

### **Berryessa Union School District**

Will Ector Jr., 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 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.

Board Approval: March 10, 2009

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### **Measure W Committee Meeting Minutes**

Unadopted Minutes May 1, 2012

### District Office Board Room 1

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Pam Becker, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services.
- 2. Introductions were made.
- 3. There was no quorum, no action could be taken.
- 4. The Committee discussed the upcoming report to the board regarding the new survey recently completed to determine if the voters would support extension of the existing parcel tax, commonly known as "Measure W". Ms. Becker reported that the survey results are being finalized, but early indications show positive support for extension of the parcel tax. The Committee discussed the importance of letting the community know about the growth in student achievement and some of the recent accomplishments (Blue Ribbon Schools, Distinguished Schools).
- 5. A new data chart on the growth in English Language Arts test scores was shared with the Committee.
- 6. There was a request to have the Measure W budget broken down and identified more clearly.
- 7. The Committee is required to make a report to the Board of Trustees, annually. La Toya Brown volunteered to report to the Board at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 8. The next Measure W Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2012 at 6:00 pm.
- 9. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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### Measure W Committee Meeting Minutes

Unadopted Minutes

April 3, 2012

### District Office Board Room 1

- 1. Call to order by Assistant Superintendent, Pam Becker at 6:05 pm.
- Introductions were made.
- 3. There was no quorum, therefore no action could be taken at this meeting
- 4. The members reviewed the student performance data and engaged in extensive conversation around the meaning of the trends and how student performance is improving in Berryessa. The effects of funding from Measure W can be seen by improved test scores. The Committee suggested adding scores from Reading and Language Arts to complete the comparisons. The Committee also discussed the importance of Measure W funding on the districts' libraries. Without Measure W funding, the libraries would be closed. One of the most important benefits to children for having open, operating libraries is how the library can help a child develop a love of reading and a love of learning. When children have this positive experience, they will be successful.
- 5. The Committee discussed the renewal of Measure W and Ms. Becker shared the process that is currently being undertaken to move that process forward. The District has hired a research firm to survey voters in the District regarding their willingness to continue the parcel tax.
- 6. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2012. Ms. Becker indicated that she will do her best to see that some of the vacant positions on the Committee are filled by that time.
- 7. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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### **Measure W Committee Meeting Minutes**

Unadopted Minutes

December 6, 2011

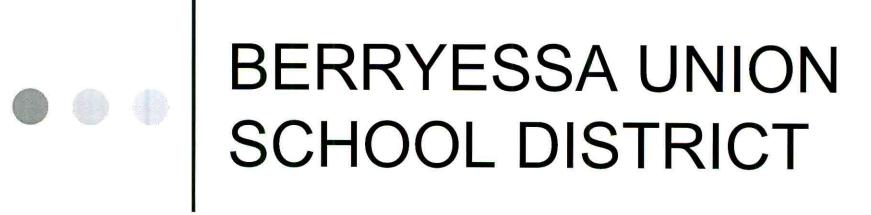
### District Office Board Room 1

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Assistant Superintendent, Pam Becker at 6:05 pm. Present were Jan Anderson, Kevin Costello, Donna Glanville, Virgie Catbagan and Pam Becker. There was not a quorum.
- 2. Those in attendance were welcome and introductions were made.
- 3. A review of the Committee's history and previous documents was made. Included was "Exhibit A" the Abbreviated text of the ballot measure, the Board agenda item that created the Measure W Oversight Committee and the document describing the charge and composition of the Committee. There was discussion about the two areas of responsibility, fiscal oversight and measurement of impact on programs / personnel / students. Ms. Becker told the Committee that she would discuss how to measure program impact with the Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, Dr. Barbara Johnston and would bring that information back to the Committee at the next meeting.
- 4. A review of the Allocation of Measure W funds was made. The Committee reviewed the Board designated distribution with the financial summary report and concluded that the funds were spent in 2010-2011 as the Board had intended. The committee also discussed presenting future information in a clearer format so the community would be able to better understand the impact Measure W has on the District. Without these funds, the District would NOT have been able to fund many of the areas designated by the Board. Ms. Becker will provide more information about the number of teachers, library media techs, and other personnel whose salaries are paid for by Measure W. The Committee also indicated that it would be important to demonstrate the creativity the District has employed to continue to provide services to students with shrinking State resources and how invaluable the Measure W funds are to the success of students.
- 5. The next meeting of the Committee will be March 20, 2012. At the January 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, a Committee report to the Board will be made by Donna Glanville. It is also expected that the Board will determine how it wishes to move forward to either select or reappoint members all of whose terms expire in March of 2012. Ms. Becker indicated that when the Superintendent appoints members to fill temporary vacancies, another meeting of the Committee will be called prior to the March, 2012 meeting.
- 6. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

