



## Measure W Committee Meeting Minutes

Unadopted  
Minutes

June 4, 2012

District Office Board Room 1

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Pam Becker, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services.
2. Introductions were made, one guest, Dale Warner, was in attendance.
3. The Committee had a quorum.
4. Ms. Becker reviewed the purpose of the Committee and the role the Measure W Oversight Committee was charged with. This is a Committee of the Board, so all the rules that govern the conduct of open, public meetings apply.
5. On motion by Donna Glanville, second by Kevin Costello, the minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting, as amended, the minutes of the April 3, 2012 meeting and the minutes of the May 1, 2012 were unanimously approved.
6. On motion by Donna Glanville, second by Jan Anderson, the Budget Allocation proposal for 2011-2012 was unanimously approved.
7. The Committee discussed the annual Measure W Oversight Committee Board Report and power point presentation which will be made by La Toya Brown. The report covers the activities of the Committee during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
8. The Committee discussed the proposed parcel tax renewal and its importance to have that continue to assist the district's budget. Ms. Becker shared with the committee a flyer that is being distributed to all students this week which is intended to provide parents with information about renewing the parcel tax. Mr. Warner suggested that the new ballot measure, which requires adoption by the Board by August 10<sup>th</sup> include language about measuring the impact of the funds on students.
9. The next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2012 at 6:00 pm.. The Committee will review the 2011-2012 Measure W unaudited actual fund report, will discuss the 2012-2013 budget allocation, and will discuss the parcel tax renewal.
10. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Linda Chen

Richard Claspill

David Cohen

David Neighbors

Khoa Nguyen



# Berryessa Union School District

Marc B. Liebman, Superintendent

## Measure W Oversight Committee

The Measure W Oversight Committee will be considered a standing committee of the Board reporting to the Board of Trustees and will exist for the period of time Measure W is in effect. The Board of Trustees establishes this committee with the following role and operational

### Role of the Committee

The role of the Measure W Oversight Committee will be two-fold, that of ensuring accountability for how the funds generated by Measure W and that they are consistent with the parameters of the Measure and assessing the impact of the programs/personnel funded by Measure W has on the students of the district. This will be accomplished by:

### Fiscal Accountability

- Working with the district, and the district's independent auditors to annually review what Measure W funds were received, how they were allocated, and how they were spent;
- Determining if those funds were expended in accordance with the Measure's intent; and

### Impact on Students

- Working with the district, the Committee will review the impact of Measure W funded programs/personnel on students/student learning.

Starting in September, 2010 the Committee will make annual reports to the Board on both the fiscal accountability and impact on students of programs/personnel funded by Measure W.

### Committee Membership

Membership on the Measure W Oversight Committee will include the following categories and numbers of people:

- Community: 3 community members not related to an employee or having children currently in the district but reside within the district's boundaries.
- Parents: One parent with a child enrolled in the district from each of the three school "families" in the district.
- Employees: 6 employees with 2 members representing teachers, 2 members representing classified personnel, and two members representing management.
- Term of office will be 3 years.
- The Committee will select a president and vice-president annually.
- The Committee will select two of its members annually to participate on the District Budget Committee.
- The Superintendent will act as a non-voting Executive Officer to the Committee.

### Selection

The Board of Trustees will be responsible for the selection of the members of Measure W Oversight Committee.

- The Board will post/advertise the positions inside and outside of the district and on our web page for a period of not less than 3 weeks.
- A short written application process will be used to gather information about the candidates and their experience.
- In open meetings the Board of Trustees will select applicants to be interviewed, interview those candidates and determine whom to select as members of the Committee in each category. The Board will take action to appoint those candidates.

### **Meetings**

The meetings of the Measure W Oversight Committee will:

- be posted and held in compliance with state open meeting laws;
- post agendas at the District Office, district schools and on the district web site at least 72 hours prior to each meeting;
- post minutes and other documents used by the Committee will be posted on the web site;
- allow public input and participation consistent with state open meeting laws;
- hold meetings at intervals and times determined by the Committee so as to allow for employee and public input; and
- hold meetings at the District Office.

**Official Argument in Favor on Measure W**  
**Berryessa Union School District**  
**Election Date: November 4, 2008**  
**Word Count: 281**

Test scores in Berryessa schools confirm that student achievement is improving. This is due to exceptional teachers, innovative educational programs, and the strong support our schools receive from parents and the community.

However, Berryessa Union School District is facing severe budget cuts due to state reductions in education funding and is 30<sup>th</sup> of 32 districts in our County in funding. To address this, our schools have:

- Cut district administration by 40%
- Eliminated teaching positions
- Reduced counseling
- Reduced library hours
- Reduced after school tutoring
- Reduced support for students learning English

Even with these cuts, our schools face a \$1.3 million deficit. Further cuts will negatively impact students.

Measure W is on the ballot to provide stable, locally-controlled funding to prevent additional devastating cuts. Specifically, Measure W will:

- Retain qualified teachers and avoid layoffs;
- Maintain reading and math;
- Keep school libraries open;
- Provide hands-on science instruction;
- Update and expand classroom technology; and
- Fund programs that enhance student achievement.

Measure W will last five years. The cost to homeowners is \$79 per year. An exemption is available for seniors to ensure this measure is not a burden to those living on fixed incomes.

Every penny raised by Measure W will stay in our community to benefit our children. No money can be taken by the State or used for administrator salaries.

An independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits will ensure Measure W funds are spent properly.

The reading, math, science and technology programs funded by this measure will help ensure our students are performing at grade level and are ready to succeed in high school and college.

Good schools protect property values, which is more important now than ever.

