



- x San Leandro Unified passed a measure taxing ~~single~~ multi-family and business properties all at different rates.
- x Davis, a university town with many apartments, voted to continue charging \$20 per unit in multi unit housing and \$204 per single parcel.

Under state law, Brilliant had 60 days after an election to sue on behalf of taxpayers to overturn a decision. As a result, preexisting parcel taxes with multiple rates, such as San Francisco's, which charges single-family homes and apartment complexes differently, or Berkeley's, which charges residential and commercial properties differently, are safe until they need to be renewed.

In 2011, voters in Alameda replaced Measure H, the parcel tax struck down by the ~~Brilliant~~ ~~Brilliant~~ with another parcel tax, this time imposing a uniform 32 cents for each square foot of a building, up to a maximum of \$7,999 per parcel. That works out to, for example, \$800 per year for a ~~square~~ 2,500-foot house. Brilliant challenged this, too, bu

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**BSEP PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**March 11 2014**

**P&O Committee Members Present:**

Sergio Duran, *Arts Magnet*  
Tim Frederick, *Cragmont*  
Boyd Power, *Emerson*  
Shauna Rabinowitz, *Jefferson*  
Danielle Perez, *John Muir*  
Chris Martin, *LeConte (co-Chair)*  
Catherine Huchting, *Malcolm X*  
Lea Baechler-Brabo, *Oxford*  
Dan Smuts, *Rosa Parks (co-Rep)*  
Keira Armstrong, *Washington*

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Beery mentioned that she was contacted by a *Berkeleyside* reporter about out-of-district kids being in the district. The reporter had questions about BSEP and how state funding works. Beery said she did not know when the piece would be published but wanted the P&O Committee to be aware that it could be. Coplan added that the article may clear up some myths about this topic.

**5. Approval of Minutes 2.25.14**

**MOTION CARRIED (Smuts/Glimme):** To approve the meeting minutes of the February 25, 2014 P&O Committee Meeting. The motion was approved with a showing of 14 hands, with no objections, and 2 abstentions.

**6. Public Comment**

Georgette Cobb and Karen Hughes of the Berkeley ATOD–Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Task Force spoke to the P&O Committee about the high rates of substance use by Berkeley youth and gave statistics from the California Healthy Kids Survey done in 2012 that indicated that students in the BUSD middle schools and high school have higher rates of drug and alcohol use than the national and state averages. They stressed the importance of having strong counseling support available to students. Cobbs and Hughes wanted to ask the P&O Committee to consider adding a dedicated FTE counselor at BHS and a shared FTE counselor for King and Longfellow in addition to the counseling being provided currently, which is currently

giving a presentation to the Board to help them understand the trajectory of the fund, how the program has grown and how enrollment impacted the program.

McCulloch noted that people in the district formed the Berkeley Community Arts Team last year and, along with an outside consultant, did a survey of parents and staff members at school sites and of arts organizations in the city. They also did a mapping of where the arts are and are not taught in the schools. McCulloch went on to say that approximately 98% of the people that responded were in favor of arts education, and almost as many people supported the statement that the “arts are an essential part of the core curriculum at any school.” She stated that the arts help with parent engagement and student engagement, where students that were struggling in other subjects were much more successful in the arts and that was their “hook.” The information will be published, and some of it will be included in the presentation to the School Board. There was a brief discussion regarding facilities because the art and science rooms have virtually disappeared, and McCulloch stated that would be part of her report. Music is being taught in hallways and on stages during lunch and arts from a cart. Glimme added that the reason why the art and science classrooms were turned into regular classrooms was due to the tremendous growth in enrollment in a short period of time.

Hensley mentioned that one of the FAQs could include a response as to why there is not BSEP arts funding at the high school, and McCulloch said that the Measure was written for grades 4-8 and not specifically meant to leave out the high school. Lazio said that the people interested in programs at the high school could make a proposal to obtain site fund monies.

Beery and McCulloch announced that the Performing Arts Showcase was coming up on March 23, 2014 at BHS Community Theater 1-3:30pm. Over 500 students will be performing in chorus, bands, orchestras, and jazz bands. Beery added that there would be a new BSEP banner that will be unfurled at this event, as planned by the Communications Team. The BSEP Public Awareness Subcommittee will meet Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

## **8. Recommendation for BSEP Funds in FY 2014-14: Class Size Reduction (BSEP**

Resource 0841)

*Natasha Beery, BSEP Director*

Beery provided the following handouts:

- *Recommendation for Allocation of BSEP Class Size Reduction Funds in FY 2014-15 from Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services to the BSEP Planning & Oversight Committee, dated February 25, 2014*

Beery stated that at the last meeting Neil Smith, Superintendent of Educational Services, brought the proposal for CSR fund expenditures for next year and usually the recommendation are discussed again action taken at the next meeting after the presentation. However, in discussions with Superintendent Evans and Deputy Superintendent Cleveland about how to align BSEP decision-making process with LCFF/LCAP process, it has become clear that adjusting the timing of decisions would improve alignment. Cleveland recommended that the P&O not take action on the recommendation of the CSR allocation at tonight’s meeting to give the process enough time so that the other parts of various budgets being decided could be determined. One of the parts under consideration was the reduced middle school math class size, which may have an option of going to 24:1, which would be less costly than the 20:1. Cleveland said that another part that was being changed was moving RtI<sup>2</sup> into the Special Ed budget, which could result in some savings, about \$580K



*Priorities* (narrative for items with attached costs 3-7-14) that laid out the some of the programs that aligned with District goals and listed them along with costs to implement them. Evans stated that the programs could be paid for from different funds: Base Grant, BSEP or other sources. Beery noted that the total for all the programs listed was about \$9M, and the Supplemental LCFE funding is at \$2.4M.

Evans explained that Number 8, Intervention Coordinator and Support at BHS,

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