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Regular Meeting

LAUSD HQ – Board Room

333 S. Beaudry Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Thursday, August 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

<https://lausd.wistia.com/medias/5725eflxj8> (English)

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Committee Members Present (10): Neelura Bell, Sandy Betts, Robert Campbell, D. Michael Hamner, Aleigh Lewis, Patrick MacFarlane, Scott Pansky (participated remotely but was not eligible to vote), Santa Ramirez, William Ross, Samantha Rowles

Committee Members Absent (3): Chad Boggio, Jennifer McDowell, Brian Mello

Committee Member Vacancies (2): LAUSD Student Parent, Senior Citizens' Organization

00:00:00 Call to Order

Mr. Hamner called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and welcomed all to the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) meeting. He asked Vice-Chair Campbell to conduct the meeting from the Board Room due to his remote participation.

Mr. Campbell, Vice-Chair of the BOC, welcomed BOC members, District staff and the public to the first BOC meeting of the school year. He stated that BOC members participating remotely needed to set their interpretation feature on the Zoom screen menu to their preferred language for simultaneous interpretation. He also thanked the KLCS Staff for their production, Information Technology Services Staff for its technical support, Spanish Interpretation Staff for their work in translating and other District staff for their assistance in broadcasting the hybrid BOC meeting.

Mr. Campbell reported that BOC Chair was participating remotely, and his location was noted on the agenda.

Introductory Remarks

00:01:06 Mr. Campbell asked Dr. Rowles, BOC Secretary, to provide the introductory remarks.

Dr. Rowles announced that the BOC website could be found at <https://www.lausd.org/boc>. She also indicated that meeting materials and live stream in both English and Spanish were located under the tab *Upcoming Meetings*. She encouraged participants to visit the BOC website where previously approved measures and relevant information can be found. She 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 July 27, 2024. She said the form was available 24 hours before the start of the meeting and would remain open for 20 minutes after the meeting.

Dr. Rowles stated that there would be a maximum of five (5) speakers for each agenda item and up to ten (10) speakers for public comment. She stated that all public speakers would have up to 3 minutes. She 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. She 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, BOC Staff 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.

00:03:39 Mr. Campbell 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."

Mr. Campbell welcomed Ms. Sandy Betts, the California Tax Reform Association representative to the BOC. Ms. Betts provided brief remarks of appreciation and is looking forward to her work on the Committee.

Mr. Campbell announced that the BOC MOU Review Task Force remained active and was still awaiting a response to proposed revisions forwarded to District Staff on September 19, 2023.

Mr. Campbell also shared that on June 12 Dr. Rowles attended the Grand Reopening Celebration of the Kentwood Early Education Center; and on June 14, Mr. Pansky attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Northridge Early Education Center. Dr. Rowles and Mr. Pansky provided brief remarks on their experience.

00:06:45 **Agenda Item 1. Public Comment**

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

00:13:54 **Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar – May 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes and 4th Quarterly Report FY2023-2024 (April-June)**

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

Ms. Ramirez seconded.

00:14:39 The Chair asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 7 – Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lewis, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. Ramirez, Dr. Rowles.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 1 – Ms. Bell.

Absences: 5 – Mr. Boggio, Ms. McDowell, Mr. Mello, Mr. Pansky*, Mr. Ross.

*Mr. Pansky was not eligible to vote.

The Consent Calendar was adopted.

00:16:03 **Agenda Item 3. Green Schoolyards for All Task Force**
Presenters: Michael Hamner, Chair, BOC

Mr. Campbell explained that the purpose of the Green Schoolyards for All Task Force would be to collaborate with District Staff to deepen the BOC's understanding and address questions regarding bond program implementation of the Board of Education's 2022 resolution, "Green Schools for All: Equitable Funding and Expansion of Green Spaces Across District Campuses" and LAUSD's 2024 *Green Schoolyards for All Plan*.

Mr. Campbell said that the Task Force would produce a final report upon completion of its work. Mr. Hamner thanked Ms. Lewis for bringing this matter to the BOC's attention and making it a priority. Ms. Lewis was appointed Chair of the Greening Task Force.

Mr. Hamner made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-26.

Mr. MacFarlane seconded.

