

SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD  
June 28, 2006  
Phoenix, Arizona

The School Facilities Board held a board meeting at the School Facilities Board Offices in Phoenix. The meeting began at approximately 2:00 P.M.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Guests Present</u>
Davidson, Frank, Chair	
Keenan, Brooks, Vice Chair	
Ortega, David	
Rushin, Tom	
Taylor, Penny	
<u>Members Absent</u>	
Chovich, Cynthia	
Gober, Patricia	
Torrez, Gregory	
Phil Williams, Superintendent's Representative (non-voting)	
School Board Representative Position Vacant	
<u>Staff Present</u>	
John Arnold, Acting Executive Director	
Dean Gray, Deputy Director of Facilities	
Monica Petersen, Deputy Director of Finance	
Kristen Landry, Public Information Officer	
Debra Sterling, Attorney General's Office	

- I. Call to Order  
Chair Frank Davidson called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00P.M.
- II. Roll Call and Introduction of Board Members  
There were five Board Members present at this meeting.
- III. New School Construction
  - a. Consideration and possible vote of New Construction Projects Review, Bids, and Bid Packages  
Penny Taylor moved that the Board approve Sunnyside Unified District's request to proceed with [CM@Risk](#) Project 100212000-9999-001N, upon staff receipt of necessary documents, in the amount of \$8,171,811. Brooks Keenan seconded.

Motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

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

a. Step III

Penny Taylor moved that the board approve the following:

1. That the Board approve Dysart Unified School District's request to accept a partial donation/ partial purchase of 13.782 acres for and elementary site (project number 071289000-9999-028L)

2. That the Board approve Littleton Elementary District's request to purchase 16.118 acres for an elementary school site (project number 07046500-9999-010L) at 3,160,000

Tom Rushin seconded. Motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

V. Consideration and Possible Vote of Emergency Deficiency Projects

Dean Gray explained that the EPA has changed the maximum contamination levels for arsenic from 50 to 10 mg/l for water systems. Palo Verde's recordable levels tested at 27 mg/l, which has been acceptable in the past. However, the district must be in compliance by December 31, 2006.

Penny Taylor asked if this issue has come up before. Mr. Gray said that it has come up in the past. He added that this was an existing well that will meet the EPA standard until January 1, 2007. Ms. Taylor asked if any other districts would have a similar request in the future. Mr. Gray explained that it is a possibility as there are a number of districts with their own wells. Ms. Taylor explained she was concerned that this may set a precedent. Mr. Gray agreed that could be a possibility, but noted that Palo Verde's request did meet the criteria for an emergency.

David Ortega said he was familiar with arsenic remediation. He said it is often handled by municipalities which have more choices on where they get their water. He said in this case the district is solely dependent on well water. Frank Davidson agreed that this would be an issue in those districts dependent on well water that do not have other choices as to where they get their water.

David Ortega moved that the Board approve Palo Verde Elementary School District's request to spend up to \$27,623 for the arsenic remediation system. Penny Taylor seconded.

Motion passed on a 5-0 voice vote.

VI. Discussion of Sunset Review Audit

John Arnold announced the Auditor General's Office is conducting a Sunset Review on the agency. He explained that every agency is subjected to Sunset provisions, meaning after 10 years the agency is repealed and has to be re-established. He said the auditors would be talking with staff and board members for the next six months and urged everyone to be cooperative.

David Ortega asked what the mechanics of the sunset law are. Mr. Arnold explained that the agency is repealed if the current law stays in effect. New

legislation would have to be passed and signed by the Governor in order for the agency to stay in effect. He added that the SFB is unique in that under the bonding provisions if the SFB has outstanding bonds, the agency is not subject to the sunset repeals. He noted the SFB plans to have outstanding bonds for the next 15 years.

Frank Davidson asked what the impact of the Supreme Court's opinion is on the sunset law. Mr. Arnold explained the state has certain constitutional responsibilities in providing school facilities, but this particular program is just a tool the legislature chose to implement that responsibility.

VII. Future Agenda Items

Penny Taylor requested the following: A legislative update at the August meeting, a discussion on energy efficiency, and a status update on the SFB Director position.

VIII. Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Frank Davidson, adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:20 P.M.

Approved by the School Facilities Board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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Chair