



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting/Conference Call

County School Facilities Consortium (CSFC)

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

1303 J Street, Suite 520 – Sacramento, CA 95814

Executive Committee Members Participating/Absent (*): Lindsay Currier, Chair; Jema Estrella, Vice-Chair; Jeff Becker; Kathy Daniels; Sherrie Gruber; Joshua Jorn*; Steve Turner*

Members Participating:

Keith Crafton, *LA COE*; Bill Deegan, *LA COE*; Johnnie Pina, *LA COE*; Matt Shawver, *Placer COE*; John Silvestrini, *Sonoma COE*;

Staff: Rebekah Cearley; Jessica Contreras

Welcome and Introductions

CSFC Chair Lindsay Currier convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed all participants. She then reviewed the minutes from the last CSFC meeting on December 9, 2016.

Facility Subcommittee of County Offices (FSCO) Update

Kathy Daniels, FSCO Chair, reminded everyone that FSCO will be meeting on a quarterly schedule this year. She will provide an update after the next meeting on March 3.

Governor's Budget Proposal

Rebekah reported that the Governor released his 2016 Budget Proposal on Thursday, January 7. She gave an overview of the sections pertaining to school facilities and COEs in particular. Rebekah mentioned that the Governor remained cautious about new spending and wants additional revenues to be used only for one-time expenses. Overall there was a 5.4% increase for LCFF funding, which brings the program to about 90% of full implementation. Regarding schools, Rebekah reported that there was an increase of \$52 million for Proposition 39 and a decrease in special education ADA. Other topics discussed included Cap and Trade and Drought Response. The deadline for the Legislature to pass the budget is June 15, 2016.

State School Bond Efforts

Next, Rebekah addressed the fact that the budget did not propose a new School Facility Program or a potential statewide school bond on the June ballot. The Governor did express concern about the C.A.S.H. \$9 billion bond that is already qualified for the November ballot, and the continuation of the current School Facility Program. Rebekah and Jeff both emphasized that the C.A.S.H. bond supporters will continue to move forward with the bond. Rebekah then mentioned the recent support for the bond, which includes bond resolutions from 93 school districts and endorsements from 3 current/former Superintendents of Public Instruction, the Building Trades, and the Chamber of Commerce. Next steps

for the bond will focus on fundraising efforts to make sure the bond stands out on the crowded November ballot.

Monthly Discussion Question

Would your county office benefit from receiving the authority to issue local bonds? What if it was at the expense of losing automatic Financial Hardship status as a COE in the School Facility Program?

Rebekah and Lindsay led a discussion of the current financial hardship criteria and the potential outcomes of COEs receiving authority to issue local bonds. CSFC members agreed that it would be very difficult for counties to pass local bonds and participate in the Financial Hardship Program under the school district criteria.

Legislative Update

Rebekah reminded everyone that the Legislative deadline to introduce new bills is February 19; CSFC will be discussing bills and taking positions on legislation at the March CSFC meeting. Rebekah next reported that SB 47 (Hill), a bill regarding the use of crumb rubber infill for artificial turf that had been opposed by CSFC, was held in the Senate Education Committee on January 13. CSFC discontinued opposition when the bill was amended to remove playground surfaces.

C.A.S.H. Annual Conference

Lindsay discussed CSFC's upcoming workshop at the C.A.S.H. Annual Conference. She announced that the workshop will be a continuation of last year's topic focusing on special education integration. Lindsay will moderate the workshop and the panel will include CSFC Past-Chair Jeff Becker, an architect from Ruhnau Ruhnau Clarke, and a SELPA Director/Program person. The title of the workshop will be "Special Education in the Classroom: Designing for and Serving All Students" and will take place on Monday, February 22 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. There will also be a CSFC membership meeting at the Annual Conference, on Wednesday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m. in Convention Center Room 303.

Rebekah mentioned that the California Department of Education (CDE) is considering drafting recommendations for universal design that could possibly be incorporated into the presentation. She will keep the group updated.

Williams Inspections Update

CSFC members discussed that they would like to have input on the inspections process and mentioned the importance of a funding stream if inspections are mandated to continue. Members discussed that the Williams inspections could be considered part of the LCAP requirements in complying with the Good Repair standard and using the FIT.

Adjournment

The meeting/call adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jessica Contreras