00:19:36 Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 8 – Ms. Bell, Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lewis, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. Ramirez, Dr. Rowles.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 5 – Mr. Boggio, Ms. McDowell, Mr. Mello, Mr. Pansky*, Mr. Ross.

*Mr. Pansky was not eligible to vote.

Resolution 2024-26 passed.

00:22:32 **Agenda Item 4. ITS BOC Quarterly Program Status Report Q1 2024 (January 1 – March 31-2024) (Information Only)**
Presenter: Monica Nolen, Director of IT Project Management, ITS

Ms. Nolen reported that the ITS BOC Quarterly Program Status report was initially provided to the BOC in May 2024, but due to a full agenda, it was postponed to the present meeting. She covered six important project updates.

Ms. Nolen stated that in January 2024, the Board of Education approved three new bond-funded projects: the Intelligent School Network Controls Project, the Network Infrastructure Modernization Project, and the School Network Systems Upgrade Phase Two Project.

Intelligent School Network Controls Project: Once implemented, this project will allow internet-enabled, educational and operational digital devices to connect to the District's K-12 school networks quickly and securely. The project team purchased and deployed the necessary device profiling software to collect data for design.

Network Infrastructure Modernization Project: This project aims to modernize the district's network infrastructure by replacing unsupported equipment. The project team has already received and installed core routers and data center firewalls.

School Network Systems Upgrade Project, Phase Two: This project includes 349 school sites and replaces obsolete network, telephone, and public address equipment. Although there was a delay in contracting for network components, efforts are ongoing to complete Group 3 sites by Q2 2026.

Ms. Nolen continued describing progress on the Radio Systems Organization Project. The project will modernize the District's radio systems, enabling unified group communications. The project team has installed 720 of 1,751 mobile radios and resolved a delay related to a radio tower site lease. She informed that the project was delayed by two quarters and that she would provide an update in the next quarterly report.

The School Network Systems Upgrade Project, Phase One, Group Two, involves 108 school sites. She highlighted that for the quarter, the project team made significant progress including phone system installations at 94 sites and public address installations at 48 sites.

Lastly, she stated that the Telecommunications and Network Upgrade project, which will replace failing telephone and public address systems at 83 school sites, had completed router installs at all 83 sites and is working on the installation and configuration of ShakeAlert systems and network gateways.

There was a question related to progress and costs of various school upgrade projects, ShakeAlert details, potential additional cost for the expansion of the school network systems, school police radios' ability to communicate with other law enforcement agencies, and whether LAUSD participates in the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS).

Mr. Katal, Ms. Nolen, and Mr. Romero answered all questions.

00:41:41 Agenda Item 5. Authorization to Increase the Charter Augmentation Grant for the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center New Two-Story Addition 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, Director of Facilities Planning and Development, began the presentation providing background on the Charter Augmentation Grant Program. He explained that the District had allocated over \$700M to charter school facilities projects since 2002, with \$168M for augmentation grants. These grants require 50 percent matching funds by the charter schools and they must waive Prop 39 rights as one condition of the grant. He reported that the grant initially approved in 2019 needed to be increased due to construction cost inflation and additional infrastructure costs. The new total project cost is approximately \$24M with an increased grant of \$4.2 million. He presented a visual of the project site. The 26,000 sq.ft. facility includes new classrooms, administrative offices, other spaces. Please refer to Board Report No. 014-24/25 for further detailed information.

There were questions related to enrollment growth, clarification on school ownership if the charter campus would ever close, and whether the project includes exterior spaces.

Mr. Bridgewater answered all questions.

Ms. Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-27.

Ms. Ramirez seconded.

00:53:01 The Chair asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 8 – Ms. Bell, Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lewis, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. Ramirez, Dr. Rowles.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 5 – Mr. Boggio, Ms. McDowell, Mr. Mello, Mr. Pansky*, Mr. Ross.

*Mr. Pansky was not eligible to vote.

Resolution 2024-27 passed.

