



# PALISADES

## CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021  
3:30-5:00 PM, via ZOOM

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### **I. PRELIMINARY:**

A. Call to Order & Roll Call S Margiotta

Attendees: Committee Members – S Margiotta, R Rodman, D Gronich, J Asagar, Ivy Green. Non-Voting Members: P Magee, JP Herrera, A Ilyas. Additional attendees are listed on the sign-in sheet as guests.

B. Public Comments – None were made

### **II. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS):**

A. Long-Term Financial Obligations - J Herrera/A Ilyas reviewed the report as submitted. They were thanked for the thorough and easy to understand presentation. Discussions and questions were reviewed. It was agreed that a link to this presentation be distributed to the PCHS faculty and PCHS parents for review and feedback. Dr. Magee agreed to ensure that this was done. There was a question about investments of our cash reserves and it was noted that the Board has created an Ad Hoc investment committee that will begin this process. JP Herrera also clarified that it was not best practice to invest all of the monies (specifically the PPP loan). He also clarified that the school is not anticipating enrollment to go down in light of the current COVID crisis. J Rauschuber reflected that years ago the school had a team system with shared decision making. Over the years he has seen that shared decision making decrease. Decisions were made by the Board and that Board employees were not allowed to vote on those financial decisions. R Rodman echoed the need to have all of the input from every member of the community, staff, etc. to come up with creative solutions. M Ianessa pointed to the LCFF and LCAP and using these to create funding priorities. Charters have to look at State priorities when making decisions. The LCAP plan is also made through stakeholder input. There have been changes in how the State has the school look at our school needs. She asked if we could look at strategies that will meet budget priorities and LCAP plans. She asked everyone to join LTSP. And look at history of LCAP as there has been progression since 2013. She referenced the Technology Plan and that this will be needed more than ever and urged committee not to automatically look to cut technology and transportation strategic plan that involves LCAP and priorities outlined in the presentation. B Clarke expressed hope about possible increased revenue and expressed frustration on lack of investment. B King clarified the B&F Committee process according to the Charter. There is a provision in this committee that the CBO provides the draft budgets to Dept. Chairs and Bargaining Units. The Academic Departments are also encouraged to have a rep. from the Dept. to attend B&F to represent and discuss the needs of their specific academic departments. R Rodman also pointed out that needs were different 10 years ago: technology demands are higher, as are security needs. LAUSD used to pay for transportation. Referenced



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employee benefits increases as well. Critical that everyone come to B&F Committee to express their concerns/needs to education the committee to the fullest extent possible.

- B. PCHS Busing Scholarship Program - D Parcell reviewed the scholarship needs and is requesting \$200,000 for the coming year. Although the highest tiered students have graduated out with the exception of the Sr. Class. However, he is anticipating additional needs resulting from the COVID pandemic. This will be discussed further at the regular March 2021 Budget and Finance Committee meeting.
- C. PCHS Busing Contract - D Parcell reviewed the possible busing contracts. Our current provider has provided the lowest bid with the best terms. The committee agreed that D Parcell could proceed with having the vendor draft the contract. Based upon the Financial Obligations presentation further discussion will occur before reviewing/approving the contract and making recommendations to the Board.

### V. OTHER:

- A. Member Concerns – None expressed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.

Date of Next Regular Meeting: March 8, 2021. Agenda items must be submitted to B&F Committee Recording Secretary (E Grady) by March 1, 2021 @ 2pm (via EMAIL).