Please vote Yes on W.



# Berryessa Union School District

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Marc B. Liebman, Superintendent

## ABBREVIATED TEXT OF MEASURE W

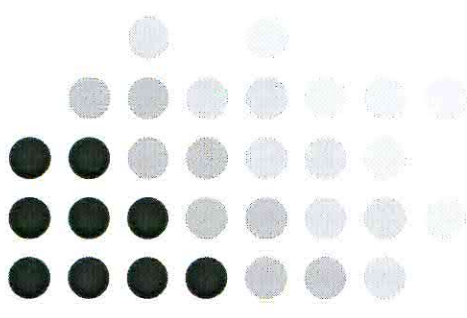
To prevent deep cuts and maintain quality education at our neighborhood schools by attracting and retaining qualified teachers; maintaining reading/math tutoring; keeping school libraries open; providing hands-on science instruction; keeping classroom technology updated; and funding programs that enhance student achievement; shall Berryessa Union School District levy \$79 dollars per parcel annually for 5 years with an exemption for seniors, a citizens' oversight committee, no money for administrators salaries and all money benefiting local schools?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

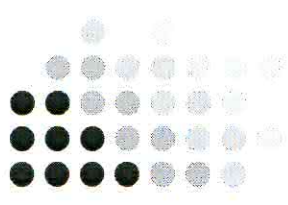
# MEASURE W OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 2, 2012



# Budget Allocation for 2011-2012 – Board Approved June 19, 2012

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• Math Program	
• Teacher Salaries	\$347,269
• Science Program	
• Teacher Salaries	\$264,761
• Library Services	
• Library Media Tech Salaries	\$500,000
• Counselors	\$80,969
• Technology	\$500,000

**d. Measure W Budget Allocation for the 2011-2012 fiscal year**

(c)  
June 19, 2012  
Status:

**Quick Summary / Abstract**

Approve the Measure W Budget Allocation plan for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

**Requested Action(s)/Recommendation**

It is requested the Board of Trustees approve the Budget Allocation plan for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

**Background Information/Comments**

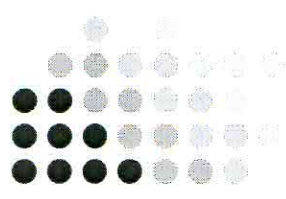
At the Measure W Oversight Committee's June 4, 2012 the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Board allocate the Measure W funds for 2011-2012 to the following areas: Math teachers: \$347,269; Science teachers \$264,761; Library Services \$500,000; Counselors \$80,969; Technology \$500,000. The Measure W Committee met 4 times during the course of the year, however there was not a quorum of Committee members until the June meeting. A quorum is required for purposes of voting and making decisions. There currently still exist 4 vacancies on the Committee. A member of the Committee, La Toya Brown, presented the Measure W annual report to the board at the June 5, 2012 meeting and described the activities of the Committee during the year and presented the recommendation for the proposed budget allocation. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2012.

Proposed Budget Allocations		
Measure W Income		\$1,693,000
Math Program	\$347,269	
Science Program	\$264,761	
Library Services	\$500,000	
Counselors	\$ 80,969	
Technology	\$500,000	
Total Budget Allocation		\$1,693,000

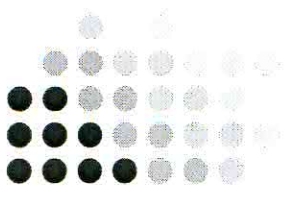
**Fiscal Profile**

Measure W funds received by the District total \$1,693,000.

# Proposed Budget Allocation for 2012-2013



- Same as 2011-2012
- Math Program
  - Teacher Salaries \$347,269
- Science Program
  - Teacher Salaries \$264,761
- Library Services
  - Library Media Tech Salaries \$500,000
- Counselors \$80,969
- Technology \$500,000



# Next Steps

- Request Board approval for 2012-2013 budget allocation plan
- Schedule meeting in January to review Measure W allocations
  - Review results of November election and discuss implications for District
  - Discuss any changes that might be recommended based upon November's results
  - Establish date for annual report to the Board

Vote YES on X to protect strong academic programs in math, science, reading and writing, and retain qualified teachers in our neighborhood elementary and middle schools, without increasing tax rates by a single penny.

In 2008, Berryessa voters overwhelmingly approved a measure to provide stable, local funding to support educational programs and classroom instruction in our neighborhood schools.

Now, this critical Berryessa school funding will expire unless voters choose to renew it.

Without increasing taxes, your YES vote will protect the keys to academic success in our neighborhood schools.

BerryessaUnionSchoolDistrict provides a great education for neighborhood children. Berryessa's student test scores on statewide exams continue to rise and all schools exceed the State's benchmark goal for achievement in core academic subjects.

Yet, the State has cut \$9 million in annual funding from our local schools' budget in the past 5 years. Our schools face even more in potential cuts next year. We simply can't rely on the State to provide the stable funding that our schools need and neighborhood students deserve.

Vote YES to renew existing funding for Berryessa schools that cannot be taken by the State.

- Maintain strong core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science
- Keep schools safe and drug free
- Attract and retain qualified teachers
- Provide updated classroom technology
- Keep school libraries open

Measure X requires citizen oversight and financial accountability.

- Not one penny of Measure X can be taken away by the State
- Independent citizen oversight ensures all funds are spent as promised
- No funds can be used for administrators' salaries, benefits or pensions
- Homeowners age 65 or older can receive an exemption

Our great local schools are part of what make Berryessa neighborhoods desirable, keeping property values strong for all of us.

Join parents, teachers, retirees and community leaders—vote YES on X.