00:53:51 **Agenda Item 6. 25 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 Facilities Maintenance & Operations, FSD

Mr. Cho presented 25 Board District Priority and Region Priority Projects and Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan. He provided a brief description, budget and construction schedule for each proposed project. The total combined budget was approximately \$1.6M. The projects included one bottle filling station, two closed-circuit television (CCTV) projects, six fencing projects (one wrought iron fence), five furniture projects, four greening projects, two new electronic, free-standing marquee projects, one library upgrade project, three new secure entry systems, and one technology upgrade project. He provided further details on the proposed installation of new landscaping and irrigation projects at Bertrand Elementary School, Mosk Elementary School, Bancroft Middle School, and Rosewood Urban Planning and Design Magnet Elementary School. Please refer to Board Report No. 015-24/25 for further detailed information.

There were questions related to the proposed wrought iron fencing project at Mack Elementary School, chain link privacy fences, bottle filling stations cost, origin of these landscape and irrigation projects, SEEDS projects definition, differences between greening projects, process to apply for greening spaces, justification for a \$2M outdoor learning environment classrooms, type of furniture and who makes the selection, privacy fencing policy, and emphasis for transparency in project planning and coordination for schools that might be eligible for separate greening projects.

Ms. Tokes explained that the Outdoor Learning Environment Projects originated due to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide functional outdoor classrooms, including portable removal, play space restoration, Wi-Fi, sinks, furniture, and shade shelters (which would trigger Division of the State Architect (DSA) requirements for accessibility). In contrast, she said that the SEEDS and Board District priority projects were smaller and below the DSA threshold for review. They did not include full classroom amenities but did support greening efforts. The larger projects such as pavement and outdoor campus projects, including Early Education Centers, range from \$3M to \$7M and offer extensive improvements.

Ms. Tokes, Mr. Chrysiliou, and Mr. Cho answered all questions.

Dr. Rowles made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-28.

Ms. Lewis seconded.

01:24:55 The Chair asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 8 – Ms. Bell, Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lewis, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. Ramirez, Dr. Rowles.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 5 – Mr. Boggio, Ms. McDowell, Mr. Mello, Mr. Pansky*, Mr. Ross.

*Mr. Pansky was not eligible to vote.

Resolution 2024-28 passed.

01:25:44 **Agenda Item 7. Chief Facilities Executive's Report (Information Only)**
Presenters: Krisztina Tokes, Chief Facilities Executive, FSD

Ms. Tokes, Chief Facilities Executive, acknowledged the new BOC officers and BOC member. Her presentation included an update on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at Carthay Environmental Studies Magnet School, a summary of accomplishments, and preparations for the new school year. She began her presentation discussing the project at Carthay Environmental Studies Magnet that has attracted significant community interest due to its scope and the removal of large mature trees. She reported that the project involved ADA improvements including a new elevator, ramps, wheelchair lifts, accessible restrooms and entryways. She

reported that due to unstable soil conditions, several mature trees required removal to make way for some elements of the project including the elevator tower. She indicated that Facilities staff was working closely with the community to incorporate their feedback and minimize impacts.

Ms. Tokes reported that Facilities staff had completed 256 projects valued at over half a billion dollars over the past year ending June 2024. Over this period, an additional 277 projects were approved by the Board of Education. She highlighted the Venice High School and Cleveland High School Comprehensive Modernization upgrades, and other classroom replacements, green spaces, and playground upgrades. She detailed the preparations for the new school year that included deep cleaning at campuses and extensive heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) repairs. These included portable air conditioning units and the inspection and cleaning of AC units. She stated that upcoming bond-funded projects would focus on ADA improvements, classroom upgrades, and campus enhancements.

Ms. Tokes also described several recent awards recognizing the work of FSD staff and innovative school designs.

There were questions related to ADA upgrades, collaboration with the LA Olympic Committee for District projects and appreciation for District staff working with the Carthay community to address issues at that school site.

Ms. Tokes answered all questions.

01:46:08 Agenda Item 8. Discussion of Non-Agenda Matters

Mr. Campbell, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m. He addressed a comment raised by the public speaker regarding a potential local bond measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot. He stated that the BOC had not received any formal notice from the District seeking their valuable feedback on a new bond. He encouraged the District to include the BOC's participation when or if a bond measure is contemplated. He also announced that the next BOC meeting was scheduled for August 29, 2024.

Minutes of August 1, 2024, approved per School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee.

/Samantha Rowles/

Dr. Samantha Rowles, Secretary