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Regular Meeting

333 S. Beaudry Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Wednesday January 21, 2009

Committee Members Present:

C. Rice; S. Folsom; D. Crippens; E. Bar-El; C. Bergson; J. Naimo; L. Levitan; A. Medina; B. Valles

Committee Members Absent:

C. Espinosa; D. Jenkins; R. Slawson; V. Tanzmann

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order

Ms. Rice called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Agenda Item 2. Chair's Remarks

Ms. Rice announced that this was her last meeting. Ms. Rice commented on the new direction that the Facilities Services Division would be taking.

Agenda Item 9. BOC Election

Presenter: Joseph Buchman, BOC Legal Counsel

Four BOC members will be termed out January 31, 2009, Ms. Rice, Mr. Folsom, Mr. Medina and Mr. Slawson, creating a vacancy in the positions of the Chair and Vice Chair currently held by Ms. Rice and Mr. Folsom respectively. The BOC typically elects its officers annually at the June BOC meeting; however, the Bylaws provide that in the event of vacant position (e.g., Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) during the year, an election is held to fill the vacancy.

Ms. Rice nominated Mr. Crippens for Chair. There was a motion, second, vote, and nominations were closed. Mr. Crippens was elected Chair. Mr. Crippens nominated Ms. Bar-El for Vice Chair. There was a motion, second, vote and nominations were closed. Ms. Bar-El was elected Vice Chair. Mr. Medina nominated Mr. Naimo as Secretary. There was a motion, second, vote and nominations were closed. Mr. Naimo was elected Secretary.

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Agenda Item 4. Consent Calendar

Ms. Rice introduced the Consent Calendar consisting of the November 19, 2008 minutes, December 17, 2008 minutes, and Quarterly Report (July-September 2008).

There was a Motion, Second, and vote.

The Consent Calendar Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item 8. UCLA Labor Center Report and WE BUILD Annual Report

Presenter: Veronica Soto, Director of Contractor Relations & Small Business Program

Ms. Rice noted that the District's contract outreach to veterans, minority business owners, and women business owners is one of the best in the country.

Ms. Soto reported on the We Build program. It is a pre-apprenticeship construction training program. Objectives for the program include: fulfilling contractor apprentice needs, cultivating a local workforce, fulfilling the 50% local worker participation goal, and stimulating local economic development. Strategic goals for the program include: utilization of local workers and sponsorship of We Build graduates, priority dispatching of local union craft workers to LAUSD projects, and continued union partnerships to increase local worker access to union apprenticeship. Program attributes include: quality training and strategic outreach.

The We Build program has graduated 905 individuals. There are 595 graduates that are considered ready to work. Approximately 90 percent of the ready to work graduates are working in construction.

Ms. Soto reported that the UCLA Labor Center invited the District to participate in a study titled "Construction Careers for Our Communities." The study wanted to determine the benefits of Project Labor Agreements as it relates to local hiring. The study's conclusions were positive for the District.

Ms. Soto reported that the District was going to launch the We Build Green program. It will focus on photovoltaic technology. The District is going to invest \$500 million in sustainability and conservation, of which, \$200 million will be for solar technology.

Ms. Soto reported on the iSEE Architecture and Engineering Internship program. The program has been successful in exploring architecture and engineering with the District's student body. Ms. Soto reported that iSEE Green will launch in the near future.

Ms. Rice asked about the ex-offender participation rates. Ms. Soto responded that 117 of the 905 We Build graduates are ex-offenders. Of the 117 ex-offenders, 79 are working in construction, 14 are job hunting, 19 have been no-responsive, 1 declined a job interview, 1 was incarcerated, 1 did not clear medical, 1 relocated outside of LAUSD, and 1 is working non-construction.

Ms. Levitan requested a list of high schools that participated in the iSEE Architecture and Engineering Internship program. Ms. Soto responded that there are 42 schools participating and noted that she would provide the list.

Agenda Item 11. Planning and Development SEP Amendment – Dance Studio Project at Logan ES for Charter Use

Presenter: John Creer, Director, Planning and Development

Richard Alonzo, Local District Superintendent

This proposal is to co-locate Gabriella Charter School (GCS) onto the Logan ES campus. The operating capacity for Logan ES is 1,024 students. Current enrollment is 550 and next year is projected to be 523. The campus has 37 permanent classrooms, 13 portable classrooms and 2.9 acres of play space.

