

UVSD Special Board Meeting January 31, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER- by Chair McNerlin at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted by General Manager Tait with Chair McNerlin, Vice-Chair Reed, Director Marshall, Director Wipf, and Director Bawcom present.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Expression

Greg Beaver addressed the Board about a check he wrote to the City in which the amount was altered by City staff. Vice-Chair Reed asked for clarification regarding items to go on regular and special meetings so that regularly scheduled meetings are not excessively long. Mr. Tait and Mr. Losak clarified.

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: GENERAL MANAGER SEPARATION DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY – DEFINE SEARCH PROCESS

General Manager Tait discussed his separation. The Board discussed the General Manager Job Description and the search process.

Public comment: David Rapport made comments regarding the search process of a new General Manager.

This item was assigned to the Governance Committee.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS – PRIVATE BANKING AVENUES VERSUS COUNTY FUND MANAGEMENT

Public comment: Don Crawford made comments regarding invoicing to the County Auditor and encouraged the Board to go in a better direction than it has in the past.

General Manager Tait addressed this item and addressed that SBMC was chosen because it has an investment arm. Discussion amongst the Board. Direction was given to Mr. Tait and Mr. Losak to compare banking avenues.

Public comment continued: Sean White stated that it's common for small districts to use a Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). David Rapport comments that there are strict laws on what you can invest your money in and LAIF enforces this. Don Crawford comments that ratepayers would have no idea how much money is transferred to the law firm if they have no way of getting the information themselves through SBMC.

5. STATUS DISCUSSION FROM SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS AND BOND ISSUE STATUS

Chair McNerlin gave an update regarding status discussion from Settlement Agreement Ad Hoc Committee re: negotiations and bond issue status. Chair McNerlin read a letter into record re: City of Ukiah bond refinancing that was sent to the City Council from the UVSD Board. Discussion amongst the Board re: bond refinancing.

Public comment: David Rapport made comments re: Bond Counsel (hired by the City) and their duties and goals. Mr. Rapport also made a comment re: timing of the bond refinancing stating that the City didn't think it was worth it to approach the previous Board. Don Crawford comments that there is intimidation going on re: the settlement of the lawsuit and no lawyer can assure how a lawsuit will end. A member of the public who did not state their name urged the Board to continue their process of searching for the truth.

Discussion amongst the Board continued. No action was taken.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO OUTSIDE PARTIES REGARDING BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL UVSD BOARD POLICIES AND POSITIONS

General Manager Tait addressed this item. Director Wipf addressed an article in the Ukiah Daily Journal and discussed his want to submit an editorial. Ernie read the letter that he would like to have published. Motion to approve the letter as a letter from the Board as a whole made by Director Marshall, seconded by Director Wipf. Roll call vote: Ayes: 3, Nays: 2. Approved 3-2. Consensus that the Board should have a unified message when communicating with the media.

Public comment: Don Crawford comments that editorials exist everywhere and discusses the lawsuit in which he says will land in the District's neighbors' laps. Mr. Crawford also comments that it would be better if Director Wipf submitted the letter from himself because he has a better reputation than the District Board.

7. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Report out: Direction given to staff and Legal Counsel.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 9:00 p.m.