



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting/Conference Call

County School Facilities Consortium (CSFC)

Wednesday, April 27, 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*; Pam Gibbs, *LA COE*; Ian Padilla, *C.A.S.H.*; Johnnie Pina, *LA COE*; Jim Simone, *Butte COE*; Bill Stillwell, *Meehleis Modular Buildings Inc.*; Gerald Yarbrough, *LA 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 in the room and on the phone. She announced that the meeting would end at 2:00 p.m. to accommodate the Executive Committee's meeting with Juan Mireles (California Department of Education) at 2:30. She then reviewed the minutes from the last CSFC meeting on March 23.

Facility Subcommittee of County Offices (FSCO) Update

Kathy announced that she will provide a FSCO update after their next meeting on June 9th. Jeff reported that CCSESA (California County Superintendents Educational Services Association) has endorsed the bond. Jeff congratulated FSCO participants on their great work in encouraging the support of the County Superintendents.

State School Bond Efforts

Rebekah reported that bond efforts are full-steam ahead moving along. She described a recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), which found that 62% of voters are likely to vote for a Proposition 30 extension on the November ballot, and 63% are likely to vote for the State School Bond. These results are very positive and show that the Proposition 30 extension and the bond can succeed on the same ballot. Rebekah provided an update on endorsements and presented a list of the COEs who have passed resolutions in support of the bond. She thanked those COEs and called for everyone else to consider passing a resolution, noting the CCSESA's endorsement may help sway uncertain Boards. Jeff provided an update on CASH bond activities and encouraged CSFC members to participate in the many bond fundraisers happening across the state, if possible, on their personal time.

Special Education Integration and Universal Design

Rebekah provided an overview of the CSFC letter submitted to Fred Yeager (CDE), in response to the CDE draft design recommendations. A copy of this letter will be circulated among CSFC members once the Executive Committee has had a chance to meet with Fred and discuss the response. The letter emphasized that any recommendations should benefit a full range of student abilities, not just special education students. The letter goes on to request a menu of options be available for design, such as

modular wall systems, nooks, lifts, extra plumbing, etc. Rebekah called for any additional suggestions or feedback. Lindsay updated members about the meeting with Juan Mireles that would be taking place; the meeting will be to discuss Title 5 and opportunities to maximize integration, to continue a discussion CSFC has previously started with Nick Schweizer.

2016 CSFC Annual Summit

Rebekah led a discussion about potentially changing the dates for the 2016 Summit to be able to expand the search for a venue. The previous Summit location, the Holiday Inn in Sacramento, is unavailable for 2016. The current Summit dates (9/29-9/30) would piggyback off of CASH day. There was consensus to keep the date as-is and to look into using meeting space outside of a hotel location, with a room block at the Sheraton Grand, Sacramento. Rebekah next asked for suggestions of speakers to invite.

Legislative and Budget Update

Rebekah began the legislative update by reminding everyone that the deadline for bills with fiscal impacts to pass out of their policy committee was April 22. All fiscal bills must next pass out of the Appropriations Committee by May 27. Rebekah provided updates on the following bills:

- AB 1783 (Dodd) – Classroom Contents and Earthquake Safety
 - This bill deals with conducting assessments of unsecured classroom contents for earthquake safety. It has been amended to require a one-time assessment, rather than annual assessments, and does not require that corrective action be taken, only reported by the superintendent. It has also been narrowed to apply only to schools in areas of high seismicity. The bill is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, where significant cost concerns have been raised; it is estimated that unknown Proposition 98 costs could be in the millions.
- AB 2316 (O'Donnell) – Lease-Leaseback
 - AB 2316 would create a lease-leaseback competitive selection process. Rebekah noted that new language was added to the bill today and she will review it and have more information at the next meeting. The bill will be heard in the Assembly Education Committee in early May.
- SB 693 (Hueso) Skilled Workforce
 - This bill would specify skilled workforce requirements across several different delivery methods (lease-leaseback, design-build, best value), creating one set of rules for implementation and offering guidance on calculating the percentage of the skilled workforce. C.A.S.H. supports this bill and CSFC will consider taking a position after the bill has its first policy hearing.
- SB 885 (Wolk) Indemnity
 - SB 885 would change contractual agreements between school districts and design professionals relating to indemnity and the first dollar of defense. School districts, contractors and the trades are all opposed to the bill. SB 885 revisits an issue that was dealt with in 2010 and seeks to make changes to the agreement that was established at

that time. The bill will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 3. CSFC has adopted an oppose position on this bill and has signed onto an opposition letter with a public works coalition of 25 groups in opposition.

- SB 1071 (Allen) Special Education Funding – Preschool
 - This bill would make a one-time adjustment of \$150 million to SELPA-based funding calculations. It has passed out of the Senate Education Committee and is pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee, where it was pulled from the schedule by the author. ACSA, CASBO and SELPA directors are all in support of this bill. Rebekah will continue to follow the bill and expects more information will be available after the May Revision.

In terms of the state budget, Rebekah reported that there will be no major budget or Proposition 39 funding decisions until after the May Revision.

Adjournment

The meeting/call adjourned at 2:05 p.m. Lindsay reminded everyone that the next CSFC meeting/call will be on May 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and to make sure to check their email for new conference line dial-in information.

Minutes taken by: Jessica Contreras