

# Budget Communications Committee

November 30, 2011

# Committee Objectives

- Build capacity towards understanding the financial impacts to EUSD resulting from the California budget crisis.
- Review potential solutions under consideration
- Effectively communicate budget information to EUSD stakeholders

# Meeting Norms

- Start and end on time
- Be respectful of other people's ideas and suggestions
- Keep things general and not personal (functions rather than people)
- Raise hands instead of blurting out

# Meeting Norms (cont.)

- Active listening - no side conversations
- Stay focused and stick to the issues at hand
- Commit to positive problem solving

# EUSD Financial Update

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# Budget Planning 2012-13

Escondido Union School District

November 30, 2011

# SDCOE 2011-12 Budget Review

- 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Report (financials through 10-30-11) must include:
  - New OPEB Management Plan due to use of funding previously set aside for OPEB to balance 2011-12 budget
  - Strategy for managing revenue reductions should the trigger be pulled

# SDCOE 2011-12 Budget Review

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report (financials through 01-31-12) due in March
- SDCOE evaluates our budgets at these junctures and a certification is determined – positive, qualified, or negative
- Managing current year budget is important for next fiscal year planning – constant, ongoing process

# 2012-13 Budget Planning

## Next Steps

- Will the trigger be pulled?
- Governor's proposed budget – January 2012
- Cabinet analysis
  - State budget impacts on EUSD
- Board of Education discussions
- Budget Communications Committee
- Budget reduction strategies research

# State Budget Process

**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET** released early January

Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) Analysis  
Budget Subcommittee Testimonies

Public Input to Governor,  
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Testimony taken before Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittees. DOF updates revenues and expenditures with Finance Letters and **MAY REVISION**

Assembly Budget Com. – Reviews, approves, revises specific details of the budget. Majority vote of full committee required for passage.

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Com. – Reviews, approves, revises specific details of the budget. Majority vote of full committee required for passage.

Assembly Floor  
2/3 vote attempted

Senate Floor  
2/3 vote attempted

Budget Conference  
Committee

Assembly Floor reviews conference report, 2/3 vote attempted. If unsuccessful, Big 5 gets involved.

Senate Floor reviews conference report, 2/3 vote attempted. If unsuccessful, Big 5 gets involved.

**BIG 5 – Governor, Speaker of Assembly, Senate President Pro Tempore, Minority Leaders both houses - compromise**

Final budget package with 2/3 vote in each house submitted to Governor for signature. Governor may reduce or eliminate any appropriation through line-item veto.

# Progress Report

- Unification Study
  - Study completed and posted to district website
  - Joint board meeting held April 13, 2011
  - Concerns expressed regarding:
    - Instability of the economy
    - Potential to cost the districts more after unification
    - Leveling up of salaries could be tiered (employee bargaining contracts, 2-year protection for classified)
    - Impacts to the instructional program need to be explored
    - Agreed to additional joint board conversation
  - Joint board meeting held October 4, 2011
  - Next joint board meeting scheduled – January 31, 2012 at EUSD at 7:00 pm

# Progress Report

Work continues on many money-saving strategies...

- Use of one-time ARRA SFSF funding to purchase school site copiers (reduction of copier maintenance costs in excess of \$100,000)
  - Copiers purchased and installed over the summer
- E-mail Upgrade Project (“Why not Google” question)
  - Current Groupwise cost = \$9,875 annually
  - Executive committee formed to evaluate all software options available to meet the district’s needs
  - Recommendation target = February 2012

# Progress Report

- Continual review of district contracts and agreements
  - Connect-Ed contract expiring June 30, 2011 – proposals received with reduced pricing; demos scheduled
    - Final selection = Connect-Ed with reduced pricing - savings of \$16,380
- New purchasing alliance – June 9 board meeting
  - Western States Contracting Alliance – new option to purchase products and services at contracted, cost-effective prices
  - Various products available, but most cost effective use is for large scale purchases

# Progress Report

- Revenue-generating concepts
  - Parcel Tax Info – Presentation to the board scheduled for summer
    - Board presentation - July 14, 2011
  - Proposed cell tower project – November 17, 2011 board meeting
    - Potential revenue of \$26,400 annually
    - Additional provider could double revenue
    - Plan design and contract development in process

# Progress Report

- Research regarding possibility of consolidating Business Services departments (M&O and Facilities Planning) still in progress
  - Data gathered from sixteen districts by Human Resources department
  - Comprehensive report should be completed by March 2012

# Progress Report

- Various energy-saving strategies
  - Continued savings from lighting retrofit, S.A.V.E. program at elementary schools, Power Save program, going dark in July
  - Personal appliances in the workplace
    - Energy Conservation/Policy Committee 2011-12

# Committee Meeting Schedule

- November 30, 2011 – Pine Room
- February 1, 2012 – Pine Room
- February 29, 2012 – Board Room
- March 21, 2012 – Pine Room
- May 30, 2012 – Pine Room

# Reference Info

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- Calif. Department of Finance [www.dof.ca.gov](http://www.dof.ca.gov)
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- Legislative Analyst's Office [www.lao.ca.gov](http://www.lao.ca.gov)
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# Talking Points