

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, September 4, 2008

Board Members Present:

Yolie Flores Aguilar, Chairperson
Marguerite P. LaMotte
Richard Vladovic

District Staff Present:

Joseph Mehula, Chief Facilities Executive

External Representative Present:

David Crippens, Bond Oversight Committee
Robert Kladifko, Associated Administration of Los Angeles
Mary Najera, Parent Representative

The meeting convened at 10:12 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Flores Aguilar called the meeting to order and provided an update on the Small Schools Resolution. She indicated that the resolution was adopted on June 24, 2008. The resolution directs that the District's elementary and high school students attend schools of no more than 500 students and 400 students per middle school.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar and Mr. Mehula discussed the benefits of Senate Bill 658 and Assembly Bill 100; which are pending Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's approval.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND PROJECT APPROVAL - VALLEY REGION BLYTHE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION

Mr. Tom Calhoun, Regional Development Manager, discussed the Valley Region Blythe Street Elementary School addition. He indicated that the addition would provide 400 new seats, 16 classrooms, expansion of the library, new lunch shelter and approximately 30 parking spaces. The project would relieve overcrowding at Napa and Reseda Elementary Schools. Mr. Calhoun and Ms. Randi Cooper, Office of Environmental Health and Safety presented the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which determined that construction noise would pose significant and unavoidable impacts; and would therefore require a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar stated that this item would be discussed on the September 9, 2008, Board Meeting.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND PROJECT APPROVAL - VALLEY REGION SPAN K-8 NO. 1

Mr. Calhoun discussed the Valley Region Span K-8 No. 1 project. The project would provide 1,047 seats and 41 classrooms. Mr. Calhoun indicated that the project would relieve overcrowding at Dyer, Hubbard and Sylmar Elementary Schools, and at Olive Vista and San Fernando Middle Schools. He reported that

the EIR determined that construction noise and pedestrian safety would pose significant and unavoidable impacts, and would therefore require a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar requested that Mr. Van Ginkel, Senior Development Manager, provide the committee with a memo that indicates how pedestrian safety issues would be mitigated.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar stated that this item would be discussed on the September 9, 2008, Board Meeting.

SPEAKERS

The following speakers expressed their views on this item:

Ms. Paz Baeza, Parent
Ms. Karina Dueñas, Parent
Ms. Maria Avila, Parent

AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND OR PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP WORKFORCE HOUSING AND PARKING AT SELMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. John Creer, Director of Planning and Development, discussed the proposal to issue a Request for Proposals and or Qualifications to create workforce housing and parking at Selma Elementary School. He stated that the workforce housing objectives were to help recruit and retain teachers, save costs, generate revenue, and provide campus and community improvements. Mr. Creer pointed out that Selma Elementary School lost 57% of their teachers within the first three year of their hire.

Ms. LaMotte requested that Mr. Creer provide a report on the success of workforce housing in other districts.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar stated that this item would be discussed on the September 9, 2008, Board Meeting.

SPEAKER

Ms. Joyce Dillard expressed her views on this item.

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR STAFFING

Mr. John Gilbert, Chief Construction Inspector, discussed staffing of the Construction Inspectors position. He stated that the State of California requires that adequate, competent, and continuous inspection be exercised for all public school construction projects. Mr. Gilbert reported that the Inspection Department maintained a fully integrated staffing model of 74% District employees and 26% outside consultants; and that the Unit S staffing consists of 70% District employees and 30% outside consultants.

Mr. Gilbert stated that five exams have been provided for the Construction Inspector positions, within the past five years. On August 28, 2008, exams were provided for Construction Inspector Class 1, 2, and 3. As a result, 7 Class 1 inspectors and 19 Class 2 and Class 3 inspector were hired.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar requested that the present Board Members, Mr. Crippens, and the Facilities staff meet to provide recommendations on how to fill positions with District employees instead of outside consultants.

SPEAKERS

The following speakers expressed their views on this item:

Ms. Adriana Salazar, Teamsters Local 572

Ms. Connie Moreno, California School Employee Association

EXISTING FACILITIES - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Bruce Kendall, Deputy Chief Executive, Existing Facilities, presented the monthly update for the Repair and Modernization Program. He indicated that the program consists of 20,756 projects, of which 18,710 were either completed or under construction. Mr. Kendall concluded by stating that the program averages 141 project starts per month.

NEW CONSTRUCTION - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Fred Smith, Acting Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, New Construction, presented the Monthly Status report for the New Construction Program. He indicated that the Program consists of 132 new school projects, of which 74 have been completed and 58 are under construction. Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Gary Baker as the Director of Construction in place of Mr. Jim O'Reilly.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Creer presented the Planning and Development Monthly Status Report. He stated that Joint-Use funds consist of \$120 million from Measures K, R and Y, of which \$52 million have been expended on approximately 105 campuses. Mr. Creer indicated that the Charter Schools fund also consists of \$120 million, of which \$70 million has been expended to date. He concluded by stating that the department is pursuing third party partnerships with the YMCA and other agencies.

Ms. LaMotte requested a status update on the Bethune Middle School swimming pool.

OVERVIEW OF GREEN ROOFS

Mr. Randy Britt, Director of Sustainability and Issues, provided an overview of "green roofs". Mr. Britt highlighted the benefits of rooftop gardens stating that they provide energy saving benefits, maintenance benefits, Collaborative for High Performance Schools and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design points. Mr. Britt indicated that rooftop gardens are self-sustaining, extend the roof lifetime by 10 years, and save nearly \$80,000 over the life of the system. He stated that projects are being identified by New Construction and Existing Facilities, and would be brought for Board approval once developed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Notes by: Janet Saavedra
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