### Measure W Committee June 4, 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 |



Measure W Annual Report to the Board of Trustees

June 5, 2012

## Measure W Committee Meetings

- o December 6, 2011
- o April 3, 2012
- o May 1, 2012
- o June 4, 2012

# Measure W Committee Members

- o Community Representative (3)
  - Kevin Costello
  - LaToya Brown
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- o Employee Representative (5)
  - Virgie Catbagan Management
  - Karen Mattos Management
  - Donna Glanville (CSEA)
  - Pete Reyes (Teamsters)
  - Jan Anderson CTAB

# Measure W Committee Vacancies

- o Employee Representative (1)
  - CTAB
- o Parent Representative (3)
  - Sierramont Family
  - Piedmont Family
  - Morrill Family

### Measure W Committee Oversight Responsibilities

- Fiscal Accountability
  - Annually review funds received, how they were allocated, how they were spent.
    - Completed December 6, 2011
- o Impact on Students
  - Review impact of Measure W funded programs/personnel/student learning
    - Completed April 3, 2012 and May 1, 2012

# Measure W Fund Allocation 2010-2011

o Teacher Salaries

\$1.397 M

- Music Teacher
- BEST Program
- Algebra Program

o Library / Media Tech

\$ 120 K

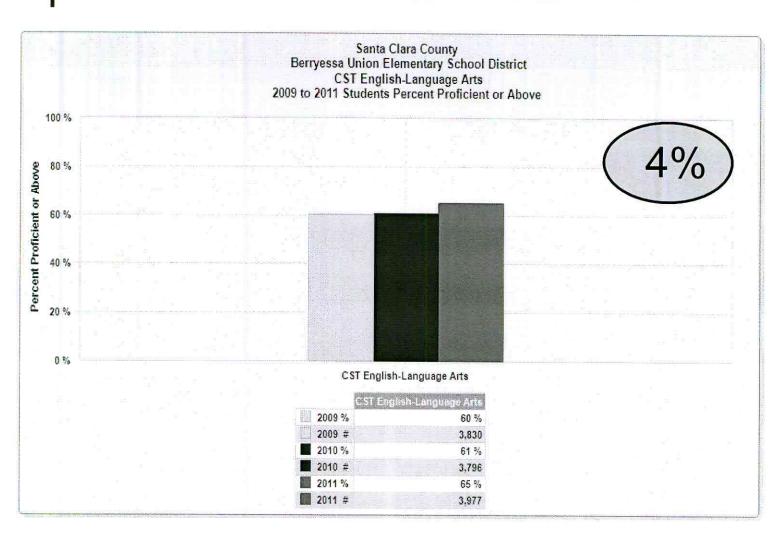
o Counselors

\$ 73 K

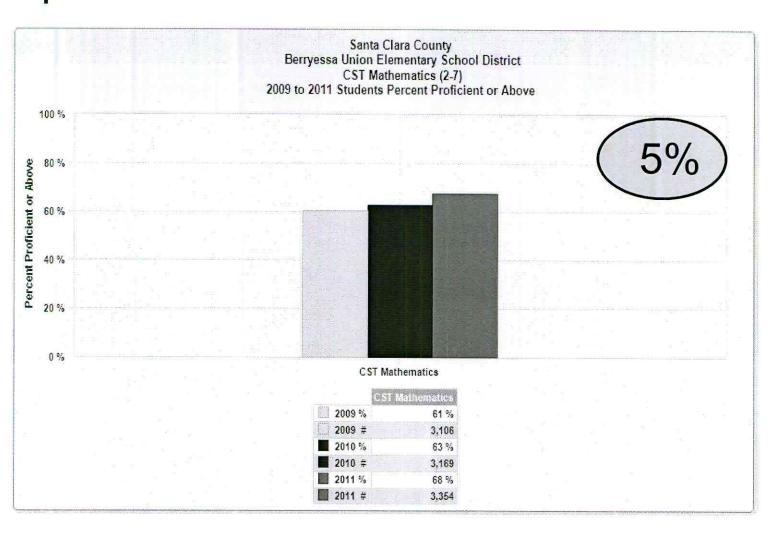
Technology

\$ 97 K

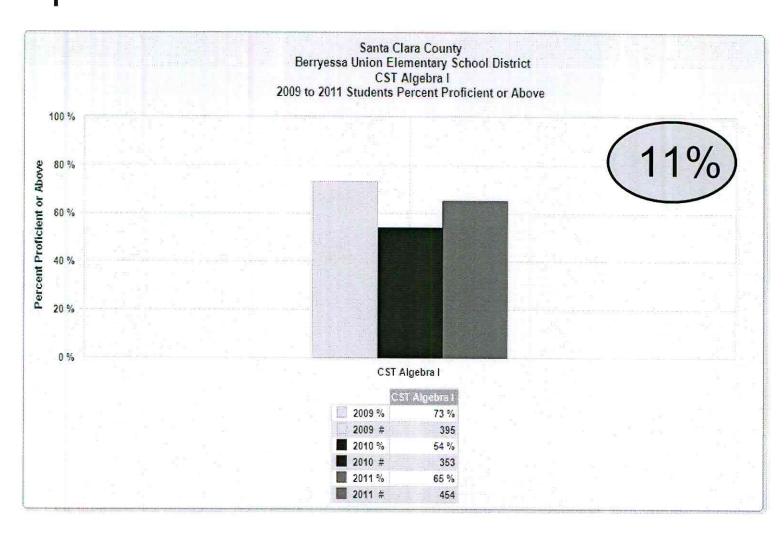
### Student English Language Arts Achievement Data



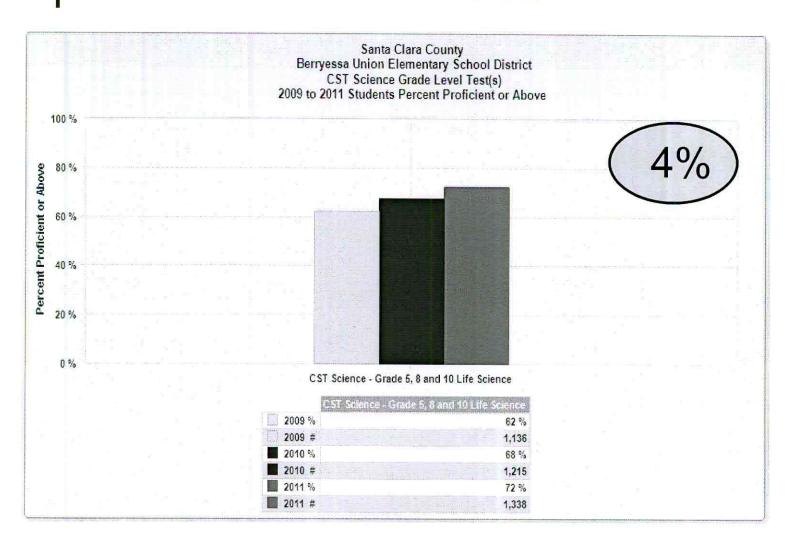
### Student Mathematics Grade 2-7 Achievement Data



## Student Algebra Achievement Data



### Student Science Achievement Data



### Proposed Budget Allocation for 2011-2012

o Math Teachers \$347,269

Science Teachers \$264,761

o Library Services \$500,000

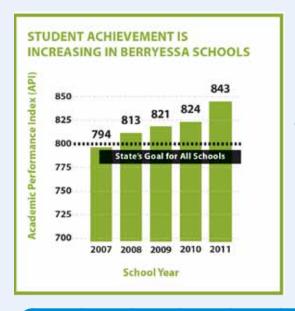
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o Technology \$500,000



o Questions??

