

PRO Special Meeting
August 25, 2010

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:05PM

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Shirley Timm, Pat England, Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Alex Pappas, Ned Pearlstein, Ann Whitehead and Bruce Jacobs.

ABSENT: Remo Arancio and Sondra Neiman

There was only ONE item on the agenda for this meeting:

To explore appropriate strategies for defending Peralta retirees' District paid health insurance benefits including expanding knowledge of the OPEB valuations and Pension Obligation Bond management in general.

Previously PRO had outlined a 14 point plan of action (attached to the minutes for August 4, 2010 meeting). At this special meeting it was generally agreed to reduce this plan to five task areas identified below

1. Lobby and influence the PCCD Board of Trustees:
 - a. Meet with all Board members to discuss their position on continuing present benefit levels.
 - b. Focus on Board members running for re-election in November.
2. Continue the process of soliciting and archiving relevant documents showing District promises and commitments regarding health insurance. Start a process of recording information from former

union presidents, people involved in negotiations, and others with knowledge about District commitments to retirees.

3. Increase organizing efforts among PCCD retirees including a new membership drive and developing email and telephone tree lists for rapid alert and mobilization of retirees.

4. Set up a formal liaison person with PFT, SEIU and Local 39. Develop liaison with other public agency retirees facing similar challenges to retiree guaranteed benefits.

5. Identify two or three retirees to work on OPEB bond issues---retirees who can develop expertise on the problems and strategies.

Mark Greenside provided the name of a company, RAEL AND JETSON whose expertise lies in analyzing bond valuations both public and private.

Jerry emphasized the value of pursuing the advice of these analysts and furthering widespread awareness by including SEIU, Local 39, PFT as well as PRO members in such a meeting.

Additionally Bruce stressed the value of supporting the re-election bids of Bill Riley and Linda Handy to the PCCD Board of Trustees. Their term of service with PCCD allows them to participate in the same lifetime medical benefits as retired Peralta employees at the close of their tenure.

Bruce moved to financially support these re-election bids, seconded by Ned.

7-Yes
1-No
MSP

The amount of financial support was not determined.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 3:09PM