

# **MINUTES/NOTES**

Meeting: ECASD Referendum Committee

**Date:** September 29, 2023 **Time:** 12:00p.m. – 1:30p.m. **Location:** Administration Building Room 137

	□ Lori Bica	⊠ Erica Zerr		⋈ Mike Johnson
☐ Kay Marks	☐ Kaying Xiong	☐ Kim Koller	☐ Mandy Van Vleet	

<sup>\*</sup> Committee Chair

The regular meeting of the Referendum Committee was called to order by Marquell Johnson at 12:04p.m. on September 29, 2023. Quorum was met.

Notes: Marisa Pomplun

#### • Public Comment

No Public Comment today

### Approval of Previous Minutes

• The minutes from August 7 were reviewed.

Lori Bica made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023 Referendum Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Erica Zerr. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### • Referendum Work

- There was follow up on questions from the previous meeting about what was included in the previous operating referendums. Abby shared the tax rate history for the group to review that went back to the '80s.
- The School Board said if the 2007-08 referendum did not pass, there would be significant reductions that would need to be done. There were cuts that were made in February 2007 to get the District ready for the referendum.
- The group talked about what impact would look like for an April or November 2024 Referendum. They discussed what budgeting/staffing would look like if we didn't know the outcome until November. It will be important for the community to understand the difference between the capital referendum and an operational referendum.
- Articulating the positions that are most beneficial to our students and the efforts to meet state and national goals will be important as well as addressing recruiting and retaining those hard to fill positions.
- Decisions may need to wait until after the 2023-24 budget is adopted on which timeline the District should follow.

## **Action Items**

- Data from similar size district/property values to see their equalized values and where we are in comparison.
- Timelines for April (operational components from survey basic skills and social/emotional health)
- 2023-24 Budget Adoption
- What do board members need to be doing this school year to provide marketing? (2016 timeline)
- Articulate student wait time to be seen/worked with if we had more xxx the data would be better.

#### Wrap-up Meeting

• Next meeting October 30, 2023

Erica Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marquell Johnson. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:17p.m.