

Small School Districts Committee September 12, 2014 Meeting Notes

What was the major focus of the meeting?

1. Introductions
2. Reviewed purpose and strategic plan for comments/agreement
3. Report from Rich Malfatti
 - a. Leadership Summit, November 6-8th, San Diego—Region 13 sponsors up to 20 people to attend, about 9 committee/council meetings are scheduled to meet the day prior.
 - b. ACSA staff has some availability to come to Regional meetings to update on current topics: CCSS/SBAC, LCAP, leg policy, credentialing, etc.
 - c. Negotiations workshop opportunities:
 - i. SSC (School Services of California)
 - ii. HR Council's Negotiators Symposium (January 2015) & ACSA's Negotiators Retreat (June 2015)
<http://65.98.140.199/MainMenuCategories/ProfessionalLearning.aspx>
4. Committee President, Aida Buena, is working on the Superintendent Symposium Planning Committee and will push to have a strand for small schools
5. Discussed Hot Topics
 - a. Axiom public records requests coming into districts
 - b. Concern about rapidly changing demographics: increase/decrease in population, falling out of Basic Aide, etc. Lack of planning time to adjust to rapid changes, strain on facilities, resources, reserve, etc.
 - c. Small schools serving special education students with high needs/expensive services -may bring about a qualified budget.
 - d. MAA new procedures and limited staff in SSD to complete the required paperwork
 - e. Provision 2 Schools—must send out survey every four years
 - f. Discussed questions/concerns about SBAC and impact on the new scoring system.
6. ACSA Updates
 - a. Legislative Updates—Pension Law and Retirement (Sal Villasenor)
 - i. Pension Law and Retirement changes will have a large impact on districts. Employers rate will take the greatest hit.

Employee rates cannot go up more than 2%/year, and State's rate will increase to 4.6% and this will occur over 3 years.

- b. Legislative updates—Budget (Adonai Mack)
 - i. Budget update—450 million for CC implementation. Pay offs set aside for mandates and most deferrals
 - ii. AB 215—Teacher dismissal bill focused on egregious behavior
 - iii. Vergara Decision—Judge found that it is unconstitutional, being appealed by the Attorney General.
 - iv. June 2015 date to expend CC one times monies
 - c. Arthofer)
 - i. *Clear Administrative Services Credential Changes*
 - 1. *Current clear credential pathways to end June 30, 2015*
 - 2. *New pathway is induction based*
 - 3. *Extreme need for Certified Leadership Coach for new administrators* marthofer@acsa.org
7. One Voice for Students—reviewed Three Action Steps and accomplishments thus far.
8. Communication and Outreach
- a. Common Core Communication Plan for messaging available on ACSA and CSBA websites
 - b. Meetings notes for committee members to utilize share within their region
9. Other
- c. Terri Burns reported out on *15 day-response period* on the LCAP. New version and format is much better/ease of use. Basically combined sections 2 & 3; they are working on a form that ties in other report/SPSA. CSBA Letter to go out in support of new version.
 - d. Definition of Small School Districts is less than 2500 ADA

What actions were taken by committee/council at this meeting?

- 1. Copy of minutes to go out to committee members to present at Regional meetings
- 2. Superintendent's Symposium planning committee input
- 3. ACSA GR staff is gathering info on district reserve levels. Adonai Mack requested reserve level info to be sent to him amack@acsa.org

