

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE BOARD MINUTES OF THE JUNE 29th, 2012 MEETING

Meeting held at:

**Adams 12 Conference Center – Aspen Board Room
1500 E. 128th Ave., Thornton, CO 80241**

I. Call to Order

- 8:44 a.m. Mary Wickersham called the meeting to order.

Attendees

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

Absent

Mike Maloney – CCAB

II. Action Items *(continued from previous day)*

- The CCAB Chair asked that both lists be put up on the screen for the Board and public to view. The CCAB Chair suggested the Board have a brief discussion of the projects, if any, then the Board would prioritize each project individually, then staff would combine all members' scores and average them together. After the lists were prioritized the CCAB will look at the lists and determine the threshold for funding and revisit the two tie waivers if necessary.
- Continue to review and select BEST Grant applications to recommend to the State Board of Education for award:
- Review of the BEST Cash project list.

A CCAB member noted that he thought the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blinds' projects could be ranked higher.

The CCAB Chair noted that there were two projects on the list that had rankings that were 4's, that were not directly related to health and safety; Adams 12's boiler project and Westminster 50's ES roof replacement.

- Review of the BEST Large project list.

Ted Hughes noted that Ft. Lupton's \$3.7 fund reserve balance was stated incorrectly and that their auditor had made a mistake.

The CCAB discussed that some of the large projects will be financed and some will use cash from the Assistance Fund. Ted Hughes told the CCAB that he was meeting with the finance team on July 8 to determine which of the recommended projects would be good to finance and which would be good for a cash grant. Ted told the CCAB that a final decision will be made at the July meeting.

The CCAB Chair reviewed the FCI and CFI for the Sheridan 2 project and asked discussed the CFI for the Dolores RE-4A project. The CCAB Chair asked if the CFI was for the entire building or only the bad portion of the building. Division staff confirmed it was for the entire building.

The CCAB took a break to prioritize the projects on each list. During this time Division staff compiled the scores and averaged them together and sorted the projects from highest priority to lowest.

9-10:23 a.m.

- Review of the prioritized BEST Cash project list.

The CCAB Chair asked to draw line at \$6 million; in State funds. The line was drawn at the Lotus School for Excellence, roughly \$5.9 million.

- Norwood Robb made a motion to move the line down to include the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind's roof project and Byers Vo-Ag improvement project.
- Dave Van Sant 2nd the motion.
- Discussion: Scott Newell said that would bring the State share to \$6.3 million. The CCAB agreed with the move.
- Motion carried.

- Review of the prioritized BEST Large projects list.

The CCAB Chair asked to draw the line at the \$160 million mark without going over. This put the line at Ft. Lupton's project. The CCAB Chair asked the line to be moved down to Aspen, and then another Board member asked that it be moved down one more to include Ross Montessori. Scott Newell told the CCAB that the amount was now \$184.4 million.

The CCAB discussed the options. A CCAB member stated that the original amounts she thought the Board was using was \$9 million for the cash grants and \$178.5 for the large projects. The CCAB Chair said that is what the CCAB originally agreed on. The CCAB Chair suggested that since Aspen and Ross Montessori both made the cut that the CCAB should revoke on their tie waivers. The CCAB agreed.

The CCAB Chair called for a short break.

- Revote on Aspen Community Charter School's waiver request. The CCAB Chair said that if the vote resulted in a tie, that the waiver would fail. The CCAB Chair asked for any comments from the Board, there were none. Cheryl Honigsberg called the role:

Lyndon Burnett – No, Dave Van Sant – Yes, Greg Randall – Yes, Mary Wickersham – No, Pete Jefferson – No, Norwood Robb – Yes, Tom Stone – No, Adele Willson – Yes

The CCAB Chair said the vote was 4 votes yes, 4 votes no and that the waiver request was a tie and that it would not be granted.

- Revote on Ross Montessori Charter School’s waiver request. The CCAB Chair told the CCAB about Ross Montessori and how it is hard for them to obtain matching funds. The CCAB Chair explained last year’s situation with Ross Montessori not being able to raise enough matching funds. Cheryl Honigsberg called the roll:
Lyndon Burnett – Yes, Dave Van Sant – Yes, Greg Randall – No, Mary Wickersham – Yes, Pete Jefferson – Yes, Norwood Robb – Yes, Tom Stone – Yes, Adele Willson – No

The CCAB Chair said the vote was 6 votes yes, 2 votes no and that the waiver request was accepted.

- The CCAB discussed which projects were within the threshold and which projects should be considered as alternates.

The CCAB Chair called for a formal motion to draw the line under Byers Vo-Ag improvements on the BEST cash project list, and to draw the line under Ross Montessori’s K-8 School Replacement project on the BEST large project list.

- So moved by Dave Van Sant;
- Norwood Robb 2nd the motion;
- No discussion;
- The CCAB agreed;
- Motion carried.

- Discussion pertaining to which projects should be alternates on the BEST large project list. A CCAB member suggested that the next 4 projects on the list: Denver 1, Greely 6 Calhan RJ-1, and Salida R-32 in that order. The CCAB Chair stated that 4 projects totaled around \$30 million. A CCAB member asked why the CCAB just doesn’t do all the projects on the shortlist. The CCAB Chair said she did not support all of the projects on the list and that all of the projects would have to go through the financing process.

A CCAB member suggested selecting alternates for the BEST Cash project list. The CCAB reviewed the list and a member asked to add the next 3 projects in priority order: St. Vrain RE-1J, Liberty J-4 and Canon City RE-1’s projects. Another member asked to add one more and include Fowler R-4J on the list. The CCAB agreed.

- Dave Van Sant made a motion to add the next 4 projects on each list, in priority order to be alternate projects for the BEST cash and large project list;
- Norwood Robb 2nd the motion;
- No discussion;
- The CCAB agreed;
- Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

- The CCAB Chair asked if there was anyone who had questions or would like to speak from the public, there were none.

IV. Closing Discussion

- The CCAB Chair told everyone at the meeting that these lists were not the final lists and that they still had to be finalized and approved by the State Board of Education. The CCAB Chair thanked everyone for their hard work and encouraged everyone to help advocate for the BEST Program. The CCAB Chair thanked the Division Staff for all of their hard work as well.

A CCAB member encouraged the applicants who did not make it to reapply and understands how disappointing it is not to make the list. The CCAB member thanked the CCAB Chair and Board for all of their hard work.

- Ted Hughes thanked Mary Wickersham for her hard work and leadership and mentioned that she was stepping down from the CCAB. Ted Hughes also thanked Adele Willson for all her hard work and support for the BEST program for the last 4 years.

V. Adjournment

- The CCAB Chair asked for a motion to adjourn:
 - So moved by Norwood Robb;
 - Lyndon Burnett 2nd the motion;
 - No discussion;
 - Motion carried;
 - Meeting adjourned, 11:03 a.m.