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Regular Meeting

LAUSD HQ – Board Room

333 S. Beaudry Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Thursday, August 31, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Please see the archived video of the meeting for all discussions/questions:

<https://lausd.wistia.com/medias/rwb2b0ggdl> (English)

<https://lausd.wistia.com/medias/ys442nghvt> (Spanish)

Committee Members Present (11): Neelura Bell, Chad Boggio, Jeffrey Fischbach, Margaret Fuentes, D. Michael Hamner, Patrick MacFarlane, Brian Mello, Scott Pansky, William Ross, Samantha Rowles, Connie Yee

Committee Members Absent (3): Jennifer McDowell, Dr. Clarence Montecarlo, Dolores Sobalvarro

00:00:00 Call to Order

Ms. Fuentes called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and welcomed all to the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) meeting.

Introductory Remarks

Ms. Fuentes, Chair of the BOC, welcomed BOC members, District Staff and the public to the second BOC meeting of the school year. She stated that BOC members participating remotely needed to set their Interpretation Feature on the Zoom screen menu to their preferred language for simultaneous interpretation. She also thanked the KLCS Staff for their production, Spanish Interpretation Staff for their work in translating and other District Staff for their assistance in broadcasting the hybrid BOC meeting.

00:00:41 Ms. Fuentes asked Mr. Hamner to give introductory remarks.

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Mr. Hamner announced that the BOC website could be found at <https://www.lausd.org/boc>. He also indicated that meeting materials and live stream in both English and Spanish were located under the tab *Upcoming Meetings*. He explained that public speakers were asked to sign up using a hyperlink to a Google form included on the agenda that was published on the BOC's website on August 25, 2023. He stated that the form was available 24 hours before the start of the meeting and would remain open for 20 minutes after the start of the meeting.

Mr. Hamner stated that there would be a maximum of five (5) speakers for each agenda item and up to ten (10) speakers for general public comment. He stated that all public speakers would have up to 3 minutes. He also stated that public speakers with more than one agenda item would be provided 6 minutes total to make comments on all items they wished to address. He detailed the protocols for public speakers via audio and said that they should monitor the meeting through the live stream and then turn off the live stream volume when asked to speak to avoid audio echo or audio feedback. When it was the speaker's turn to speak, Ms. Zittle would announce the last four digits of the caller's phone number, and each public speaker would be instructed to unmute on Zoom, or press *6 (star 6), to speak. He stated that in-person speakers would be asked to step up to the podium to be heard. He thanked everyone in advance for working with the Committee to accommodate speakers.

Mr. Hamner completed his remarks.

00:02:46 Ms. Fuentes read the Bond Oversight Committee's (BOC) mission statement:

"The mission of the Oversight Committee is to oversee the permissible and prudent expenditure of funds for the construction, repair, and modernization of schools by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). In order to effectively carry out that mission the Oversight Committee must remain strong and independent. That is our responsibility to the District, the teachers, the students, and the taxpayers."

Ms. Fuentes acknowledged Dolores Sobalvarro, representative of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), for completing six consecutive years on the BOC. Ms. Sobalvarro was not in attendance due to a prior scheduled commitment. Mr. Fischbach read her certificate of recognition honoring her service which was signed by the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

Ms. Fuentes informed that the 2023 BOC Charter and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Review Task Force was still active and had met four times. She stated that the Task Force would be engaging with District signatories' designees to the MOU as delineated in the BOC resolution that established a Task Force. She anticipated regular progress reports to the Committee in the near future.

Ms. Fuentes reported that the meeting materials included a summary of BOC activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, entitled "BOC Year End Summary – By the Numbers." This report includes total numbers of projects considered by the BOC, their total value, total number of resolutions, reports received, and the number of departing and new members. Ms. Fuentes asked for District Staff to consider providing broad program and project context when presenting projects to help the newer members.

00:08:47 Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

There was one public speaker in person who made comments on various agenda items.

00:09:03 Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar – August 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Pansky made a motion to move the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Hamner seconded.

00:09:24 The Chair asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 10 - Ms. Bell, Mr. Boggio, Mr. Fischbach, Mr. Hamner, Mr. MacFarlane, Mr. Mello, Mr. Pansky, Mr. Ross, Ms. Rowles, Ms. Yee.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 1 – Ms. Fuentes

Absences: 3 – Ms. McDowell, Dr. Monteclaro, Ms. Sobalvarro

The Consent Calendar passed.

