



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting/Conference Call

County School Facilities Consortium (CSFC)

May 27, 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; Steve Turner,* Paul Speed; Joshua Jorn*

Members Participating: John Ivey, *EFC Enterprises, Inc.*; Keith Crafton, *Los Angeles COE*; Gerald Yarbrough, *Los Angeles COE*; Bill Stillwell, *Meehleis Modular*

Staff Present: Rebekah Cearley; Jessica Contreras

Welcome and Introductions

Immediate Past-Chair Jeff Becker opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with introductions of all members participating in person and by phone. CSFC Chair Lindsay Currier and Vice-Chair Jema Estrella were unable to attend.

Facility Subcommittee of County Offices (FSCO) Update

Keith Crafton provided an update from the most recent FSCO meeting on May 14th, where they discussed the future role of FSCO and the expectations of their parent committee, BASC. BASC has indicated that they find FSCO's work vital, but without a current school facilities bond, it might be more beneficial for FSCO to meet on a quarterly basis and to tie those meetings to other significant state activities. Keith will be working on revising the meeting schedule for 2016; the 2015 schedule will continue as planned. Jeff mentioned that during this transition time, it is important for CSFC to remain engaged with FSCO.

State School Bond Efforts

School Bond Initiative

Rebekah Cearley gave an update and identified next steps for the C.A.S.H./Californians for Quality Schools (CQS) Statewide School Bond Initiative, which is progressing on schedule and is currently in the signature gathering phase. CQS expects to have all signatures gathered by mid-July and verified by the end of September. Josh Jorn mentioned that the Monterey COE Board plans to pass a resolution in support of a bond, and they would like to be able to support the bond effort by signing a CQS petition. Rebekah will check internally to see if there is a way for CSFC members to become more active or to provide opportunities for individuals to directly sign petitions.

Bond Bills in the Legislature

Rebekah reported on the status of state school bond bills in the Legislature. She expects that all 3 bond bills (SB 114/Liu, AB 148/Holden, AB 1088/O'Donnell) will be held in Appropriations Committee and become two-year bills, with the chance to be taken up again in 2016. None of the bills has a dollar

amount attached to it at this point and it is unlikely that they will move on without that information; it is also possible that the bill's authors are waiting to see what will happen with the CQS initiative.

Legislative Update

Rebekah highlighted a few bills that CSFC has been closely following:

AB 677 (Dodd): School safety: door locks – Oppose Unless Amended

- CSFC continues to have concerns relating to the costs of implementing this bill.

AB 566 (O'Donnell): Leasing property: construction contracts – Watch

- Due to the likelihood that this bill would make it significantly more difficult for schools to do Lease-Leaseback projects, C.A.S.H. is currently recommending amendments to the author's office. Since this bill is very likely to pass, taking an oppose position is not recommended, as it would decrease the chance of having amendments taken.

AB 1347 (Chiu): Public contracts: claims – Oppose

- CSFC is working with the Public Works Coalition to oppose the bill. The PWC has been able to negotiate some amendments, and the bill now reflects that failure to respond would deem a claim rejected. CSFC hopes to be able to remove opposition in acceptance of the compromise.

SB 47 (Hill): Environmental health: synthetic turf – Oppose Unless Amended

- Since the Governor is prioritizing drought response right now, he is unlikely to sign this bill. The bill is on the Senate Education suspense file.

Budget Update – May Revision

Rebekah presented an overview of the May Revision. She noted that the Governor proposed 37 positions to be cut from the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC); this signals that the Governor will not be supporting a school bond and the Legislature has acted to approve the reduction. Both the Assembly and the Senate have adopted a phase-in process of the return of the Routine Restricted Maintenance (RRM) 3% contribution requirement, plus language to allow the use of RRM funds for drought relief. Jeff raised the concern that having that sort of flexibility with RRM erodes its effectiveness.

Water/Drought Response

CSFC members discussed water conservation strategies and ways to educate their communities about school district efforts such as issuing a press release, advertising water days, posting signs on campus, or through use of the school's marquee. Kathy Daniels reported that El Dorado COE has had a very positive response with their community outreach. Rebekah reported that the Department of the State Architect (DSA) is currently developing Title 24 regulations to require water-saving landscape provisions. Jeff asked how this will affect COE sites that are located on district property. Members recommended that COEs reach out to their local water agencies to discuss and negotiate requirements, potential flexibility, and savings. Rebekah also noted that CDE is expected to release a best practices sheet and CSFC will send out to members. Jeff suggested that COEs should be proactive and start benchmarking usage/savings for use in reporting.

Special Education Task Force and CSFC Efforts

Rebekah announced that CSFC was able to contribute to an education stakeholder letter regarding fiscal provisions of the Special Education Task Force report, adding language regarding siting and integrated

environments. The Governor proposed \$60 million in the budget for operational issues identified in this report. CSFC participated in a stakeholder meeting and the task force recommendations are now in the hands of policy makers. Rebekah will finalize the Special Education Integration White Paper and begin to distribute.

CSFC Social Media Survey Results

Rebekah reviewed the results of the survey based on 11 responses. Email was the preferred method of communication for all the respondents. The majority of the respondents (55%) indicated that they don't use social media at all, and only 9% thought that CSFC should join a social media site. 100% would like to continue receiving email updates and 55% would like the website to be updated more frequently.

CSFC Annual Summit – Planning Update

Rebekah reported that contracts have been signed for the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza and Ten 22 in Old Sacramento. The group concurred with an across-the-board registration fee increase of 10%. At that rate, the Summit would need 23-24 attendees to cover all costs, which is a very reasonable target; any non-member counties who attend the Summit will receive a credit towards future membership. CSFC staff will reach out to BASC and FSCO to advertise the Summit. Rebekah asked that members start thinking of who they would like to honor with this year's Legislative Award.

Adjourned

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

Minutes taken by: Jessica Contreras