualified teachers by offering competitive salaries and benefits because the use of parcel tax monies in this manner saves other unrestricted resources. The point is if the District did not have the parcel tax resources to cover these otherwise unrestricted expenses, they would either have to use reserves to cover the cost, or they would have to make cuts in services." Looking deeper into basic school support services that the commissioners didn't do this this year is needed to have a better understanding of it
- Vice Chair, Bradly Mart stated that he's appreciative that the Auditors found that the spending was consistent with the ballot – one concern is there's been a lop sidedness in term of the used of the funds and is interested in addressing it

Public Speaker(s)

Kari Hatch stated:

- The Audit report is very similar to the last one with the exact same language in it. On the very first page they said that they do assert that Measure G parcell tax proceed ending this last June and yet there was a contradiction on page 2 and 3, stating the largest category is not within the scope of the ballot language.

Discussed

 [16-0211](#)

**Measure G Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Report Fiscal
Year Ending June 30, 2015**

Adoption by the Measure G Parcel Tax Independent Citizens Oversight Committee of Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 and authorization of the Chair and/or other representative of Committee to present same to the Board of Education and the public.

Attachments: [16-0211Measure G Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015](#)

Ruth Alahydoian, Chief Financial Officer gave a brief report on the Measure G Committee Annual Report Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.:

- *Introduction and Purpose of Report*
- *Active Committee*
- *Committee History, Purpose and Oversight*
- *Committee Notes on Measure G for the Time Period of Report*
- *Committee Meeting Summaries for the Time Period of Report*
- *Programmatic and Financial Summary*

After the brief report by Chief Financial Officer, Ruth Alahydoian and the Committee spoke about:

- *Timeline as to when the report would be presented to the Board during Board Meeting*
- *Would like to see the blank spots for school libraries be filled with numbers for the report*
- *Would like to send comments to staff for synthesizing*
- *Would like to include as part of the Annual report as a resource for community members the online tool TrackG.org*

Public Speaker(s)

Kari Hatch spoke about:

- *Ann Galager can talk about how the \$86,000 under School Libraries was spend last year*

Commissioner Daniel Bellino stated that he feels comfortable getting the report in writing to the Board before the end of February and present it to the Board in March and wanted to make sure that the rest of the Commissioners are ok with that. There was no objection.

Discussed



16-0208

Measure G Committee - Recommend Increased - School Libraries

Discussion and possible adoption by Measure G of a recommendation to the Board of Education that it increase funding for libraries.

Attachments: 16-0208 Measure G Committee - Recommend Increased - School Libraries

Vice Chair, Bradly Mart stated that this item was taken up from last month to have an open discussion to recommend to school Board to increase funds for libraries for OUSD, but there is no specific proposal at this time.

Chief Financial Officer, Ruth Alahydoian shared:

- *They are starting budget development for the sites and school district for 16-17*

- Allocating schools monies base on district wide formulas
- Want to make it clear what they are allocating libraries in schools
- While Measure G goes out to schools, what's left flexible to reduced it and allocated it to libraries
- \$1.7 Millions to school sites to use for libraries
- Distribute to schools according to the new frame work which is School Performance Framework (SPF)
- Schools are categorized in term of the need of the student and the need of resources needed at the school
- There are 5 categories: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green and Blue
- Red, Orange, and yellow will get additional resources
- Doesn't cover every single school
- The objective was to get resources to where the libraries resources are less available

The Commissioners and Ruth Alahyoian had discussion about:

- What School Performance Framework is
- The formula that used to allocate Measure G
- The funds will be in the hands of the school with oversight from Central
- 2 level approval – Principal then Central Librarian
- The funds will be available and effective for schools July 1, 2016
- 16-17 Measure G budget code will be under library

Public Speaker(s)

Kari Hatch spoke about:

- She was at Oakland Literacy Coalition meeting and Devein Dillion stood and said there will be \$1.7 Million being allocated to libraries
- The \$1.7 Million was spread so thinly across the district that no schools can adequately staff or really use those funds for their library
- Many schools tried to hire 1 or 2 day a week clerk
- Right now there are no library tech that are hire in OUSD

Amy Cheney spoke about:

- Great that libraries are being restore
- Excited about hiring a qualified person
- No funds to support because people have Master in Libraries and they will not work to be pay at a library clerk level
- 64 libraries are kind of like junk yards; person that is hired have 19 class and have no time to do anything
- Grateful that attentions are given to libraries

Discussed



16-0209

Measure G Committee - Information - Parcel Tax Exemption

Discussion by Measure G Committee of the information District has provided public on Measure G Parcel Tax Exemption.

Attachments: 16-0209 - Measure G Committee - Information - Parcel Tax Exemption

Chief Financial Officer, Ruth Alahyoian provided the Committee information that the public had been given on Measure G Parcel Tax Exemption:

- There is an exemption for Measure G for low income and for Measure N for low income or seniors
- Processing as quickly as possible
- 15-16 Fiscal year; was asked to go back and reimburse for prior years; for three prior years
- Have to show income verification for the three years
- Evidence that they live on the property

No Public Speaker(s)

Discussed

H. Public Comments on All Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Committee

[16-0210](#) Public Comment on All Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Committee – Up to 30 Minutes - January 20, 2016

Public Comment on All Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Committee - Up to 30 Minutes - January 20, 2016.

No Comments

I. Introduction of New Legislative Matter

[16-0418](#) Measure G Committee - Presentation by Measure N Commission Chair - David Kakisiba

Presentation by Measure N Commission Chair, David Kakishiba, to Measure G Parcel Tax Independent Oversight Committee on:

1. Full Text of Measure N;
2. Adopted Measure N Commission 2015-2016 Work Plan; and
3. Adopted Measure N Commission Legislative Requests of the Board of Education

sharing purpose, charge, and strategies.

Attachments: [16-0418 - Full Text of Measure N](#)
[16-0418 - Measure N - Revised 2015-2016 - Work Plan](#)
[16-0418 - Adopted Measure N Commission Legislative Requests of the Board of Education](#)

Committee Member, John Baldo introduce this matter for consideration at the next meeting.

[16-0420](#) Measure G Committee - Creation of Subcommittee - Recommendations - Board of Education - Allocate Measure G Funds

Discussion by Measure G Committee of possible creation of a subcommittee to development recommendations to full Committee for presentation to the Board of

Education regarding allocation of Measure G Funds.

Committee Member, John Baldo introduce this matter for consideration at the next meeting.

J. Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Bradley Mart adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____