



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting/Conference Call

County School Facilities Consortium (CSFC)

Wednesday, August 26, 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; Joshua Jorn; Paul Speed; Steve Turner

Members Participating: Regina Bills-Dacong, *School Site Solutions*; Joe Bittaker, *Landmark Construction*; Keith Crafton, *LA COE*; Bill Deegan, *LA COE*; John Ivey, *Designed Building Systems, Inc.*; Johnnie Pina, *LA COE*; Matt Shawver, *Placer COE*; John Silvestrini, *Sonoma COE*; Jim Simone, *Butte COE*; Gerald Yarbrough, *LA COE*

Staff: Rebekah Cearley; Jessica Contreras

Welcome and Introductions

CSFC Chair Lindsay Currier opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with introductions of all members participating in person and by phone. She then gave a brief review of the minutes from the July 22, 2015 meeting.

Facility Subcommittee of County Offices (FSCO) Update

Keith Crafton reported that there was a light FSCO meeting on August 6. Keith noted that at the meeting Bill Savidge announced his retirement from the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and that the decision to move to quarterly FSCO meetings for 2016 is likely.

State School Bond Efforts

Rebekah announced that signature gathering for the Californians for Quality Schools (CQS) school bond initiative has been completed and all signatures have been submitted to the appropriate counties to be counted; progress can be tracked on the Secretary of State's webpage. Rebekah then reported that the initiative sponsors expect to officially qualify for the November 2016 ballot by the end of September or early October and will now shift into campaign mode; the campaign effort will need about \$10 million. To aid in the effort, CSFC staff will circulate an updated Board Resolution for COEs to present to their Boards.

Rebekah next reported that SB 114 (Liu), the only remaining bond bill in the legislature, is unlikely to move any further during this session. She noted that there is still time for the legislature to act in order to get something on the June or November 2016 ballot. She mentioned the California Policy Center's report criticizing school bonds and debt financing and calling for more accountability and oversight. At this time, CSFC is monitoring policymaker reactions to the report.

CSFC Annual Summit Planning

Lindsay and Rebekah reviewed the agenda, topics, and speakers for the 2015 Annual Summit. Per the monthly discussion question, they called for any potential speaker questions to be sent in ahead of the Summit for inclusion in the packet. Rebekah also asked that COEs who host monthly local Facility Planner Meetings please send over copies of their agendas to be used in an agenda item. Lastly, Rebekah reviewed marketing efforts and sponsorship opportunities.

Proposition 39

The group discussed the recent AP article questioning the effectiveness of Prop 39. Rebekah announced that the Citizen's Oversight Board will hold their first meeting on September 8th and that some sort of legislative hearing on Proposition 39 may also take place.

Legislative Update

Regarding the *Davis v. Fresno USD* case, Rebekah reported that Amicus letters supporting Fresno's appeal have been submitted by C.A.S.H., ACCM, CASBO, CSBA, AGC, and LAUSD. There has been opposition by Beverley Hills USD. It is not yet known if the Supreme Court will take up the issue. CSFC members discussed the risks and benefits of taking on lease-leaseback (LLB) projects during this time. All members were advised to consult with their legal counsel before making any decisions.

Rebekah reported that AB 975 (Mullin) was amended late in the legislative session to offer some LLB contractor relief, but was held in the Senate Education Committee and will not move forward. Finally, Rebekah updated the group on AB 566 (O'Donnell) regarding LLB prequalification and workforce provisions: the bill was signed by the Governor on August 17th.

Adjourned

The meeting/call adjourned at 2:10 p.m. A closed-session Executive Committee meeting immediately followed.

Minutes taken by: Jessica Contreras