

**CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE BOARD MINUTES
OF THE MARCH 30th, 2010 MEETING**

**Meeting held at:
The Colorado Department of Education
The State Board Room, 101
201 E. Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO 80203
Tuesday, March 30th, 2010**

I. Call to Order

- 9:07 a.m. Mary Wickersham called the meeting to order.

Attendees

Mary Wickersham – CCAB Chair	Ted Hughes – Staff (CDE)
Norwood Robb – CCAB Vice-Chair	Scott Newell - Staff (CDE)
Mike Maloney – CCAB Secretary	Kevin Huber – Staff (CDE)
Tom Stone – CCAB	Dustin Guerin – Staff (CDE)
Pete Jefferson – CCAB	Cheryl Honigsberg – Staff (CDE)
Adele Willson – CCAB	Kristin Lortie – Staff (CDE)
Erica Weston– CCAB Legal Advisor	Frank Spinelli – Staff (CDE)

Excused

Tim White – CCAB	Greg Randall – CCAB
Dave Van Sant – CCAB	

- Agenda reviewed
- The CCAB Chair requested amended resolution 10-1be added to the action items section of the agenda. The CCAB agreed.
- CCAB Chair asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended;
 - So moved by Norwood Robb;
 - Mike Maloney 2nd the motion;
 - No further discussion;
 - Motion to approve the agenda as amended carried.
- CCAB Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting as presented;
 - So moved by Norwood Robb;
 - Adele Willson 2nd the motion;
 - No further discussion;
 - Motion to approve the minutes carried.

II. Directors Report

- Ted Hughes gave an update on the Statewide Facility Assessment. Ted Hughes said the assessors are currently doing a more detailed assessment of all Tier 3 buildings. Ted Hughes said the Division is working to get corrected data from the school districts, through use of the “comments” software application, regarding their facilities. Ted Hughes said the Division will update the assessment information on a yearly basis. Ted Hughes said the reports will be available through the Colorado Department of Education’s Schoolview website in the future.
- Ted Hughes discussed the BEST FY10-11 grant application deadline of April 9th, 2010, and reviewed a list of potential applicants with the CCAB. Based on current projections Ted Hughes estimates projects qualifying for the BEST Lease-Purchase Grant will be around \$500 million, and BEST Cash grant requests to be around \$10 million. A CCAB member asked if the list of potential applicants had been put in the system. Ted Hughes explained that all school districts on the list had filled out a good portion of the online application. Ted Hughes also noted he expects the list to grow before the application deadline. Ted Hughes told the CCAB the Division has been instructing school districts to take their time and put solid projects together for the CCAB to review.
- Ted Hughes discussed current issues pertaining to the recent COP finance closing for BEST FY09-10. Ted Hughes noted 7 of the 10 grantees are ready to begin their projects, and one school district is 50% complete. The CCAB Chair mentioned Sangre De Cristo school district Re-22J will have their ground breaking in May 2010. Ted Hughes noted the other COP projects from BEST FY08-09 are over halfway done with their projects. Ted Hughes mentioned Centennial school district R-1 will have their ribbon cutting soon and Weldon Valley school district Re-20(J) is having an open house for the renovations made to their school using BEST funds. Ted Hughes extended an invitation to the CCAB to see Weldon Valley’s new renovations.
- Ted Hughes notified the CCAB CDE hired a new FTE, Frank Spinelli, who will be working with Public School Financing and Capital Construction. Ted Hughes introduced Frank to the CCAB.

III. Action Items

- The CCAB Chair asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 10-2 regarding school districts maintaining a capital reserve fund. The CCAB Vice-Chair wanted to amend Resolution 10-2 and revise the last paragraph. A CCAB member also wanted to revise a grammatical error in paragraph three, and another CCAB member wanted to eliminate paragraph three all together. The CCAB agreed to remove paragraph three and revise the last paragraph of Resolution 10-2.
 - So moved by Norwood Robb;
 - Adele Willson 2nds the motion;
 - No further discussion;
 - Motion to approve Resolution 10-2 as amended carried.

- The CCAB Chair asked for a motion to adopt amended Resolution 10-1. The CCAB Legal Advisor made revisions pertaining to grantee's COP financing for FY09-10.
 - So moved by Norwood Robb;
 - Pete Jefferson 2nds the motion;
 - No further discussion;
 - Motion to approve Resolution 10-1 as amended carried.

IV. BEST Grant Program

- A presentation from Tobin Follenweider and Brownell Bailey, with the State Land Board, regarding the primary BEST funding source. Tobin Follenweider explained to the CCAB where the school trust revenues come from. Tobin Follenweider broke down the \$74 million for FY08-09. \$60 million which came from mineral and lease royalties, \$9 million from agricultural and ROW, and \$5 million from commercial, renewable energy and other. Tobin Follenweider noted how .50 cents of every dollar of revenue goes to the beneficiary. Tobin Follenweider discussed some issues pertaining to future projections of revenues coming in for BEST funding. One main issue is the Twentymile Coal Mine, which shut down last year. Revenues for coal were expected to drop from \$23 million to \$3 million, but a new mine is set to open in the next five years. Tobin Follenweider continued his presentation to the CCAB explaining the State Lands future projections and how they will affect the BEST Program.
- A presentation from Matt Robbins, with the Colorado State Lottery regarding one of the BEST funding sources. Matt Robbins explained to the CCAB what games comprise the Colorado Lottery funds and how the funds are dispersed. Matt Robbins said the Colorado Lottery earns over \$500 million in sales annually. Of the \$500 million, 25% is given to different programs. Matt Robbins discussed future projections of funding, new revenue sources the Colorado Lottery is pursuing and other factors affecting revenues. Matt Robbins finished the presentation by discussing the State's demographics of lottery players with the CCAB.

The CCAB Chair called for a brief recess

- Discussion pertaining to how much money will be used for the next round of grant applications. Rudy Andras with RBC Dain Rauscher presented the CCAB with a spreadsheet showing different scenarios on how BEST funding could be used over the next three years. Rudy described three different scenarios to the CCAB on how BEST funds could be spent until the \$40 million in COP payments is reached.

V. Public Comment

- Pat Lewis from Lake George Charter School extended an invite to the CCAB to visit the charter school. Pat Lewis told the CCAB the Statewide Assessment showed their facility cost index (FCI) at 70 percent and the school is in need of

replacement. Pat Lewis noted the school is right by the highway and they have their matching monies in place.

- Skye Skinner, from Aspen Community Charter School, told the CCAB she was working hard on their application and asked the CCAB to keep an open mind when reviewing their application. Skye Skinner thanked the CCAB for their amenity.
- Marcia Fulton, The Director of the Odyssey charter school, thanked the CCAB for their hard work and appreciates what they are doing to help Colorado schools.
- Jim Griffin and Russ Caldwell with The Colorado League of Charter Schools discussed issues with the CCAB pertaining to charter schools. Jim Griffith disagreed with how the match percentages are calculated for charter schools. Ted Hughes discussed what schools need to put in their waiver letter and why a waiver should be considered depending on the school's circumstances.

VI. Adjournment

- The CCAB Chair asked for a motion to adjourn:
 - So moved by Norwood Robb;
 - Pete Jefferson 2nds the motion;
 - No discussion;
 - Motion carried;
 - Meeting Adjourned.