There will be a \$1 million investment to convert four classrooms. Mr. Creer reported that Mr. Alonzo accommodated several meetings to discuss sharing of facilities.

Mr. Alonzo spoke in favor of the co-location project. He reported there have been community meetings. GCS has already begun dance lessons for Logan ES students. When GCS becomes a middle school, the students will have access to the 450 N. Grand arts program.

Ms. Rice stated that the voters passed Proposition 39 which mandates charter school students have access to publicly funded seats. She added that executing Proposition 39 is difficult.

Public Comment: Herlinda Martinez, a parent from Logan ES.

With regard to the non-responsiveness of the principal, Mr. Medina asked if the issue had been raised with upper management. Ms. Martinez responded that the parents have spoken to Rita Caldera. Ms. Rice asked if Ms. Martinez's son's classroom was being taken for the dance studio. Ms. Fernandez responded that a determination has been made of which classrooms are to be displaced and it currently is not the pre-school classroom. In accommodating all of the school, room assignments may be changed. Ms. Valles asked how many more Logan ES parents are not aware of what was happening with their children at the Logan ES. Ms. Martinez responded that all the parents were aware of what was going but that they did not want to speak up because they were being ignored.

Public Comment: Luz Flores, Chairperson of the School Site Council.

Ms. Rice stated that a lot of the issues raised were not in the BOC's jurisdiction but that the BOC was very concerned about communication complaints by the parents. Ms. Rice urged the local school leaders to re-engage the parents to discuss objections. The BOC will review the project in the context of whether the co-location of the charter school is something that violates the strategic execution plan.

As the number of children at the school has gone down and the API has gone up, Ms. Bar-El asked for Ms. Flores's thoughts on what she thinks the most significant change has been in becoming a smaller school. She also asked if the playground feels more comfortable for the kids since the school is smaller. Ms. Flores responded that the playground is more comfortable. Ms. Flores added that there is an issue with sharing the cafeteria with GCS. Ms. Flores expressed her disappointment that GCS is receiving more support. Ms. Flores stated that Logan ES can share with GCS, but equitably.

Public Comment: Eva Rivas, a parent from Logan ES.

Ms. Rice stated that Proposition 39 creates the feelings that one kind of school is getting more attention, more resources, and a faster response.

Public Comment: Cheryl Ortega, a retired Logan ES teacher.

Ms. Rice stated that Ms. Ortega brought up the issues that the courts will have to handle. Ms. Rice requested clarification about process. Mr. Alonzo addressed two allegations that were made, one about the principal and another about communication. He added that there are occasions when there is a meeting and the answers that are given are not what the other side wants to hear. All allegations in terms of impropriety by the principal have all been handled through a 133 complaint, in which all the allegations were unfounded. Logan ES is a neighborhood school and no one is being turned away.

Public Comment: Liza Bercovici, the Executive Director and founder of GCS.

Ms. Bar-El noted she had a number of concerns. Ms. Bar-El is impressed with the GCS program. Ms. Bar-El commented on Logan ES's operating capacity (1,024) and current enrollment (551). Ms. Bar-El noted that the current enrollment at Logan ES is at the ideal level for a small school. Ms. Bar-El expressed concern that the extra space the Logan ES students currently have is being classified as available for the charter community. Ms. Bar-El added that with the total number of students on campus being approximately 900 students, the school will be an overcrowded school, just in another format. Ms. Bar-El noted that the staff report indicates that Gabriella charter is currently K-5 and that an extension has been applied to go to K-8; Prop 39 says that if the District has approved a charter, the District has to find facilities for the charter. Why would the charter be expanded and increase the District's obligation to house the charter before considering Logan ES's future needs? Why is there a plan to accommodate the middle school portion before it is in

existence? The staff report only analyzes the needs of Gabriella Charter School to grow and does not consider or address the needs of the Logan ES community. Analysis without analyzing the impact on the existing school is incomplete and does not serve the community well.

