

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

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Board Room

10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 8, 2008

Board Members Present:

Yolie Flores Aguilar, Chairperson
Mónica García
Marguerite P. LaMotte
Dr. Richard Vladovic

District Staff Present:

Joseph Mehula, Chief Facilities Executive
Larry Tash, Director of School Redesign

External Representatives:

David Crippens, Bond Oversight Committee
Robert Kladifko, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles

The meeting convened at 10:10 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Flores Aguilar called the meeting to order and discussed recent events related to the small schools resolution. She commented on the study tour to the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), in which Superintendent David Brewer, Mr. Mehula and Board Members visited San Diego and Kearny High Schools. Both high schools were large comprehensive schools that were converted into small learning complexes. In addition to the SDUSD study tour, Small Schools Committee members attended a two-day institute that focused on other small school models, such as the Austin, Oakland, and San Francisco Unified School Districts.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar presented a Small Schools Resolution timeline and pointed out that a resolution in support of Assembly Bill 1841 would be heard by the Board on May 27, 2008. She asked the Board for their support with Assembly Bill 1841, which would provide funding for the construction of small schools and or the reconfiguring of existing large schools.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar requested that Becki Nadybal, Director of Policy, Ellis Kaufman, Director of Small Learning Communities and School Redesign and Victoria Bergsagel, President of Architects of Achievement, prepare a report on the San Diego Unified School District study tour.

AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION RESOLUTION UPDATE

Ms. Yi Hwa Kim, Interim Director of Environmental Health and Safety, provided an update on the air pollution reduction resolution action items. She stated that the priority list of 200 schools, near major sources of air pollution, was completed and distributed, and indicated that the top 10 schools are concentrated on Interstate 5, CA 60, and CA 110 highways. Ms. Kim indicated that a range of options to upgrade systems was developed, an analysis of existing schools was underway, and letters were sent to

legislators and regulators requesting that California Air Resources Board and Environmental Protection Agency supplement current regulations to better control air pollution sources.

In addition, Ms. Kim stated that the District's alternatives were to place schools 500 feet away from freeways, upgrade heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, repair building air leaks, and reconfigure sites to place occupied areas away from pollution sources. She also urged the Committee to support legislation to mitigate health risks.

Mr. Neil Gamble, Director of Maintenance and Operations, stated a survey had been conducted at 90 schools near freeways and approximately 5000 pieces of HVAC equipment were inventoried. The survey determined that most of the schools had the Minimum Efficiency Rating Value (MERV) 4-7, which is the standard, but only arrests large particulates.

Mr. Gamble indicated that the mitigation options were to attain MERV 10, which filters out particulates from 1-3 microns and allows for upgrades of the existing capacities, or to attain MERV 14, which would filter out particulates from .3-1 microns and would require replacement of existing HVAC systems. He provided mitigation costs for the top 10 schools at risk and noted that upgrading to MERV 10 now would cost \$1 million, upgrading to MERV 14 at the end of equipment life would cost \$5.1 million, and upgrading to MERV 14 now would cost \$31.7 million.

Ms. Kim stated that a workgroup with the Air Quality Management District and the Air Resources Board would be established to find solutions.

Ms. García requested a priority list that would differentiate between ambient air and major stationary sources. Chairperson Flores Aguilar requested that an update on the workgroup's outcome be provided in the next Facilities Committee Meeting and that the workgroup understand the sense of urgency for this matter.

PREFERRED SITE DESIGNATION – SOUTH REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 9

Mr. Rod Hamilton, Regional Development Manager, provided an overview of the South Region Elementary School No. 9 project, which consists of 26 classrooms and 650 seats. The project would be located on the South side of Firestone Boulevard between Santa Fe Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard in the City of South Gate and would relieve overcrowding at Independence, Liberty, Madison, State, Victoria, and Walnut Park Elementary Schools. The preferred site would displace five single-family residences, 28 multi-family units and three commercial properties.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar indicated that this item would be on the Regular Calendar at the May 27, 2008, Board Meeting.

SPEAKERS

The following speakers expressed their views on this item:

Mr. Despot, Property Owner
Mr. Robert Martinez, South Gate Resident
Ms. Karina Vazquez, South Gate Resident
Mr. Henry C. Gonzalez, Vice Mayor, City of South Gate
Mr. Bill De Witt, Councilmember, City of South Gate

PREFERRED SITE DESIGNATION – SOUTH REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 10

Mr. Hamilton provided an overview of the South Region Elementary School No. 10 project, which consists of 26 classrooms and 650 seats. The project would be located on the Southwest corner of Vernon and Wesley Avenue, in the City of Los Angeles and would relieve overcrowding at West Vernon and Menlo Elementary Schools. The preferred site would displace nine single-family residences, 42 multi-family units, and three commercial properties.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar indicated that this item would be on the Regular Calendar at the May 27, 2008, Board Meeting.

SPEAKERS

The following speakers expressed their views on this item:

Ms. Kenya Spry, Community Member
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Mr. Carlton Hillmon, Community Member
Ms. Jeanette Hall, Community Member
Ms. Evelyn Bean, Community Member
Mr. George Blackshear, Community Member
Ms. Gwen Jennings, Resident Representative
Mr. George Buzzetti, Community Member
Ms. Bobbie Jean Anderson, Field Representative, Mike Davis, Assembly Member 48th District

EXISTING FACILITIES ANNUAL DEFERRED MAINTENANCE 5-YEAR PLAN

Mr. Gamble discussed the Deferred Maintenance 5-year plan, which would assist the District with expenditures for major repairs or replacement of existing building components. Mr. Gamble provided a breakdown of the projects in the plan's backlog, and identified sample projects. He stated that \$100 million worth of deferred projects would be executed by the end of Fiscal Year 2007-2008, and approximately \$72 million would be executed by the of Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Ms. LaMotte requested that the Facilities Division provide clarification for placing the Innovation Division as a local district under the Facility Condition Index.

SPEAKERS

Ms. Lorena Jaramillo expressed her views on this item.

EXISTING FACILITIES – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Bruce Kendall, Deputy Chief Executive of Existing Facilities, presented the monthly update for the Repair and Modernization Program report. He indicated that over 20,000 projects were completed or in construction and that by the end of Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the total project amount would be \$544 million, of which 80% would be completed or in construction.

Mr. Kendall and Mr. Ed Morris, Division Adult and Career Education, discussed the Career Technical Education Facilities Grant Program round two applications. Mr. Kendall stated that 35 applications were submitted, for a total of \$92.7 million. Of those, six were confirmed for a total of \$11.8 million.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar requested a follow-up discussion to find matching dollars for the Central High School No. 13 project (Taylor Yard) and Science Center.

NEW CONSTRUCTION – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Fred Smith, Acting Deputy Chief Facilities of New Construction, presented the monthly report for New Construction. He stated that the program consists of 132 new school projects, of which 72 had been completed, adding 59,000 new seats, 24 were under construction, 13 were pending contract award, and 23 were pending preferred site designation or DSA and CEQA approval.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Notes by: Janet Saavedra
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