

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
9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 23, 2005

Board Members Present:

Mr. Mike Lansing, Chairperson
Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte, Member
Mr. David Tokofsky, Member

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
Dr. Randy Ross, Director of Educational Policy, Independent Analysis Unit
Mr. Glenn Gritzner, Director of External Affairs & Admin., Office of the Superintendent
Ms. Terry Arnold, Charter Schools
Mr. Guy Mehula, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, New Construction
Mr. Jim Delker, Acting Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, Existing Facilities
Mr. Ron Bagel, Director, Real Estate
Ms. Michelle Meghrouni, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Richard Tsuno, Local District Facilities Director, District 3
Mr. Bruce Kendall, Director of Maintenance and Operations
Mr. Ed Van Ginkel, Senior Development Manager
Mr. Rick Knott, Controller, Accounting & Disbursements Division
Dr. James Alther, Director, Strategic Planning, Implementation, E-Rate & Measure K Programs

The meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.

NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM UPDATE (REMARKS – ITEM 1)

Mr. Jim McConnell updated the Committee on the New Construction Program progress made since the last Committee meeting. He reported that he attended a ribbon cutting for Rowan New Primary Center, a 300-student school, which will open on July 5, 2005. He reported other schools that will open include Corona New Primary Center, North Hollywood New Elementary School #3, South Gate New Elementary School #6, and, the first comprehensive high school to open since 1971, South Los Angeles New High School #1 (Santee Dairy site).

Mr. McConnell reported to date, 23 schools have been completed, 38 will be completed this year and 32 will be open this year.

LOCAL BOND ELECTION – ITEM 2

Mr. Glenn Gritzner, Office of the Superintendent, gave a brief overview of a Bond Measure the District is proposing to be placed on the November 8, 2005 Special Election ballot. He said that this bond, if approved by voters, would build 20,000 seats for students, and bring all elementary schools to a two-semester calendar. Mr. Gritzner added that this bond would accomplish the District's long-standing goal of allowing all students to attend a neighborhood school on a traditional nine-month calendar.

Mr. Gritzner reported that the proposed Bond Measure would allow major school repairs to take place, upgrade technology with replacing aging District emergency radio communication systems and add funds for early childhood education, adult education and charter schools. It would also contribute to the purchase of new buses, library books and funding for independent contract audits.

Mr. Gritzner and Mr. Kevin Reed made comments with regards to a proposal by Committee Member Mike Lansing on the Bond Measure language and how it is defined relative to Board Policy.

Mr. Gritzner responded to comments and questions made by Committee Members.

MONTHLY PROGRAM STATUS REPORT FOR EXISTING FACILITIES – ITEM 4

Mr. Jim McConnell announced that this would be the last meeting for Mr. Jim Delker, who will be leaving the District and returning to Virginia. He wanted to publicly thank him for his service. Committee Chair Mike Lansing acknowledged Mr. Delker's service to the District during his tenure.

Mr. Delker presented pictures of projects completed at existing facilities which included Sylvan Park Early Education Center, new playground equipment; Yorkdale Elementary School, interior painting; Mt. Washington Elementary School, new public address system; Adams Middle School, air conditioning units for auditorium; Wilson High School, repair and replace bleachers; Amestoy Elementary School, Wonder of Reading Library modernization.

Mr. Delker gave an overview of the total existing facilities program progress to date. He stated that there are over 16,000 projects valued at over \$3.3 billion, over 10,000 completed projects valued at \$1.5 billion and 1600 projects valued at over \$16 million currently in progress.

Committee Members made final comments to Mr. Delker on his LAUSD service.

SPEAKERS

Ruth Sarnoff, made comments regarding the service of Mr. Delker.

REVISIONS TO MEASURE K CHARTER POLICY – ITEM 5

Mr. Guy Mehula and Mr. Ron Bagel presented the Board Report, which is requesting \$40 million of the original \$50 million allocated from Measure K to support the Charter Program. He reported that the funds would go towards three programs: The first is a \$10 million Acquisition Lease Program where we would purchase property and lease it to the Charter schools for their projects; the second proposal would be a Loan Guarantee Fund, where the District would guarantee a Charter School Construction Loan up to \$1.2 million; and the third would be \$10 million to support the Measure K effort in moving forward on construction and facilities, with no application to be no more than \$3 million.

Mr. Bagel and Ms. Michelle Meghrouni, Office of the General Counsel, responded to comments by Committee Member Scott Folsom on Land Banking.

SPEAKERS

Frank Gonzales, General Manager, California Charter Schools Association, spoke in support of the Revised Measure K Policy.

Ruth Sarnoff had several questions regarding the bond funds and structure in prioritizing its use.

