

SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD
 October 6, 2005
 Phoenix, Arizona

The School Facilities Board held a board meeting at the State Capitol in Phoenix. The meeting began at approximately 10:00 A.M.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Guests Present</u>
Chovich, Cynthia	Dr. Patricia Williams, Littleton ESD
Conley, Patrice	Kevin Kelty, Casa Grande ESD
Davidson, Frank	Julia Smock, Attorney General's Office
Gober, Patricia	
Granillo, Peter	
Keenan, Brooks	
McGee, Kate, Chair	
Ortega, David	
Phil Williams, Superintendent's Representative (non-voting)	
<u>Members Absent</u>	
Taxpayer Representative Position Vacant	
<u>Staff Present</u>	
William Bell, Executive Director	
John Arnold, Deputy Director of Finance	
Carol Civiello, Interim Deputy Director of Facilities	
Charlotte Hosseini, Special Projects	
Debra Sterling, Attorney General's Office	
Deborah Dominguez, Executive Assistant	
Kristen Landry, Public Information Officer	
Amber Peterson, School Finance Specialist	

- I. Call to Order
 Board Chair, Kate McGee, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 A.M.

- II. Roll Call
 There were nine Board Members present at this meeting including Phil Williams, the Superintendent's Representative, a non-voting representative.

- III. Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2005 and September 19, 2005 Meetings
David Ortega moved that the Board approve the September 8 and September 19, 2005 minutes with amendments. Brooks Keenan seconded. Motion passed on a 7-0-1 voice vote with Peter Granillo abstaining.

The following items are listed in the order in which they appear on the agenda, not necessarily in the order in which they were discussed. Several items were reviewed out of order as they related to other items on the agenda.

- IV. Consent Agenda
a. Consideration and possible vote of Preventive Maintenance Plans
b. Approval of 5 Year Building Renewal Plans

Brooks Keenan moved that the Board approve the consent agenda items as listed in agenda item IVa & b. Frank Davidson seconded. Motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.

- V. Director's Report
a. Audit Update

Charlotte Hosseini updated the board on the status of the audit. The SFB has reached a settlement with Abacus for \$200,000 which will be paid over 4 months. A settlement has also been reached with Kitchell for \$710,000 which eliminates the need for a hearing on additional services. Qwest has requested more information and meetings are continuing with them.

Pat Conley asked what the status of GVE's audit was. Ms. Hosseini stated GVE filed a claim against the SFB; \$3 million was a defamation of character claim and \$500,000 was related to audit findings of additional services. Risk Management denied the \$3 million. The SFB disputed the \$500,000 claim, GVE filed their response in an untimely manner and the Department of Administration has denied that claim.

- b. District Group Meeting Update

Director Bell provided an update on the district group meetings that have been taking place. He added that the information discussed will be brought back to the board. The meetings are ongoing and are open to any district who wishes to participate.

Pat Conley asked how many districts were involved in these meetings. Ms. Hosseini explained that there are individuals involved that represent multiple districts including Chuck Essigs, AASBO; Mike Smith, ASBA; Sandy Carpenter; Jim Migliorino, Deer Valley, and Randy Blecha, Fowler. Ms. Conley suggested that staff inform districts about these meetings. Frank Davidson suggested these meetings be publicized on the web.

Kate McGee added that staff will be working on the structure of this group and if Board members have suggestions to contact Ms. Hosseini.

- c. Review of Rulemaking Process

Charlotte Hosseini explained the timeline presented for the rulemaking process.

Pat Conley asked if the process was going to start over or if this was to add new rules. Ms. Hosseini explained that some rules could be easy to review that the Board may want to include with the ones that were already identified. Ms. Conley commented her understanding was future changes would be considered after the original changes were complete.

Pat Conley moved that the Board compress the timeline of the initial rules review process. David Ortega seconded.

Mr. Ortega asked to verify that compression still follows GRRC's rules which Ms. Hosseini said it would.

Motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.

d. Full Day Kindergarten Capital Grants

Pat Conley moved that the board approve the district's Full Day Kindergarten Expenditure Plans as outlined in agenda item Vd. Peter Granillo seconded. Motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.

VI. New School Construction

a. Consideration of New Construction Projects Review, Bids, Bid Packages and Change Orders

Frank Davidson recused himself from this item and addressed the board as his district, Casa Grande Elementary, is in the same situation. This item has to do with a campus vs. single building approach to new construction.

David Ortega asked Dr. Davidson if he believes a campus design is better than a single building plan. Dr. Davidson explained that there are operational considerations that make a campus plan a better plan from an educational perspective. He added that the role of the SFB is not to address operational issues. Pat Conley added that to increase the formula, a project would need to meet the statutory reasons outlined in 15-2041 D3b i,ii,iii, and iv and a campus plan does not.

