

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, October 20, 2005

Board Members Present:

Mr. Mike Lansing, Chairperson
Mr. José Huizar, Member
Mr. David Tokofsky, Member
Mr. Jon Lauritzen

Bond Oversight Committee Member Present:

Mr. Guillermo Aguilar, American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles

Staff Present:

Mr. James A. McConnell, Jr., Chief Facilities Executive
Mr. Guy Mehula, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, New Construction
Mr. Bruce Kendall, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, Existing Facilities
Mr. John Creer, Development Manager, Valley Region, Real Estate
Ms. Sue Shannon, Local District Superintendent, District 2
Mr. Tom Calhoun, Development Manager, Central Region, Real Estate
Ms. Barbara Wu, Senior CEQA Project Manager, Environmental Health & Safety
Ms. Veronica Soto, Manager, Small Business Program
Mr. David Holguinson, Complex Project Manager, District 5
Mr. Rick Fivekiller, Director, School Planning and Design
Ms. Ying Wang, CHPS Project Coordinator

The meeting convened at 9:02 a.m.

NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM UPDATE (REMARKS) – ITEM 1

Mr. James McConnell announced that since September 1, 2005, Los Angeles Unified School District has opened 20 new schools, 13 on September 6 and 46 new schools to date, with a total of 45,000 new student seats being provided in the New School Construction Program.

UPDATE ON LAUSD JOINT USE PROGRAM – ITEM 7

Mr. Guy Mehula defined the differences between Community Use, Joint Planning and Joint Use. He informed the Committee that the Joint-Use Project Identification Process has been changed, and added that the new approach was to find partners with capital or operational funds.

Mr. Mehula gave an example using the Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) program. He listed five current projects and their partners: Jefferson New Elementary School No. 1 and partner City of Los Angeles; Valley Region High School No. 5 and partner City of San Fernando; South Region High School No. 2 and partner County of Los Angeles; South Region High School No. 4 and partner City of Carson; and South Region Middle School No. 2 and partner City of Bell. Mr. Mehula also shared the Joint-Use Proposals in Progress.

Mr. Mehula responded to comments by Committee members. *Mr. Lansing asked that Mr. Mehula bring more information to the Committee on the Joint-Use “programatic” solutions.*

MONTHLY PROGRAM STATUS REPORT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION – ITEM 8

Mr. Mehula brought to the Committee an updated slide presentation of new construction. The slides included Central Los Angeles High School No. 1; Central Los Angeles School No. 2; East Valley Area New High School No. 3, to be completed in May 2006; and East Valley Continuation High School. He also showed South Los Angeles High School No. 1, the Santee Dairy site, and noted that it was completed and occupied, with a capacity of approximately 2400 seats.

Mr. Mehula announced to the Committee that the State Governor signed AB 491 legislation, which will give the District up to \$500 million in state matching funds, enough to cover Phases I, II and III but added that the District would still need more legislation for Phase IV.

Committee Member Tokofsky requested a report on construction projects that were behind schedule. Mr. Mehula informed him that a report would be included in the December Committee meeting.

Committee Chairperson Lansing requested information at the next meeting on the Division of State Architects (DSA).

Mr. McConnell responded to comments made regarding Measure Y.

SPEAKERS

Gene Krischer spoke on the new portable bungalows and questioned whether they would be equipped with air conditioning units when delivered.

CONSTRUCTION COSTS PRESENTATION – ITEM 9

Mr. Mehula presented slides responding to a request made by the Facilities Committee for an update on what issues the District expects to face from Hurricane Katrina. He reported that nearly every construction firm the District is associated with has sent employees to New Orleans, creating greater competition for contractors, laborers, architects, engineers and construction manager.

Mr. Mehula's slides included specifics in increases in the cost of material, cement, asphalt, plywood, and metal. He mentioned that the two biggest challenges the District has in this construction program are getting the projects finished and getting more contractors on board.

Committee Member Tokofsky requested a report on the modular furniture issue.

