
From: Shana Just
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 3:53 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: 8.0 Public Comment (re: Consent Agenda Item 11.a)

Superintendent Aguilar, Board President Ryan, and Board Members:

My name is Shana Just and I am a science teacher at Luther Burbank High School.

I am speak to an item on the Consent Agenda, Item 11.a Staples R21-01390, \$221,170 Measure Q Funds. You should have received a detailed email from me on 10.14.20 regarding this issue, as I knew my time during public comment would be limited.

I am urging you NOT to approve the proposed purchase of furniture for Burbank science classrooms. Neither the Burbank science teachers nor the site administration supports this purchase. This is not what we as a site have spent since September 21, 2017 working on. This is a plan being pushed through by Facilities over the loud and vociferous objections of Burbank high school.

Moving forward with this furniture purchase will result in millions of taxpayer dollars having been spent only to result in Burbank having science classrooms that, while newer and prettier, are less effective, and less safe, as both instructional and lab spaces.

Thank you.
Shana Just
Science Teacher
Science Department Co-Chair
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Name:	Arthur Sisneros
Comment:	<p>My comment is actually for 11.1a: there is a proposal being put forth to allocate funds to purchase furniture for science rooms at Luther Burbank. The district facilities and the furniture vendor are explicitly ignoring the plans put forth by our school site that still falls into our site's funding. Every plan they put forth utilizes the same tables and stools that we've said - on multiple occasions - will not be the best use for our classrooms. If we're purchasing new furniture for our classrooms, we need furniture that is going to do what we want: not furniture that we have to make work for us. Every science teacher on our staff has agreed for a furniture plan that includes different sized desks for labs and a set of table desks with normal chairs for instruction. Our admin team agrees with us. Our district facilities, partnered with the architects and the furniture reps (who are all disconnected from real life issues around teaching in the classroom), keep updating their plans by using the same exact furniture placed in different orientations in the physical classroom. Their proposed furniture (Somewhere between 18 and 20 72inch tables with stools for seating because the tables are tall) DOES NOT work for us for reasons many of us have laid out extensively in separate emails. The ONLY reason that we've heard from them about using these furniture items is that it's what other schools have done. That is not, in my opinion, a good reason to move forward with it. We are expected in education to structure all of our lessons and specific activities to work for our students. The same should be true for the physical space each school is teaching in. We should be able to buy furniture that works for us: not furniture that we have to make work.</p>

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Name:	Daniel Conway
Comment:	<p>I would ask that this item be removed from the consent calendar. This would be the 3rd year in a row that SCUSD would waive the use of the budget review committee but the district's financial situation has continued to deteriorate. While I do not think the district needs another third party analysis to sit on a shelf and be ignored or questioned, a budget review committee seems like in opportunity to appoint three individuals, who could be credible to your labor partners and the broader community, to come up with actionable recommendations to address the budget deficit.</p> <p>At the very least, this topic seems worthy of a public discussion by the elected board members, rather than a rubber stamp on the consent calendar. With the list of challenges in our district continuing to grow, it's time for our leaders to confront these issues and make the hard choices that they were elected to make. Let's accept that the next few years will be very challenging in our district, but we must come together to create the best possible school system for our students because that's what our kids deserve.</p>

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Name:	Alison French-Tubo
Comment:	Please remove item 11.g regarding a budget committee from consent agenda and give it the discussion it deserves.

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