### Renewing Stable Local Funding For Our Elementary and Middle Schools Berryessa Union School District



The Berryessa Union School District provides challenging and well-rounded educational programs for local students. Our qualified teachers prepare students for high school and college, which is reflected in consistently increasing student test scores on statewide exams.

### **Protecting Strong Education in Our Schools**

In November 2008, voters overwhelmingly approved a local education parcel tax for our schools, which is due to expire soon. This stable source of revenue provides \$1.7 million per year to protect critical academic programs and teachers. Since 2008, the State has cut \$9 million from the District's budget. That is why this existing local funding for our schools is important—it is a reliable and stable source of locally controlled funding for our schools.

### **Renewing Funding for Our Schools without Increasing Taxes**

To maintain a top-quality education, the Berryessa Union School District Board of Education is considering placing a measure on the November 2012 ballot. The measure would renew the expiring \$79 parcel tax, without increasing the tax rate.

### The Renewal Would:

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

### **Fiscal Accountability Measures**

- All funds would go straight to our local elementary and middle schools and cannot be taken away by the State
- ✓ An independent citizens' oversight committee would ensure all funds from this measure are spent as promised
- ✓ None of the funds could be used to increase salaries, benefits or pensions
- ✓ Homeowners age 65 and older would receive an exemption
- ✓ The renewal would expire in 8 years and could not be renewed without voter approval

### We Want to Know What You Think

We invite all parents and community members to share their thoughts and ask questions about funding for our schools. No final decisions have been made and your input is critical. For questions or comments please contact Superintendent Will Ector at **info@berryessa.k12.ca.us**