

Special Meeting of the Lewis Center for Educational Research Board
June 3, 2021
Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Chairman Rib called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** LCER Board Members Pat Caldwell, Marcello Congo, Omari Onyango, Kevin Porter, David Rib, Jessica Rodriguez, Rick Wolf

LCER Board Members Torii Gray, Jim Morris and Sharon Page were absent.

Staff members Valli Andreasen, Fausto Barragan, Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, David Gruber, Lisa Lamb, and Stacy Newman were also present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

.01 Budget Workshop – David Gruber discussed the 2021-22 Budget Draft Based on the State’s May Revision. He reviewed where we started budget planning with the January Governor’s Budget Release, to include deferrals, plans for COLA and plans for COVID funding. We then received the Governor’s May Revision, which had increased funding, a State surplus and “Mega” COLA. The Governor also has a plan in the future for a Universal TK. A review of where we landed included increasing the COLA from 2.5% to 4%, absorbing the STRS increase, learning opportunities, summer programs and using COVID funding to improve our IT infrastructure and capabilities, as well as HVAC units in Apple Valley and refurbishing the old cafeteria into science labs. Long term risks are enrollment, gym funding for NSLA, inflation, increased oversight fees, future needs and economic downturn. We want to be sure the budget is sustainable now as well as into the future. Revenue was reviewed as well as reserves and contributions to LCER management fees. Nursing coverage at each school was discussed. Expenditures were reviewed, including bringing NSLA custodial in house, adding enrichment instructors, and bond payments. Field trips are part of the COVID learning opportunities and will be budgeted in the fall revision once we know where we stand with funds. Our PTO/PTCs raise a lot towards field trips as well. Pat Caldwell commended David on making the budget clear. Lisa shared a history of salary schedule changes from 2016/17 to current. Contributions to retirement was discussed as well. Lisa thanked the Board for their support.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Rib adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.