Kate McGee asked if there are schools being built that are within the formula amount. John Arnold explained that yes, minimum guideline schools are being built within the formula, but added that the minimum guidelines are very basic.

Pat Conley said she is concerned with architects who do not understand the formula. Brooks Keenan asked if a school must be redesigned, who pays for that. John Arnold explained that the SFB's staff architect works with the district architect to prevent that from happening. If it does need to be redesigned, the architect would redesign it at no cost, because he is to design it within budget.

Peter Granillo asked how you hold an architect responsible when the cost of materials keeps increasing.

Pat Conley added that this project was approved in April 2005 so the time frame was short. Peter Granillo stated that the district received 3% in

contingency, but construction costs have gone up 8-10% in the last five months.

David Ortega moved that the Board approve Coolidge Unified School District's request to go to bid on School Facilities Board project 110221000-9999-005N in the amount of \$7,755,686 for a K-8 elementary school. Cynthia Chovich seconded. Motion passed on a 7-0-1 voice vote with Frank Davidson recusing himself.

Isaac Elementary was pulled from the agenda.

VII. Consideration of Request for Land or Real Property Purchase, Lease, or Donation, including requests from:

a. Steps I and/or II

Dr. Patricia Williams of the Littleton Elementary District addressed the board to clarify that the district is not receiving impact fees from the developer that owns the land, but the surrounding developers.

Pat Conley stated that the State loses money on items like Littleton's request, where the districts receive impact fees, and the State buys land.

Brooks Keenan moved that the Board approve Littleton Elementary District's request to purchase 17 acres for a K-8 site and move to Step III for necessary testing. Cynthia Chovich seconded. Motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.

David Ortega moved that the Board approve Roosevelt Elementary District's request to accept a donation of 7.2 acres for a K-8 site and move to Step III for necessary testing. Peter Granillo seconded. Motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.

Peter Granillo moved that the Board approve Santa Cruz County Regional District's request to accept a donation of 4.3 acres for a 5-12 site and move to Step III for necessary testing. Pat Conley seconded. Motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.

Kate McGee requested the policy on accommodation schools be added to the policy book.

David Ortega stated that the use of IGA's as with Roosevelt and Santa Cruz County work and stated it is important for districts to work with cities and towns.

b. Step III

Brooks Keenan moved that the Board approve the following items:

1. That the Board approve JO Combs Elementary District's request to accept a donation of 12 acres (project number 110344000-9999-006L) for an elementary school site.

2. That the Board approve Marana Unified District's request to accept a donation of 10 acres (project number 100206000-9999-001L) for an elementary school site

Pat Conley seconded. Motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote

VIII. Assessment Deficiencies

a. Consideration of Emergency Deficiencies Projects

Carol Civiello explained Kirkland Elementary emergency request.

Pat Conley asked what the age of the modular building was. Ms. Civiello explained that the building is aged, but she did not know exactly how old it was. Ms. Conley suggested it would be better to replace the building rather than repair.

Kate McGee asked if the district was putting any of their own money into the project. Ms. Civiello explained that the district is using all of their Building Renewal money. Ms. McGee asked if the district had submitted their Preventive Maintenance plan. Ms. Civiello confirmed that they did. Ms. McGee asked if any Deficiencies correction money went into this building, which staff did not know offhand.

Patricia Gober moved that the Board move to table this request until staff could answer the Board's questions. Pat Conley seconded. Motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.

The Board recessed at 11:20am and reconvened at 11:40am.

Carol Civiello explained that the building was built in 1996 and did not receive any deficiencies corrections money. David Ortega asked if the building had been relocated which staff did not know.

Pat Conley moved that the Board approve emergency funding of \$25,000 for a roof replacement for the Kirkland Elementary School district David Ortega seconded. Motion passed on an 8-0 voice vote.

IX. Finance/ Legislative/ Budget Report

a. Financial Update

John Arnold provided an update on the various funds.

X. Chairman's Report

a. Presentation on the Open Meeting Laws

Julia Smock of the Attorney General's office presented on quorums and the use of email. She provided examples of situations and provided a handout to all the Board Members.

XI. Future Agenda Items

Brooks Keenan requested Tombstone USD be on the agenda as soon as all information is gathered.

XIV. Public Comment

Kevin Kely of the Casa Grande Elementary District addressed the board regarding campus-designed schools.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Kate McGee, adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:45 P.M.

Approved by the School Facilities Board on _____, 2005

Kate McGee, Chair