NEW CONSTRUCTION SEP AMENDMENT – BYRD HIGH SCHOOL – ITEM 10

Mr. John Creer presented the Board Report and resolution to amend the Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to include the reconfiguration of Byrd Middle School into a 1620 seat high school. Local District Superintendent Sue Shannon spoke in support of this amendment.

Discussion was held on the sharing of the athletic field by the middle school and the high school. Ms. Shannon and Mr. Creer responded to comments on the reconfiguration and on the budget.

Chairperson Lansing requested an informative explaining where the additional \$20 million is coming from for the new project on the Byrd campus. He asked that it be delivered prior to the next Board Meeting.

In Board Member Julie Korenstein's absence, Board Member Jon Lauritzen read aloud a letter from her community in support of the project at the Anthony Office Building site across from Polytechnic High School.

SPEAKERS

Mr. Karl Kunak spoke in opposition to the proposed SEP amendment

Mr. Mike O'Gara spoke in support of the proposed SEP amendment.

This report is anticipated to return as a Receipt item at the October 25, 2005 Regular Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 26 AND JUNE 23, 2005 – ITEM 2

The minutes of May 26, 2005 and June 23, 2005 Facilities Committee meetings were approved.

MONTHLY PROGRAM STATUS REPORT FOR EXISTING FACILITIES – ITEM 3

Mr. Bruce Kendall presented pictures of projects completed at existing facilities, which included Sutter Middle School and Dixie Canyon Elementary School, auditorium renovations; Nora Sterry Elementary School, asphalt concrete resurfacing; Rowan Elementary School, playground resurfacing; and Gulf Elementary School, replacement of deteriorated flooring.

He reported that to date, the Facilities Division has been reporting project values and wanted to expand the view reported to Committee Members by reporting completions instead. Mr. Kendall continued his report with an update on change orders and the State-funding match for construction.

Mr. Kendall corrected an error made at the last Facilities Committee meeting regarding fire alarm projects in progress. He had inadvertently included projects that were still in the design phase. He reported that the next major item before the Board will be the \$240 million in repair work that will begin taking place.

Board Member Lauritzen requested a list of bungalow locations throughout the San Fernando Valley.

CENTRAL REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 16 CEQA APPROVAL AND PROJECT APPROVAL – ITEMS 11 & 12

Mr. Tom Calhoun introduced Ms. Barbara Wu, who gave a brief CEQA slide presentation of both reports.

SPEAKER:

Mr. J. Daniel Johnson spoke in support of the project and stated that he hoped the Board would make appropriate decisions regarding the residents who will be displaced.

These reports are anticipated to return as Receipt items at the October 25, 2005 Regular Board Meeting.

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM YEAR END REPORT – ITEM 13

Ms. Veronica Soto, Manager, Small Business Program, gave an overview of the fourth quarter participation levels for Small Business and also included the fiscal year totals. She reported that the total contract awards for last quarter of the fiscal year were \$82.5 million, with \$65 million being awarded to small businesses, with a total participation level of 79%. Ms. Soto broke down the contracts awarded into the components of new construction, existing facilities, architectural and engineering, and professional services. Ms. Soto gave a percentage breakdown of contract awards by ethnicity and went into detail about the Orthopaedic High School project.

Ms. Soto described educational courses the District has implemented through the community colleges, workshops, and most recently, with the City of Los Angeles and the Federal government, to increase the level of participation of Los Angeles area based companies.

Ms. Soto responded to comments made by Committee Member José Huizar regarding the 25% participation goal the District has in the Small Business Enterprise Program. A discussion was held regarding the District's policy of hiring women and minorities and who oversees the District's compliance with the policy.

Committee Member Tokofsky requested a chart showing the leading eight agencies: CalTrans, MTA, county, city, state, etc., showing the numbers of participation of small businesses.

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM BOARD RESOLUTION – ITEM 14

Committee Member José Huizar presented his resolution to the Board and explained the reason for its inception. Ms. Veronica Soto explained the budgetary impact for the District in keeping with the 5% bid practice and the acceptance of 28% small business contracts. She described the term “local” as meaning within District boundaries.

