



Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC)

Meeting # 1 Minutes

September 5, 2018

Members Unable to Attend:

Kory Curtis
Ray David

Dan Mahle
Julie Rink

Chris Sexton
Al Sorrels

Ebony Wilson

Minutes:

- **Logistics** – Meeting began at 6:15 pm with introductions started by Dr. Rogers. Pam Spooner was introduced as their liaison. Each member was asked to introduce themselves; their background and how it would benefit CBAC; and connections to LISD (parent, staff, community member, business leader, etc.).
- Dr. Rogers walked the group through their provided binders and first discussed the Board-approved Charter. The purpose of the group is to provide short and long-term cost-saving recommendations for presentation to the LISD Board of Trustees and the community. Afterwards, there were no questions so the tentative Fall meeting dates were set. Those dates are Sept. 26, 2018; Oct. 17, 2018; Nov. 14, 2018 (originally Nov. 6th but that's election day); and Nov. 26, 2018. CBAC short-term recommendations will be presented to the LISD Board of Trustees on Dec. 17, 2018. Dr. Rogers discussed that these meetings are not secretive and there would be future Open Meetings posted. Yet, there is also a need to show discretion on various topics discussed since they are ideas or recommendations.
- The last part of the Logistics section of the agenda dealt with demonstration of the CBAC tab and Financial Transparency on the LISD Website. Each member was provided an individual login to access CBAC materials online. It was also discussed that there would be an ongoing list of FAQs created based on the committee's input.
- Dr. Rogers ended with providing a short-term CBAC Goal – find \$15 million in the budget for the December Budget Workshop. The recommendations must be filtered with 3 considerations: effectiveness; ease of implementation; and consider unintended consequences.
- **Financial Context** – At 7:05 pm, Mike Ball (CFO) began his PowerPoint presentation where he discussed the LISD budget (actual and future) along with the changing landscapes of Recapture, Increasing Student Needs, and Resource Stewardship. Discussion that occurred included Dr. Rogers stating, "there are about 1,000 school districts in Texas and hundreds of them are at their maximum debt (50 cent test)." Mike Ball explained that Recapture, while known as Robin Hood or Wealth Equalization, it is money given back to the General Fund of the State. Dr. Rogers ended with, "As stated by Texas Speaker of the House Strauss, we cannot talk about property tax relief without talking about school finance reform."
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm and Mr. Ball will finish his presentation on *The Future* at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th.