00:10:43 **Agenda Item 3. ITS BOC Quarterly Program Status Report Q2 2023 (April 1 – June 30, 2023) (Information Only)**
Presenter: Monica Nolen, Director of IT, Project Management, ITS

Ms. Nolen presented the ITS BOC Quarterly Program Status Report Q2 2023 from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023. She began her presentation providing project highlights and explanations for project delays as follows:

Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity (DRBC) - Design and implement a Cloud/Hybrid Disaster Recovery Solution to maintain critical applications and technologies to meet operational needs during or after disasters and emergencies. She reported that the project team and vendor completed a pilot of the Cloud Disaster Recovery solution and started replicating production environments to the cloud with an anticipated completion date in Q4 2023. She stated that there was an architectural change made to have a tertiary location hosting a third copy of data and serving as a secondary data center to the District.

Enterprise Help Desk – Creation of a single unified helpdesk to capture, track, manage, and measure service requests for parents, community members, schools, District Staff, and vendors. She informed the Committee that full functionality and release of the Enterprise Help Desk to District families, community, and District employees occurred on March 31, 2023. She reported the completion and close out of the stabilization period that served to evaluate functional systems. She indicated that this project would no longer be presented for updates of the next quarterly report.

School Network Systems Upgrade Project, Phase 1 (262 Sites) – Replacement of obsolete, end-of-life, and failing network, telephone, and public-address equipment to modernize telecommunications systems, and/or replace security systems. She positively reported that they have completed five projects above the planned target for completed projects for the second quarter of 2023.

Radio System Modernization – Modernization of District’s Radio System replacing obsolete infrastructure and unify multiple radio systems into one system allowing improved communications for schools, school police, transportation, and emergency operations. She reported completion of the functional acceptance testing of the core radio system equipment with an anticipation of receipt of equipment for the next quarter. She indicated that the site readiness milestone has been extended to the first quarter of 2024.

Wireless Network Equipment Upgrade Project - Replacement of failing and obsolete wireless systems and equipment at 160 schools to meet daily instructional and operational needs of students, teachers, and staff. She reported that project completion dates were extended to replace LAN routers at 59 schools with anticipated completion in the second quarter of 2024. There would be no need for additional funding from the remaining project allocation. She informed that the other 100 schools would be funded through a different project funding source, and that obsolete equipment replacement would be completed pursuant to the original Board approved budget for upgrades.

There were questions and a discussion related to recent delays of the cloud Disaster Recovery Solution, Van Nuys data center backup, Wi-Fi routers, legacy systems, and how the benefits of upgrading to new routers may be impacted by delays.

All questions were answered by Mr. Kelanic and Ms. Nolen.

**00:22:39 Agenda Item 4. Three Projects to Provide Critical Replacements and Upgrades of School Building/Site Systems and Components and Amend the Facilities SEP to Incorporate Therein
Presenter: Mark Cho, Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, FSD**

Mark Cho presented three projects to provide critical replacements and upgrades of school building/site systems and components and amendment to the Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to incorporate therein. He detailed scope of work and anticipated budget schedule for roofing projects at Erwin Elementary School, Nevin Elementary School and Strathern Elementary School for a total combined budget of \$5.4M. Please refer to Board Report No. 035-23/24 for further detailed information.

There was a question and a discussion related to solar roofing projects and future plans for solar roofing.

All questions were answered by Mr. Cho.

Mr. Hamner made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-25.

Mr. Pansky seconded.

00:27:31 The Chair asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: 11 - Ms. Bell, Mr. Boggio, Mr. Fischbach, Ms. Fuentes, Mr. Hamner, Mr. MacFarlane, Mr. Mello, Mr. Pansky, Mr. Ross, Ms. Rowles, Ms. Yee.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 3 - Ms. McDowell, Dr. Monteclaro, Ms. Sobalvarro

Resolution 2023-25 passed.

**00:28:26 Agenda Item 5. Seven Board District Priority and Region Priority Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein
Presenter: Mark Cho, Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, FSD**

Mr. Cho presented Seven Board Member Priority and Region Priority Projects and Amendment to the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan. The total combined budget was \$510,612. The projects included one furniture project, two free-standing marquees, one technology project and three fencing projects. He detailed the proposed projects for fencing at Malabar Elementary School, Madison Elementary School, Rodia Continuation High School and installation of a new marquee at Toland Way Elementary School. Please refer to Board Report No. 036-23/24 for further detailed information.

There were questions and a discussion related to factors taken into account for differences between Malabar Elementary School and Rodia Continuation High School, security and safety concerns for project scope, community engagement for proposed projects originated from safety issues, wrought iron versus chain link for the project at Rodia Continuation High School, available options for electronic marquees, content control of electronic marquees for potential advertising/sponsorship opportunities, functionality of the proposed electronic gate, type of lunch tables and principal input for selection, reasons for privacy fencing, and wrought iron preference for the motorized gate project.

