

Berkeley Unified School District

FACILITIES PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Draft Minutes of the Meeting of April 17, 2014

Members Present: Stephanie Allan Carl Bridgers Susi Marzuola Eric Weaver
Nicolie Bolster-Ott David Goldin

Staff Present: Lew Jones, Director of Facilities
Chanita Stevenson, Administrative Coordinator

Member of the Public: Richard Boyden Tom Kelly, KyotoUSA

1. *Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.
2. *Public Comments:* Richard Boyden a member of the public discussed the Berkeley High School Donahue Gym Site Committee meeting. He was interested in having the Committee expand to include more users to provide more input to the project. Staff stated that this project was primarily a deferred maintenance project with solar, but that some programming elements will be reviewed. Options will be presented at the next meeting.
3. *Discussion with KyotoUSA regarding the Changes in Net Metering rules and Electric Tariffs.* Mr. Kelly provided a handout at the meeting which detailed all of the upcoming Solar projects for Berkeley Unified. He explained that there will be future changes in the net metering rules and electric tariffs. He states currently that all of the schools with solar panels are charged on a net metering tariff which means all electricity generated is credited at retail rates. It is great for the District because peak generation and rates occur in the summer when the schools are closed. Last year, a law passed (AB 327) that requires the CPUC to replace the current net metering tariff. The new tariff will cause the rates to change. The CPUC has agreed to grandfather all projects done before July 1, 2017 or when PG&E reaches its 5% net metering capacity for 20 years. It is hard to determine which will come first. When it occurs, the current net metering will end. He encouraged the District to consolidate some of the projects and accelerate the timeline for installation. Staff stated he would like a predicted cost savings if the projects were accelerated. The next step will be to look at an increased bond issuance to provide more funds so that these projects can be accommodated without displacing other planned projects. The Committee would like to review this and possibly advise the Board about this change. They requested a letter from Mr. Kelly of KyotoUSA that will illustrate the changes. The Committee will add an agenda item to the next meeting to discuss this information.
4. *Approval of Meeting Minutes:* Co-Chair Marzuola moved to approve the minutes Secretary Weaver seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
5. *Staff Report*

Project Updates

- **Berkeley High School:** The project is going well. There were some issues with the trees on Milvia and staff has asked an arborist to come out to see if the trees can be saved. The BOC has been demolished. The fitness center is complete and the whole building is now open. The change order percentage on this project is less than 10%. The job superintendent is well organized.

- **Jefferson:** The site moved into the new administrative wing, and new furniture will arrive at a later date. The Contractor will begin work in the old administrative area to meet the overall construction schedule. The change order percentage is about 10%. The contractor has been cooperative. The job superintendent and project management personnel have recently changed.
- **Upcoming Summer Projects:** A number of projects have been awarded. The Emerson, John Muir and Willard grounds project was recently awarded. It was under budget. The portable project will be awarded on April 23rd and it is slightly over budget. Berkeley High Science was awarded slightly over budget. B-Tech Science project was awarded on budget. The preschool expansion project was awarded and is well below budget. The net overall balance has increased by \$153,000 for Measure I and \$117,000 for Measure AA.
- **West Campus Board Room/Charter:** The punch list is still not complete. The systems are complicated. Two Board meetings have been held in the Board Room. We are having struggles with completing the elevator at the Charter School.
- **Upcoming Modernization Projects:** There are five upcoming modernization projects: at John Muir, BHS Donahue Gym, King Gym, Willard and LeConte. All schools have had at least one site committee meeting. All projects plan to have three site committee meetings and Willard will have a community meeting in addition to the site committee meetings.

6. Committee Member Comments:

- Member Bridgers attended the meeting related to the Donahue Gym. He hopes that WLC Architects will come up with a masterplan for the building. He states that there are important programming functions of the building that are not accounted for and will need to be planned for. The committee asked them to do a report of events that are held in the gym. There was also discussion about where the ticket booth will be located. At the next meeting, WLC will bring back options of what the possibilities are for the placement of the exterior/ticket booth and options for the exterior. Staff also mentioned that there is a project in 2019 and some of the items may be done sooner and removed from the later project and vice versa. Overall Member Bridgers thought that the meeting was a good start.
- Member Goldin gave a brief summary of the annual report and the reception by the Board. The Board did not ask any questions.

7. Report from Subcommittees

- There were no reports from the subcommittees.

8. Future Meeting Dates:

- Our next scheduled meeting is May 29th. The Committee will add an Action item related to solar for the next meeting.

9. Adjournment.

- The meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.