Ms. Rice stated that the BOC jurisdiction is about the process being adequate to give the school community a fair chance to consider the co-location. Ms. Rice also wanted to know what the analysis was that determined why the space was made available. She also wanted to know the adverse impact calculation for the students already attending Logan ES. Mr. Creer responded without a master plan space is determined by what is available at that moment. Ms. Rice asked for a definition of available. Mr. Creer responded that Logan ES continues to appear on an available space list because it has 1,024 seats of capacity and a current enrollment of 550. If all portable classrooms were removed, the school would have a capacity of approximately 800-850. This year there are 68 charters requesting a total of 22,000 seats of request. The community outreach aspect, per Proposition 39, is not much more than walking the campuses, informing the campuses, and trying to make matches that work. There isn't much time given the Proposition 39 timeline to hold any kind of meeting and then be able to respond and have follow-up meetings. This proposal was unique because it was led by instruction. Mr. Creer noted that there have been several parent and instructional meetings. Ms. Bar-El asked if the instruction vision meetings included the Logan ES principal and teachers. Mr. Alonzo responded that the available space for Logan ES has been available for Proposition 39 use for the past three years. Every year there is a meeting to discuss offering the space and determining who will take the space. Mr. Alonzo stated that there were meetings that included Dr. Valentino, GCS, and Logan ES.

Ms. Rice suggested a workshop on the process for determining available space for Proposition 39. Ms. Rice requested that future board reports include an impact analysis on the host school for Proposition 39 offerings.

Ms. Rice introduced Resolution 2009-02.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item 10. New Construction SEP Update 2009

Presenter: Gary Baker, Director Construction

Mr. Baker presented the New Construction SEP Update 2009. He reviewed the history of the New School Construction Program. He also reviewed the goals for the New Construction Program. Mr. Baker reviewed notable achievements of 2008. To date 82,491 new K-12 seats have been delivered. Mr. Baker reviewed current project status summaries as well as financial details of the program.

Mr. Folsom asked if the promise made to the voters to get all schools off of multi-track by 2012 will be kept. Mr. Baker responded affirmatively.

There was a Motion, Second, and vote.

Aye: 9

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 4

Resolution 2009-01 Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item 12. Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan Amendment – Roosevelt HS-Gymnasium Bleachers

Presenter: Neil Gamble, Director, Maintenance and Operations

The proposal is to allocate approximately \$600,000 Measure Y Major Repair funding to complete a renovation project at Roosevelt HS for their gymnasium.

There was a Motion, Second, and vote.

Aye: 9

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 4

Resolution 2009-03 Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item 13. Existing Facilities SEP Amendment – A&I and Board Member Funded Projects

Presenter: Bruce Kendall, Deputy Chief Executive, Existing Facilities

The proposal is for 36 projects valued at \$3.6 million.

Ms. Bar-El noted that the cost and priorities of school marquees were being discussed. It is her understanding that prototype designs are being explored to keep the cost down. Mr. Kendall responded that running power to the controls is one of the major expenses for the marquees. He added that there was a commitment to investigate solar power for the marquees. Wireless will also be explored.

Regarding shade structures, Mr. Kendall directed his engineering group to design multiple templates.

There was a Motion, Second, and vote.

Aye: 9

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 4

Resolution 2009-04 Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item 14. Food Service Update

Presenter: Dennis Barrett, Director, Food Services

Presentation will be made next month.

Agenda Item 5. Monthly Program Status Report – Existing Facilities

Presenter: Bruce Kendall, Deputy Chief Executive, Existing Facilities

Mr. Kendall provided an overview of the Existing Facilities program. The program is approximately 65 percent complete with 13 percent of the program in construction. Mr. Kendall reported on change orders. He discussed what Existing Facilities is doing to reduce the change order rate. Mr. Kendall reported on the gymnasium ribbon cutting ceremony at San Pedro HS. Mr. Kendall reported on the Pico Rivera Warehouse Solar Project.

Agenda Item 7. Monthly Program Status Report – Planning and Development

Presenter: John Creer, Director, Planning and Development

In the interest of time, the BOC decided not hear the oral presentation. The written report was received by the BOC.

Agenda Item 3. Bond Program Funding Status

Presenter: Guy Mehula, Chief Facilities Executive

Mr. Mehula provided a status report on bond program funding. Currently the fully funded program is valued at \$20.1 billion (does not include Measure Q). Mr. Mehula reported that the State froze State bond dollars for approved projects. The freeze is expected to last no later than this fall. Mr. Mehula reported that the bond construction program has enough cash to work through May without any cash infusion.

Mr. Mehula reported on the status of President Obama's stimulus package. The stimulus money would be in addition to the bond construction program's current funding.

Ms. Rice adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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John Naimo
John Naimo, Secretary