

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

AUGMENTED FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Board Room

1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 26, 2005

Board Members Present:

Mr. Mike Lansing, Chairperson  
Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte, Member  
Mr. David Tokofsky, Member  
Ms. Marlene Canter  
Mr. Jon Lauritzen

Bond Oversight Committee Members Present:

Mr. Scott Folsom

External Members Present:

Mr. Dan Basalone, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles

Staff Present:

Mr. James A. McConnell, Jr., Chief Facilities Executive  
Mr. Guy Mehula, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, New Construction  
Mr. Jim Delker, Acting Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, Existing Facilities  
Mr. Jon Fullerton, Independent Analysis Unit  
Mr. Bruce Kendall, Director, Maintenance and Operations  
Ms. Vivian Castro, Director, Legislative and Governmental Affairs

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The meeting convened at 9:07 a.m.  
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NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM UPDATE (REMARKS)

Mr. Jim McConnell acknowledged Mr. Jim Delker, Acting Deputy Chief Facilities Executive. He announced to the Committee Members that Mr. Delker would be resigning from his position and will be moving back to Virginia. Mr. Bruce Kendall, currently Director of Maintenance and Operations will replace Mr. Delker. Mr. McConnell informed the Committee that during the nationwide search for a replacement for Mr. Delker, they were interested in a candidate and offered Mr. Kendall's position to Mr. Neal Gamble. Mr. Gamble will also begin in July as Director of Maintenance and Operations.

Mr. McConnell updated the Committee on the New Construction Program progress made since the last Committee meeting. He reported that there had been a ribbon cutting for South Gate Elementary School No. 6, a 700-seat school on a traditional calendar. He also reported that on June 22, there would be another ribbon cutting for Rowan New Primary Center, which will be able to accommodate 300 students.

#### MONTHLY PROGRAM STATUS REPORT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Mehula presented his Monthly Program Status Report for New Construction. Mr. Mehula spoke on the District funding of Safety Routes to Schools MOU and showed pictures of the abandoned police station that will be used for North Hollywood ES No. 3 and under planning, the 450 N. Grand Avenue, Vista Hermosa and the Santee sites under Construction, and the availability of contractors under Contracts.

Mr. Mehula responded to questions by the Committee members.

#### SPEAKERS

Pastor Dr. Bill Woodard, Unity in the Community, spoke on subcontractor availability.

#### NEW CONSTRUCTION SEP AMENDMENT – EIGHT MEASURE R CHARTER SCHOOL PROJECTS

Mr. Mehula gave a brief background of the Board approved Measure R Charter School Expansion Policy and Process. He explained that this report was asking the Board of Education approve an amendment to the New Construction 2005 Strategic Execution Plan to add eight new Charter School Expansion projects and authorize staff to enter into leases for furniture, fixtures, and equipment with eight charter school operators.

Mr. Mehula responded to questions and comments made by Committee Members. Board Member Jon Lauritzen requested a copy of the amended criteria used for choosing the eight listed Charter Schools. Mr. Tokofsky requested a list of the charter schools that were not chosen.

This report was received at the May 24, 2005 Board Meeting and is anticipated to return for action at the June 14, 2005 Regular Board Meeting.

#### TRANSFER OF ELIGIBILITY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

Mr. Guy Mehula explained that the purpose of the use of grants being presented is to transfer eligibility between specific projects to support getting state matching dollars.

Mr. Mehula passed out charts showing the state funds needed to complete District projects. He noted that there is a need for 50,000 elementary school seats and, with the current eligibility law, the District does not have enough eligibility to finish New Construction Phase III. Nor will there be eligibility if there is another state bond. He informed the Committee that AB 491 legislation (Goldberg) has been proposed to give the District eligibility for matching funds.

Mr. Mehula was asked by Committee Member David Tokofsky to explain how eligibility funds worked relative to middle schools and Learning Centers. Mr. Mehula responded to similar questions made by other Committee Members.

A Board Report will be received at the Regular Board Meeting on June 14, 2005 and a Public Hearing held.

#### JUNE 2005 EXISTING FACILITIES STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE

Mr. Jim Delker presented the annual update of the Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan with an outline of the projects. Mr. Delker explained that each slide shown represents projects already approved by the Board and noted its progress or completion. He continued to explain the Core Program as it relates to the Strategic Execution Plan, Food Services Modernization, and the Pilot Small Learning Communities, Jefferson High School and Jordan High School.

Mr. Delker responded to questions and comments made by Committee Members. Discussion was held about the Small Learning Communities.

The Committee moved this item for approval and forwarded it to the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 16, 2005.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 24, AND MARCH 17, 2005

The Minutes of January 27, February 24, and March 17, 2005 were approved.

