

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE BOARD MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2013 MEETING

Meeting held at:
201 East Colfax, Denver, CO 80203
State Board Room, 101

I. Call to Order

- 2:00 p.m. Dave Van Sant called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

▪ Attendees

Dave Van Sant – CCAB Chair	Ted Hughes – Staff (CDE)
Lyndon Burnett – CCAB Vice-Chair	Kevin Huber – Staff (CDE)
Norwood Robb – CCAB	Scott Newell – Staff (CDE)
Tom Stone – CCAB	Wendi Chapin - Staff(CDE)
Greg Randall – CCAB	Kristin Lortie – Staff (CDE)
Kathy Gebhardt – CCAB	Jay Hoskinson - Staff (CDE)
John Conklin – CCAB	Cheryl Honigsberg – Staff (CDE)
Erica Weston– CCAB Legal Advisor	Dustin Guerin – Staff (CDE)

▪ Excused

Pete Hall – CCAB	Pete Jefferson – CCAB
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III. Approve Agenda

- CCAB Chair asked for a motion to approve the agenda;
 - So moved by Norwood Robb;
 - Tom Stone 2nd the motion;
 - No discussion
 - Motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

IV. Board Report

- A CCAB member updated the CCAB on Senate Bill 13-213. The CCAB member told the CCAB the bill would take effect in 2015 and that it would go on the ballot in 2013. The CCAB member told the CCAB that the bill included a tax increase and that if the ballot measure passed BEST could benefit from the one-time lump sum payment. The CCAB member stated projections were from \$400-\$600 million, of which half would have to go towards Pre-Kindergarten / Kindergarten facilities. Ted Hughes noted that the bill also included per pupil allocations for charter school students.
- A CCAB member updated the CCAB on Senate Bill 13-260. Ted Hughes noted that the bill was signed and that it would increase the Charter School Capital Construction grant program from \$6 million to \$7 million.
- The CCAB Chair updated the CCAB on Senate Bill 13-214, noting that it would add an extra step to the grant recommendation / approval process.

- Ted Hughes told the CCAB about Senate Bill 13-279, and energy bill that uses the BEST construction guidelines for energy performance standards that are proposed to be implemented for school districts. Ted Hughes told the CCAB the bill does not say who is going to monitor the program.

V. Directors Report

- Ted Hughes told the CCAB that Aspen Community Charter School had raised their full match and that he attended a kick-off meeting for their new project.
- Ted Hughes told the CCAB that Platte Valley RE-3 would be having a groundbreaking for their BEST project.

VI. Presentation

- Presentation from the Charter School Institute (CSI) regarding challenges of State authorized charter schools. Ted Hughes introduces Tom McMillian with the Charter School Institute. Tom McMillian reviewed his presentation with the CCAB. Tom McMillian told the CCAB the CSI oversees 23 schools and that they are expecting 5 new school next year. Tom McMillian told the CCAB that CSI schools have no access to mill levies or bonds and that the schools must rely on fund raising to acquire most of their funds.

VII. Action Item

- Lake RE-1’s FY2012-13 BEST grant project update. *Tom Stone recused himself from the discussion and left the boardroom.* Wendy Wyman, the district superintendent talked to the CCAB about the district’s community and their involvement with the project. Wendy Wyman told the CCAB that they have looked at their own funds to help with the issue of their grant being over budget and stated that the funds have to be used for other pertinent issues at their elementary school. Wendy Wyman introduced her project team. The team presented the facts and stated the issues surrounding the project to the CCAB. The project team discussed all of the possible solutions that had been reviewed and how they had a third party estimator complete second review of costs and that they were in line with the project team’s estimates.

The CCAB discussed the project scope and the proposed solution. The Lake project team told the CCAB the new proposed plan would deliver the same programs in a more efficient building. The CCAB Chair talked about the original grant application and noted how he felt the project was different from what was originally proposed, a few Board members agreed. The CCAB further discussed their opinions on the new proposed solution. Ted Hughes told the CCAB that project plans often change during the design process, Ted Hughes told the CCAB that the grant applications are very conceptual and that everything is not spelled out. Ted Hughes said that footprints are changed, but the number of classrooms does not change.

- Norwood Robb made a motion to approve the use of \$1.8 million in grant reserve moneys to successfully complete the project.
- John Conklin 2nd the motion;
- Discussion: the CCAB discussed the remaining grant reserve balance of \$650, 000 and if the project team was comfortable with it. The project team said they had conducted some soils tests as well as eliminating some abatement costs that could have been unforeseen conditions. Ted Hughes noted that all issues have not been figured out, but that a lot of investigating has been completed to minimize any unforeseen conditions.
- Vote: 5 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

The CCAB discussed their concerns with poor planning and poor leadership. The CCAB discussed options of requesting blueprints or using a 2 part grant system with planning grants. The CCAB discussed issues surrounding local control.

The CCAB Chair called for a break. 3:25-3:32 p.m.

VIII. Discussion Items

- Discussion pertaining to grant application review process: the decision memo. The CCAB discussed the decision memo and discussed the information it contained. The CCAB decided to reduce the amount of information included on the decision memo to only include statutory information and waiver information. The CCAB agreed. The CCAB requested that the decision memo be given to them before the meetings while they are reviewing the summary book.

IX. Future Meetings

- The upcoming CCAB meetings were announced and the CCAB Chair noted that the July meeting would have to be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict with the Colorado Association of School Executives meetings.

X. Public Comment

- The CCAB Chair asked if there was anyone who had questions or would like to speak from the public.
- Todd Snidow with George K. Baum talked to the CCAB regarding wording used in ballot questions for schools going for bonds and that it is sometimes hard for districts to find a good balance as to what should be included in the ballot.

XI. Adjournment

- The CCAB Chair asked for a motion to adjourn;
 - So moved by Norwood Robb;
 - Tom Stone 2nd the motion;
 - No Discussion;
 - Motion carried unanimously;
 - Meeting adjourned 3:54 p.m.