Discussion was held with regards to amending the original resolution by deleting the last four “Resolves” in the resolution and to add that the quarterly reporting include data on Local Small Businesses.

This Board resolution has already been received by the Board of Education. It will return for approval, as amended, at the October 25, 2005 Regular Board Meeting.

EXISTING FACILITIES SEP AMENDMENT – ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL PROJECT – ITEM 5

Mr. Bruce Kendall introduced Mr. David Holguinson, Complex Project Manager, District 5. who presented the report to approve an amendment to the 2005 Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to repair the windbreak structure around the joint-use swimming pool at Roosevelt High School using Board Member Huizar's Measure R Leveling funds.

Comments were made regarding creating a threshold for SEPs coming before the Board of Education. *Committee Member Tokofsky requested an itemized list of the key ingredients for the Joint-Use swimming pools within the District, including funding with the intent of devising a working agreement for the joint-use of pools.*

Chairperson Lansing asked Mr. Paul Escala to create a written report stating the District's policy for joint-use projects at new and existing schools. He asked Mr. Mehula and Mr. Kendall to both work with Mr. Escala on this project.

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON JOINT USE - ITEM 6

Mr. Guillermo Aguilar presented the Joint-Use resolution of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee and a history of why the Joint-Use Subcommittee was created. He explained that a joint-use school program is defined as a school driven facility complex in which two or more distinct service providers, including the school, serve their community client groups in the same facility complex, based on an agreement that specifies the shared use of facilities and the relationship between the providers. Mr. Aguilar presented, in detail, each recommendation to the Facilities Committee, including short range and long-range proposals.

Committee Member Tokofsky made comments regarding housing, and reminded Mr. Fivekiller that the Board districts are made up of many cities within our District other than Los Angeles.

SPEAKERS

Ruth Sarnoff reminded the Committee to include parents in their joint-use planning.

COLLABORATIVE FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE SCHOOLS (CHPS) QUARTERLY REPORT – ITEM 15

Mr. Rick Fivekiller and Ms. Ying Wang presented the Second Quarterly report of the California High Performance School Program (CHPS). Board resolutions in 2001 and 2003 mandated the High Performance Schools for all new construction. He explained the point system required to qualify as a CHPS school, two of which must be from the energy section. Mr. Fivekiller reported that 21 projects have been reviewed.

Mr. Fivekiller gave an update on the achievements of the six working group subcommittees: New Construction Performance Standards, Existing School Performance Standards, Water, Energy, Materials, and the Acoustics committees. The update covered new construction, Savings by Design, Proposition 47/55 Energy Grants, training LAUSD staff and the public awareness of LAUSD implementation of CHPS. Mr. Fivekiller also reported to the Committee that they have met with staff to enhance training and are planning on more presentations to increase community awareness of the programs.

Mr. McConnell made a correction to the report handed out at the meeting that said Vista Hermosa would receive an energy grant of approximately \$1 million. The correct amount is \$217,000 for our Energy Design Efficiency.

Mr. Fivekiller responded to comments made by the Committee. *Chairperson Lansing requested that the Board of Education be notified of the scheduled subcommittee meetings.*

SPEAKERS

Gene Krischer spoke on his pleasure in seeing the advancements made in this project.

EXISTING FACILITIES SEP AMENDMENT -- BUNGALOW CLASSROOM AIR
CONDITIONING AND ACCESS COMPLIANCE PROJECTS – ITEM 4

This item was cancelled and will return at a future Committee meeting.

SPEAKERS

Gene Krischer spoke on bungalows under consideration for classrooms and their cost.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

The following reports were received by the Committee without discussion:

- Bond and E-rate Funded Information Technology Infrastructure Projects (September 2005)
- Asbestos Technical Unit – AHERA Compliance Report (September 2005)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up to address the Committee as a Public Comment speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.