#### EXISTING FACILITIES SEP AMENDMENT – UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING REPLACEMENT

Mr. Jim Delker gave a summary of the initial Board Report whereby the Facilities Services Division completed an earthquake fault hazard investigation at University High School that identified the existence of the active Santa Monica Fault on the high school campus.

Mr. Delker made a recommendation that, because the gymnasium building, music room and four portables are sitting on a fault, they be replaced and upon completion, the old buildings be razed. He also recommended that the funding for these new facilities come from the Core Facilities portion of the Measure R Bond funds.

Discussion was held with the Committee members. Board Member Marlene Canter informed the Committee that the community in her district had already been told that these replacements would take place. Committee Member David Tokofsky inquired about the cost of the project, which would be \$31 million and an escrowed amount of \$150 million for additional projects at other earthquake fault affected locations. Committee Member Marguerite LaMotte asked why the Bond Oversight Committee did not take any action on this item. Mr. Folsom responded that they wanted answers to legal questions regarding the District's obligation to building on a known fault before they chose to support this report.

This item will be placed on the Receipt Calendar for more discussion at the Regular Board Meeting of June 14, 2005.

#### FIVE-YEAR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PLAN

Mr. Bruce Kendall reported that this Board Report, proposing that the Board adopt the Five-year Deferred Maintenance Plan for Fiscal Years 2005-2009, when adopted, would allow the District to apply for State grant funds with a requisite District match. He explained that these state grant funds assist the school district with expenditures for major repair or replacement of existing school building components, such as plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, roofing, interior and exterior painting, and floor systems.

Committee Member Marguerite LaMotte asked Mr. Kendall to give an explanation on how adopting this Board Report today will impact the Program Improvement schools. Mr. Kendall responded to other questions made by Committee members.

This item has already been received by the Board and will be approved at the Regular Board meeting of June 16, 2005.

#### MONTHLY PROGRAM STATUS REPORT FOR EXISTING FACILITIES

Mr. Jim Delker presented pictures of projects completed at existing facilities since the last Committee meeting, including Lemay Elementary School Library renovation; Frost Middle School, irrigation project; Lassen Elementary School, replacement of flooring; West Valley Occupational Center and Ramona Elementary School, exterior and interior painting; Farmdale Elementary School, replacement of deteriorating flooring.

Mr. Delker gave an overview of the complete program. He said of over 16,000 projects, over 10,000 projects, with a value of \$1.5 billion, have been finished.

Mr. Bruce Kendall gave a status report to the Committee on the progress of the Locke Early Education Center. Comments were made after Committee Member LaMotte suggested that better communications would prevent parents from having to come to the Board to inquire about projects. Mr. Folsom commented on the change order rates.

#### SPEAKERS

Ms. Shirley Joe, resident near Locke Early Education Center, spoke on the delay of the project.

Lucia Martell, parent of prospective Locke Early Education Center children.

Edith Nwadike, parent of prospective Locke Early Education Center children.

## LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

Ms. Vivian Castro, Director of Government Affairs, provided a brief overview of some of the major facilities legislation that the District is sponsoring or tracking this year. She mentioned AB 491 (Goldberg) Construction eligibility and said that it was a priority bill; AB 494 (Montanez) Replacement buildings; AB670 (Goldberg) adjusting grants for new construction and modernization; AB 1416 (Goldberg) a promise, under the Williams Settlement, to move all three track schools to traditional calendars.

Ms. Castro gave a more detailed explanation of AB 58 (Nunez), Facilities Bond Act, and how the Bond Oversight Committee is encouraging the Board of Education to support this measure. Ms. Castro said the school District should not just focus on growth but on existing overcrowding.

Ms. Castro responded to comments and questions made by the Committee members. Mr. Basalone asked about AB 970 (Seismic Data Bill), which allows the school district to ask the California Department of General Services for any data they might have. Mr. Lauritzen inquired of the Governor's support of the Bond issue. Ms. Castro responded that she had not met with the Governor to make that determination.

## RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

The following reports were received by the Committee without discussion:

- Bond and E-rate Funded Information Technology Infrastructure Projects (May 2005)
- Quarterly Greening Report (January to March 2005)
- Follow-up to Facilities Committee Members' Questions

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pastor Dr. Bill Woodward, President, Unity in the Community, spoke on the We Build program. He made an inquiry of \$14.4 billion funds allocated to this program and wanted to know its whereabouts. Mr. Jim McConnell referred him to Ms. Veronica Soto, in Facilities to answer his questions regarding the We Build program and non-profit organizations.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.  
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