



## **Minutes of the Monthly Meeting/Conference Call**

### **County School Facilities Consortium (CSFC)**

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

1130 K Street, Suite 210 – 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*; Jim Simone, *Butte COE*; Vicki Smith, *Shasta COE*; Bill Stillwell, *Mehleis Modular*

**Staff:** Rebekah Cearley; Jessica Contreras

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Vice-Chair Jema Estrella and Immediate Past Chair Jeff Becker led the welcome and introductions. Jeff introduced new Executive Committee member Sherrie Gruber, of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools. Next, CSFC members agreed to re-order the agenda to discuss special education integration first.

### **Special Education Integration Efforts**

Rebekah and Jeff reported that they, along with Lindsay, met with Nick Schweizer, Deputy Superintendent, California Department of Education (CDE) on October 8. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss opportunities to improve special education integration via updates to Title 5; Jeff reported that Nick seemed knowledgeable about Title 5 and was receptive to hearing more about CSFC's recommendations. Rebekah does not expect that CDE will take any action on Title 5 until a replacement for Kathleen Moore has been hired. Jeff also mentioned that CSFC members spoke informally about Special Education issues at the C.A.S.H. Fall Conference on October 21.

### **Facility Subcommittee of County Offices (FSCO) Update**

The monthly FSCO Update was provided by Keith Crafton, who reported that FSCO met in early October and discussed legislative updates, DSA/CDE water regulations, and the future of FSCO leadership. Keith advised that moving forward, a BASC CBO will begin attending the FSCO meetings on a regular basis. FSCO will meet next in December.

### **State School Bond Efforts**

Jeff provided an update on the C.A.S.H. School Bond Initiative: the bond is now eligible (has qualified) for the November 2016 ballot and bond efforts are at a "pivot point," where the focus is moving towards the campaign and fundraising. Jeff stressed that at this point, the only way the bond initiative can be removed from the ballot is if C.A.S.H. and their partner, CBIA, decide to remove it; this will not happen given the amount of work and money that have been put into the bond. Other factors for consideration include the Prop. 30 extension and CTA issues. Jeff reminded everyone to please send in Board

Resolutions in support of the bond initiative. Rebekah will develop a letter template for use by Superintendents to express their support for the bond.

### **DSA Irrigation Efficiency Regulations**

The Building Standards Commission has proposed making the temporary regulations (approved in July) permanent. The regulations are currently in the public comment period until November 9. Rebekah reported that CSFC worked with DSA directly to increase the landscape regulations area trigger from 1,000 square feet to 1,600 square feet, which will better accommodate the larger size of special education facilities. Rebekah advised that CSFC will hold off on providing any written comments at this time.

### **Legislative Update – Governor’s Actions and CSFC Position Bills**

Rebekah reported that the Governor had until October 11, 2015 to sign or veto bills that made it to his desk. A full summary of his actions, as well as a list of CSFC position bills, was sent to CSFC members on October 23. Rebekah highlighted AB 1347 (Chiu) regarding the claims process, which was vetoed by the Governor. CSFC originally opposed the bill with a coalition, but moved to a neutral position after amendments were taken. In his veto message, the Governor expressed concerns about potential costs to the state; the Department of Finance also released a late analysis opposing the bill.

CSFC will be taking positions on new bills introduced for the 2016 session at the March 2016 meeting.

Jema asked Rebekah for a report on the Routine Restricted Maintenance Account (RMMA); Rebekah reminded everyone that the 3% requirement is being phased in, with the full 3% required by 2020-21.

### **CSFC Annual Summit Debrief**

*Discussion Question: Regarding the 2015 CSFC Summit, please share at least one thing you enjoyed or found informative and at least one thing you would change, improve, or enhance.*

Jema reviewed the results of the Evaluation Survey and there was discussion about the highlights of the Summit and ideas for improvement at the 2016 Summit. Suggestions for 2016 were noted by CSFC staff.

### **C.A.S.H. Annual Conference Workshop Topic**

Rebekah announced that the CSFC Executive Committee met informally at the Summit and C.A.S.H. Fall Conference to discuss ideas for the CSFC workshop at the Annual Conference in February. Last year’s topic was Special Education Integration and this year the topic will go deeper and explore the idea of Universal Design. Topics to be addressed in the workshop will include 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environments and NextGen spaces for special education. CSFC members were asked to provide input to help flesh out the topics. Rebekah will circulate the workshop description for feedback and advised that CSFC needs to finalize a panel of speakers on the topic by early January and the workshop will be moderated by Lindsay. Panelists should include representatives from design, special education, and SELPA administrators.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting/call adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

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Minutes taken by: Jessica Contreras