



NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTES

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Superintendent's Advisory Committee

District Office – 1015 7th Street, Novato – Room 107

September 23, 2024

5-7pm

1. Welcome & Introductions (meeting started at 5:05 PM)

2. Budget / Enrollment Updates

- a. Revenue = money coming in via the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)
 - i. Federal Revenues = title money, Special Education
 - ii. Other State Revenues = programs like ELOP (Expanded Learning Opportunities Program)
 - iii. Other Local Revenues = donations, Medi-Cal billing
 - iv. Transfers = money coming in from other funds
- b. Expenses = money going out
 - i. Position Control greatly affected these numbers (i.e. when there is a position that you know you're not going to fill, you can remove it from the budget)
- c. The numbers for the Original Budget, July 31 and August 31 were presented, along with a look at the difference between July and August. By the time we get to First Interim, things will continue to change as we receive money in categories at different times throughout the year
- d. In regards to enrollment, we have seen steady growth since 2021-2022, with our goal to increase to 7300 this year. The numbers presented were based on August enrollments, but we do see continued enrollments throughout the year (newcomers are a large part of that increase)

3. Budget Education

- a. Unaudited Actuals
 - i. We ended the year better than anticipated in large part thanks to Jeff correcting errors in QSS (District's financial accounting system).
 - ii. Nothing was cut, there were no program changes
 - iii. Unaudited Actuals brought us to a deficit of \$4 million
- b. Titles/Federal Funding
 - i. Every year the Board is asked to approve ConApp (Consolidated Application) which is the District saying "we agree to utilize these funds within the federal parameters when we receive them"
 - ii. Federal Fiscal Year = October-September
 - iii. There are multiple "titles" but only Titles 1-4 receive funding (i.e. Title 9 outlines anti-discrimination, we don't receive funding for that).

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- iv. Within each title there are categories = not eligible, eligible, targeted (only eligible to spend that money on the students its intended for, not sitewide).
 - 1. Title 1 – Based on Federal census data, for unduplicated students (bridging the gap to access). 6 elementary schools receive this in NUSD (\$730,000 in 23-24)
 - 2. Title 2 – Teacher and educator professional development (\$164,000 in 23-24)
 - 3. Title 3 – Immigrant and English Learners (\$160,000 in 23-24)
 - 4. Title 4 – Technology / Services, not laptops but hot spots for students that are unhoused, for example (\$75,000 in 23-24)
- c. Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) – currently undergoing this deep-dive audit that occurs every 4 years and looks into the current and previous year. This audit covers all titles and occasionally includes some state program monitoring.

4. Revenue Generation Discussion

- a. Something to think about for future meetings. The goal is not to cut programs, people, or funding. We want to instead focus on how we can bring in more revenue.
- b. This could be thought of not only as how to bring in more money, but the best ways to fundraise, or how to make our money go further.
- c. An update to the facilities policies is being brought to the September 24 Board Meeting
 - i. New: three-tier rate system
 - 1. Tier 1: Approved Partners (PTSA/PTA/PTO, School Fuel for example) – able to use facilities for free
 - 2. Tier 2: Non-Profits – able to use facilities for a reduced rate
 - 3. Tier 3: Fair Market Rate
 - ii. Goal is to receive funding for the wear and tear on our facilities that are otherwise constantly booked by groups that do not pay for them.
- d. Grants
 - i. STOP grant (stop violence) applied for in June
 - ii. We are applying for an electric bus grant which required an infrastructure build out
 - iii. SAM.gov or grants.gov to see what grants are out there and available to Districts.

5. Adjournment (6:57 PM)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mondays from 5-7 PM in District Office Room 107

October 28

January 13

March 10