A response to a question regarding how community engagement to develop projects could address safety concerns was not provided during the meeting. Mr. Cho would propose wrought iron for consideration by the sponsor of the fencing project at Rodia Continuation High School. Mr. Cho will follow-up to confirm that marquee content is locally controlled. Mr. Cho to send pictures of the available selection of lunch tables.

All questions were answered by Mr. Cho.

Mr. Boggio made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-26.

Mr. Ross seconded.

00:52:18 The Chair asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: 10 - Ms. Bell, Mr. Boggio, Mr. Fischbach, Ms. Fuentes, Mr. Hamner, Mr. MacFarlane, Mr. Mello, Mr. Ross, Ms. Rowles, Ms. Yee.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 1 – Mr. Pansky

Absences: 3 – Ms. McDowell, Dr. Monteclaro, Ms. Sobalvarro

Resolution 2023-26 passed.

00:53:50 **Agenda Item 6. The Girls Academic Leadership Academy (GALA) Campus Reconfiguration and Upgrade Project and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**
Presenter: Aaron Bridgewater, Director of Facilities Planning and Development, FSD

Mr. Bridgewater presented The Girls Academic Leadership Academy (GALA) Campus Reconfiguration and Upgrade Project and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein. He indicated that the Measure RR Implementation Plan served as a guide to identify priorities, and that proposed projects resulted in a realignment of programs in support of students' needs. He provided a background of the school highlighting aspects of the single-gender school for girls for consideration for a relocation to the Lanterman site.

Mr. Bridgewater presented a map of the school's current co-location at Los Angeles High School and the new proposed relocation at the vacant Lanterman campus. He detailed the project scope, project budget, and anticipated schedule consisting of two phases with a start date in the fourth quarter of 2023 and a completion date in the third quarter of 2026. Please refer to Board Report No. 037-23/24 for further detailed information.

There were questions and a discussion related to how the school approaches students' gender identification, appropriate access to other schools after the proposed project is moved from Board District 1 to Board District 5, athletic facilities, research and community input for the proposed location, alternative options for relocation, greening space, permanent competitive facilities, gymnasium, suitability for a single-gender school, compliance with a non-discriminatory mandate due to the lack of appropriate athletic areas on site, other anticipated projects as a result of the proposed relocation, Wi-Fi access, breakdown cost and more dialogue with Board Members.

All questions were answered by Mr. Bridgewater and Principal Hicks.

Ms. Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-27.

Ms. Rowles seconded.

01:29:56 The Chair asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: 11 - Ms. Bell, Mr. Boggio, Mr. Fischbach, Ms. Fuentes, Mr. Hamner, Mr. MacFarlane, Mr. Mello, Mr. Pansky, Mr. Ross, Ms. Rowles, Ms. Yee.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 3 - Ms. McDowell, Dr. Monteclaro, Ms. Sobalvarro

Resolution 2023-27 passed.

01:31:12 Agenda Item 7. Chief Facilities Executive's Report (Information Only)

Presenter: Krisztina Tokes, Chief Facilities Executive, FSD

Krisztina Tokes provided her first report to the BOC in her newly appointed role as Chief Facilities Executive. She began her presentation with a project update of the historical campus of San Pedro High School. She explained the project overview, project budget, and anticipated completion. She indicated that the Facilities team found structural issues affecting a couple of buildings during the initial site and building engineering support work. She reported that further assessment is being conducted to identify the causes. She also detailed the temporary solutions to accommodate students in support of the instructional program and next steps to follow.

Ms. Tokes moved on to report on school planning for the new school year of 2023-2024 with highlighted projects such as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) and cafeteria cooling systems supported by the bond program. She discussed the decision for closing schools due to the potential impact of tropical storm Hilary for repairs and cleaning at schools.

Ms. Tokes presented photographs of recent completed projects at Limerick Elementary School, Webster Middle School, and Rosa Parks Learning Center as well as in-progress projects at Saturn Elementary School, Carnegie Middle School, and Albion Elementary School.

There were questions and a discussion related to HVAC open service calls, tropical storm impact, funding used for repairs caused by the storm, insurance claims, availability of portable generators for the use of portable cooling systems, water bottle drinking stations at Saturn Elementary School, and anticipated completion date for the water bottle filling station program at schools.

The Chair also offered her appreciation to Facilities Staff for their assistance in coordinating the recent BOC school construction site visits.

01:55:33 Agenda Item 8. Discussion of Non-Agenda Matters

There were no non-agenda matters for discussion.

01:55:48 Ms. Fuentes, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m. Ms. Fuentes thanked BOC members, District Staff and members of the public for their participation. The next BOC meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2023.

Minutes of August 31, 2023 approved per School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee.

/Samantha Rowles/

Samantha Rowles, Secretary