

Re: CCUSD Portfolio Analysis

From: Hamme, Debbie <debbiehamme@ccusd.org>

Wed, Oct 12, 2022 at 9:48 AM PDT (GMT-07:00)

To: Robert Quinn <robertquinn@ccusd.org>

One more thing: the LMI does not have a policy that two members of the school board should be part of the partnership. It was Leslie's idea to expand the partnership and we are struggling even more than we have in prior years as a result. I find it concerning that the two members of our school board who are responsible for the board's dysfunction can't wait to force themselves into the partnership so they can do the same to our group.

Best,

Debbie

On Wed, Oct 12, 2022 at 9:31 AM Hamme, Debbie <debbiehamme@ccusd.org> wrote:

Good morning, Robert,

These are the concerns I have:

- #1. The proposal was presented without specified cost to the district. Steve called for something in the range of \$100,000 at the last meeting? Have we met that goal? How do we know what to support without that key piece of information?
- #2. I understand that the proposal was modified with direct input from Mr. Tran who had Zoom meetings with Brookwood and I don't feel that was appropriate. It clearly shows that this company is being given special consideration. The comment that it was "legal" to *not* send something like this out for bid, does not make it ethical.
- #3. No one at the district, nor on the board (with the exception of Mrs. McBride), wants to take into consideration the concerns that staff and members of the community have shared at the last two board meetings. No one *cares* about the stakeholder input they've *been* getting, yet they constantly talk about "gathering stakeholder input".
- #4. It bothers me that this is obviously being pushed through by Kelly Kent and Paula Amezola. Kelly went as far as to claim that the board never reached a consensus about what issues could be voted on with a four member board and stated she couldn't remember the board "promising a survey". If this is her way of addressing the push back, it makes no sense. It was the board's responsibility to come to consensus on both of those issues before moving forward.
- #5. Kelly asking her followers on Twitter to come to board meetings to support her vision has resulted in one person (Patrick Meighan) showing up at the last two meetings to give anecdotal "evidence" that we are losing staff due to the lack of Workforce Housing in Culver City. I am sorry that his child's kindergarten teacher left CCUSD 12 years ago. Stuff happens. If we aren't doing exit interviews in HR, then we have no idea why employees are leaving, but I'll tell you this...it isn't about housing--it's about lack of support, poor leadership and poor communication. All of the things that showed up in our morale survey.
- #6. We've clearly got a dysfunctional board and it was never more evident than at last night's meeting where the board president thought it was appropriate to interrupt Mrs. McBride in the middle of her "time" to admonish her that she didn't understand what was being discussed. Neither was it appropriate for Mrs. Amezola to pile on afterwards to tell Mrs. McBride that she needs to figure out a way to get on board with the rest of the board members. Mrs. McBride is entitled to her own opinion on anything and everything that the board discusses, period. And she seems to be the only board member who actually does understand the issue and has listened to the "stakeholder input" that has come the board's way.

I know that most of what I've shared with you probably doesn't answer your original question to CBAC, but thank you for letting me vent, as a friend. This whole situation is more than ridiculous at this point and no one with the power to do so is reigning it in.

Best,

Debbie

On Wed, Oct 12, 2022 at 8:17 AM Robert Quinn <robertquinn@ccusd.org> wrote:

Hi CBACs,

First – please **do not reply all** to this email; that would violate Brown Act to have a group discussion in that manner.

At last night's Board meeting, there was a follow up information item/presentation from Brookwood, with a more narrow scope than their previous presentation. The item explanation is below. We discussed their first proposal at our last CBAC meeting but did not look for group consensus or action. However, the Board is interested in the CBAC opinion. If you care to, please send me your thoughts on this new proposal and what you think about proceeding with just this step. No final decision has been made on proposal costs and funding but if approved, we would use Restricted Redevelopment money to pay for this work.

If you have any questions before replying, please feel free to answer me and Mr. Tran.

*Depending on how this goes, I may hold a special CBAC meantime sometime before Oct 25 to formalize the CBAC response.

Thank you!

Culver City Unified School District staff and Brookwood© Advisors will present a proposed plan to review current CCUSD-owned properties.

The proposed plan will set in motion a 4-5 month long fact-finding study to review each CCUSD-owned property, and to explore potential future uses that could provide long-term revenue for the District.

The potential long-term revenue stream could possibly be used to supplement instructional and afterschool programs, increase social services to students and families, and expand support for staff (i.e., subsidizing healthcare costs, providing childcare programs, providing subsidies for faculty and staff housing, maintaining long-term competitive salaries, assisting staff to obtain college/credentialing goals college/credentialing objectives, etc.)

The proposed study would engage input from all key stakeholders (Board representatives, Union leaders, Student leaders, Community leaders, Site Principal representative and District administrative staff.) The study's findings and recommendations will be presented as an action item to the Board for consideration in late-February/early-March 2023.

The contract to start this proposed study will be presented as an action item at the next Board meeting (October 25, 2022.)



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