

AGENDA

Tamalpais Union High School District

Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee

(PTCOC) April 1, 2020 - Minutes

8:30-10:30am

<https://zoom.us/j/769703054>

Committee Members:

Robin Moses - Chairperson

John Richard - Vice Chairperson

Jennifer Ginsburg

Tammy Wilks Kornfeld

Bill Levinson

TUHSD Staff:

Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer & PTCOC Secretary

Lorie Perez, Administrative Assistant of Business Services

Our Mission:

THE TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT is dedicated to the development of creative, passionate, and self-motivated learners. Upon graduation, students will be prepared for engaged citizenship and able to contribute individually and collaboratively in order to address the challenges of a dynamic and diverse world. To these ends, all students will demonstrate mastery of core competencies and will be offered meaningful learning experiences to enable them to access and critically analyze information, pose substantive questions, and communicate effectively..

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Public comment on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee but not on the agenda will be taken at the conclusion of all substantive action and discussion items on the agenda, as indicated on the agenda. In keeping with provisions of the Brown Act, the Committee cannot comment on items that are not on the agenda.

Agenda:

1.0 Call to Order

Due to the Covid-19 Shelter-in-Place order, the regular meeting of the Tamalpais Union High School District Parcel Tax Committee was held online through Zoom.

The meeting was called to order 8:30am.

Corbett spoke briefly about Zoom and shared screen for agenda

2.0 Information Q&A: Brief COVID-19 update from TUHSD Board Meeting on 3/24/2020

The closure might continue through May 1. Likely possibility closed for the remainder of the year. Decision might be in the next week or so. The district is working on dynamic distance learning protocol, which will be published to the community April 3, 2020.

2.1) Share results of parcel tax Measure B election from March 3rd, 2020

- As of March 12th, only 62.91% voted 'yes' out of 53,232 votes
- 2/3rd or 66.67% 'yes' votes needed for parcel tax passage in California

Corbett gave an update about Measure B, which did not pass. It has not officially been certified yet, it was at 63.8%. We need 66.7 to pass.

The committee members had no questions

3.0 Discussion/Action Items

Review & Discuss [Parcel Tax COC Bylaws](#) & [Ballot Measure \(J\)](#)

Purpose: Audit function; not decision-making on how to make the funds that they align with measure J. we are spending the dollars on teachers. Refer to the colorful table.

- **Duties: Ensure expenditures align with ballot measure**

Annual report to trustees in October. Unaudited actuals have to be approved by October. Finalize any of our reports in late September.

Review a draft report and present to the board in October.

The committee members had no questions

- **Discuss potential format for Annual Report to Board in October**

Corbett shared that Robin, John and himself looked at several reports. A simple cover letter from the committee to the board summarizing what the findings are for five different sites, nine departments and a formal written report. All three will be brought to the September meeting.

Bill recommended that the committee make certain the format of the report has language from the measure because the measure and report align.

Corbett was in agreement. Start campaign mode for measure X

- Cover letter from PTCOC members
- Table showing teacher positions funded by Measure J proceeds
- Formal written report

TUHSD Budget Overview - Discuss 2019-20 2nd interim budget report presentation

- **2nd Interim budget report [slidedeck](#)**

Corbett reviewed the slidedeck with the committee that was presented on March 10 to the board. Where are we through January 1, 2021. No significant changes this Fiscal Year. Projecting a small surplus.

- **Discuss impact of Measure B failure & next steps**

Corbett reviewed implications of Measure B failing. First meeting tomorrow to discuss the failing of Measure B and recommendations for next steps. Discussed the

possibility of Measure X being place on the November 2020. March 15 deadline for potential layoffs. The board will need to make a final decision by May 15. Fiscal Advisory Committee to be reinstated. Only 2 regular elections left, November 2020 and March 2022. Special election dates 2021. Significant costs for special election. Option for mail in only with no polling places.

The committee discussed if TUHSD is confident in the advice given by their Campaign Consultants.

Corbett expressed his confidence in the campaign, especially since we saw up and down the state of CA measures did not do well.

Jennifer said she feels the consultant is an easy scapegoat and that it is more about the climate than their ability to perform for us.

Corbett explained there has been suggestions to suspend the Team program, limiting elective offerings, suspending the journalism release period and stipend associated. Release period only. Some student have nine classes and maybe we | should limit students to seven periods. Board has not acted on them yet, but reserved the right. Continue suspension of the teacher leadership program. Tighten our staffing next year. Minimize classes that are below contractual relations with the TFT. That adds up to @ \$1.4 million.

Jennifer asked if there be a decision to deficit spend because we are hopeful that the Parcel Tax will pass in November. Are we looking to balance or hedge a little?

Corbett said that is the exact question the board is wrestling with its all about the next parcel tax.

- **Resource: [EdSource article](#) on high failure rate of California school measures on March ballot**

The pension situation is a hot button up and down the state and that might be what negatively impacted Measure B.

Bill recommended including a line about STRS/PERS retirement.

John asked if there is a cola adjustment every year.

Corbett said there is. Some people assume that we are putting more money into that and the employee is getting more out but it is not that way. We have had success with the CEC classrooms and estimate we will save 2.5 million with opening of these classrooms

John asked if there would be cost savings for not operating the school systems for the next 3 months.

Corbett explained there have been some savings on transportation costs, food costs, some expenditure increases as in hazard pay for essential staff. Potentially insignificant to the loss of the parcel tax. Saving @ \$100,000-\$200,000.

Bill asked if the district is supposed to receive million property tax and county is only able to collect \$900,000. Are we owed the \$100,000?

Corbett explained we are owed that amount and when it does not come through he

does not know the mechanism the county uses. They float us a loan in anticipation of receiving them.

Jennifer said however we move forward we need strong leadership. Our hope is going forward that more people will say I get it and will get involved.

John asked if we going to get the tax advisory group on board before launching the campaign?

Bill said the board has a responsibility to provide quality education. It almost passed probably had to do with a lot different factors.

Corbett said Measure B was the option requiring no additional budget cuts; It will be a critical 24 months ahead.

3.3 Review PTCOC Communications protocols

- PTCOC Website: <https://www.tamdistrict.org/Page/12317>
Robin touched on the communication protocols. It has been working very well, keep all your questions send directly to either her or Corbett, no chain communications.

3.4 Approve Minutes of the January 22, 2020 PTCOC Meeting

Robin, John, Bill, Tammy, Jennifer, unanimously

4.0 Future Agenda Items

Bill requested a report from Corbett bringing us up to speed as to what people have learned about the Measure B failure
What 20-21 will look like?
Covid update
Budget update related to parcel tax

Next meeting September 20, 2020 - 8:30am

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57am.

5.0 Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

At this time, members of the public may address the PTCOC on any items, not on the agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PTCOC. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to no more than three minutes.

There was no public comment.

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6.0 Next Meeting

September 30, 2020 from 8:30-10:30am in Kreps Conference Center to review draft of 2019-20 annual report for Measure J

The Tamalpais Union High School District Parcel Tax Oversight Committee meetings are open to the public.

The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information, please call Lorie Perez, Administrative Assistant, at 415-945-1037