EXISTING FACILITIES SEP AMENDMENT – LOCAL DISTRICT 3 MEASURER K PROJECTS – ITEM 3

Mr. Richard Tsuno, Local District 3, explained the requested amendment to the Strategic Execution Plan for District 3 for Coeur D’Alene, Elementary School to delete one funded project at this school and to create a newly funded Measure K Bungalow Relocation project.

Mr. Tsuno responded to questions made by Committee Members.

This item is scheduled to be heard on the Regular Calendar at the June 28, 2005 Board Meeting.

MONTHLY PROGRAM STATUS REPORT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION – ITEM 6

Mr. Guy Mehula presented a status report for new construction of progress made since the last Facilities Committee Meeting. He reported that demolition on the North Hollywood Police Station adjacent to a school construction project has begun. He stated that the District is working closely with Councilman LaBonge for funding.

Mr. Mehula announced that he had revised the Monthly Program Report to give a better insight in new programs as well as new construction and summarize completed projects. Some pre-construction highlights given were a Resolution Hearing for Grant Primary Center, plans are in the works for a large South Gate site, and getting construction bids for 450 N. Grand site.

Mr. Mehula responded to questions made by Committee Members regarding bungalows and restrooms for kindergarten use. He answered the question, “who determines the ‘go-no go’ in opening a school on a given opening date?”

SPEAKERS

Ms. Ruth Sarnoff made several inquiries, one regarding parent notification of the “go-no go” opening of a school,

CALIFORNIA HIGH PERFORMANCE SCHOOLS (CHPS) PRESENTATION – ITEM 7

Mr. Guy Mehula gave an update on the Partnership with Global Green, Central Implementation – CHPS and Energy Program coordinating all departments and consultants, Propositions 47 and 55 Energy Grants, Savings by Design Incentive and CHPS Scorecard Report.

Mr. McConnell and Mr. Bruce Kendall responded to questions made by Committee Members. One of the discussions was on low-hanging air conditioning units

SPEAKERS

Gene Krischer, Friends of the Children, spoke on providing air conditioning units that will provide a tolerable level of noise.

NEW CONSTRUCTION – LESSONS LEARNED PRESENTATION – ITEM 8

Mr. Edwin Van Ginkel reported on Lessons Learned, a program instituted to take advantage of those concerns coming out of new construction programs. He explained that this program is there to provide a systematic process to identify, analyze, and implement solutions to facility program issues. Areas targeted for improvements include: planning, design, and construction processes; project delivery costs; ongoing maintenance and operations and post-occupancy safety and functionality.

Mr. Van Ginkel, Mr. Mehula and Mr. McConnell responded to questions made by the Committee Members. Discussion was held on lessons learned with the Santee Dairy site and prioritizing concerns and changeovers.

DEVELOPER FEE POLICY – ITEM 9

Mr. Rick Knott, Controller, presented and explained the Board Report, which is proposing the Board of Education authorize this Developer Fee policy that establishes certain guidelines for the use, collection, and expenditure of Developer Fees. He said the District’s Developer Fee Policy is to define allowable uses of collected fees; establish use priorities; provide guidelines for setting Developer Fee rates; describe collections and projections development; describe statutory and District exemptions, the appeals process, and periodic reporting.

Mr. Knott reported that Developer Fee funds are needed for the purpose of funding the construction or reconstruction of school facilities is \$131 million.

Mr. Knott responded to questions made by Committee Members.

This Board Report was received at the Regular Board Meeting of June 14, 2005.

ITD STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN – ANNUAL UPDATE – ITEM 10

Dr. James Alther presented the annual update of Information Technology Division’s Strategic Execution Plan. He reported that changes have been proposed with the Measure K and E-rate Strategic Execution Plans added Measure R dollars and additional projects. He explained that the infrastructure mentioned covers networks, intercom systems, PA systems, phone systems, and anything transported through the television system. Dr. Alther added that it covers over 1200 schools and offices and reaches out to over 30,000 classrooms and that they continue to hear the increased demand for access data, voice and video.

He reported that ITD has gone through a basic reorganization structure and the Program budget has increased. He announced that ITD would continue to provide annual updates of the plan to the Board of Education, Facilities Committee and the Bond Oversight Committee, which is to upgrade and modernize the networks at schools, getting 9-1-1 access into the classrooms, and voice and data in the classrooms of Early Childhood Education facilities.

Dr. Alther responded to questions made by Committee Members.

This report is anticipated to be included in the Board Meeting of June 28, 2005 under Receipt.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS – ITEM 11

The following reports were received by the Committee without discussion:

- Bond and E-rate Funded Information Technology Infrastructure Projects (June 2005)
- Asbestos Technical Unit AHERA Compliance (April and May 2005)

Committee Member David Tokofsky made comments about the \$3.8 million Bond and E-rate funded projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 13

Ruth Sarnoff spoke on ITD capabilities to get Board of Education information to the public.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.
