



Vision

All students in Colorado will become educated and productive citizens capable of succeeding in society, the workforce, and life.

Goals

Every student, every step of the way



Date & Time:

December 9, 2016
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location:

Broadmoor Hotel-El Pomar Room
Colorado Springs, CO

Capital Construction Assistance Board Members

Tim Reed – Pro Tem Chair
Cyndi Wright

Margi Ammon
Denise Pearson
Ken Haptonstall

Scott Stevens
Kathy Gebhardt
Roger Good

I. Call to Order – 1:30p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call – Margi Ammon, Kathy Gebhardt, Roger Good, Ken Haptonstall, Denise Pearson, Scott Stevens, Cyndi Wright, and Tim Reed
CDE Staff Attendees – Jay Hoskinson, Kevin Huber, Ashley Moretti, and Jim Owens

IV. Approve Agenda

Scott Stevens recommended to amend the agenda, reversing the order of the two action items. There was no additional discussion.

Motion to approve the amended agenda by: Cyndi Wright

2nd by: Roger Good

All opposed: None

Motion passed unanimously

V. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2016

Motion by: Denise Pearson

2nd by: Cyndi Wright

All opposed: None

Motion passed unanimously

VI. Board Report

Roger Good informed the CCAB that a local news agency released an article that indicated Hayden School District was interested in applying for “free” BEST funds. Roger stated, with the help of Jim Owens, he wrote a letter to Hayden School District clarifying that the BEST program is a competitive matching grant program. He added that Hayden’s school board was appreciative of letter.

VII. Director’s Report

Jim Owens informed the CCAB that he attended the National Council for School Facilities conference in Washington D.C. December 5-6, 2016. Twenty-six states were represented and there was excellent discussion around K-12 capital construction initiatives. His take away from the conference was how different each state

handles facility issues, and how different state facility programs are managed. Jim also mentioned the attendee's viewed Colorado's approach as being noteworthy, and Colorado's unique BEST program/Facility Insight are very effective. He added not many states assess individual school adequacy and condition. He plans to share an abbreviated summary of topics discussed at the conference so the CCAB can compare Colorado's BEST and Facility Insight programs to other state's facility best practices.

Jim mentioned the first BEST grant application webinar would be held on December 14, 2016. It is an opportunity for districts interested in applying to hear about the process and changes that will take place for the upcoming cycle.

Jim updated the CCAB on the progress of the facility assessments. He stated as of December 2, 2016, the assessment team is making good progress. Approximately 2.8 million gross sq. ft. of tier one facilities has been assessed, and by the end of the calendar year that number should grow to approximately 3.5 million gross sq. ft. He added the assessment team is currently on track for their three year projected completion. He mentioned the Division is still trying to refine the information that will be accessible in the public portal, and the CCAB can expect a demonstration of the portal by the February meeting. In addition, Jim commented that Jeffco School District will be the pilot district for the migration of data from districts who manage their own assessments.

Jim gave the CCAB a fiscal update. He stated that the Office of State Budget and Planning's proposal for the \$15 million reduction of BEST funds was presented by staff to the Joint Budget Committee on December 7, 2016. The hearing for this item and CDE in general will be held on December 16, 2016 in the state assembly building. One of the questions that came out of the staff presentation was the following "The Governor's FY 2017-18 budget transmittal letter proposes to transfer \$15.0 million from the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund (which supports the Building Excellent Schools Today program) to the State Public School Fund and then appropriating those funds to offset a \$15.0 million reduction in the General Fund appropriation for the state share of districts' total program funding. The transmittal letter refers to marijuana excise tax revenues deposited into the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund when discussing the proposed transfer. Is this request proposing to transfer marijuana excise tax revenues? If so, does that raise constitutional concerns? Please explain." The CCAB collectively agreed they were opposed to the proposal and engaged in conversation around it. They determined there should be additional follow-up conversation at the next CCAB meeting.

VIII. Discussion Items

a. CCAB Legislative Platform

Jim Owens explained there was no change to the platform narrative since the last meeting. Kathy Gebhardt suggested postponing the discussion around teacher housing as there are limited resources, and she believed the operational mill levy should be a higher priority. Tim Reed suggested the order of the legislative platform by importance be:

- 1) Advocate for BEST Program funding
- 2) Allow public school assistance funds to be given to rural school districts to support operations and maintenance mill levies
- 3) Allow CCAB to recommend award of Master Planning Grant cash grants
- 4) Allow CCAB to recommend projects to construct Teacher Housing in rural areas

IX. Action Items

a. Buffalo RE-4 Emergency Grant Request

The CCAB engaged in extensive conversation around the emergency grant request. After discussing, the CCAB determined the grant request didn't meet "emergency" criteria defined by statute. Rob Sanders,

Superintendent Buffalo RE-4, withdrew his emergency grant application request and indicated that his district plans to apply for a grant for this project during the FY2017-18 grant cycle.

b. Election of Officers

Jim Owens explained to the CCAB that he and the Attorney General's office determined the CCAB does not need to have a full nine person board before electing officers. He recommended the CCAB vote on a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve until September 2018.

Denise Pearson nominated Tim Reed to serve as Chairperson. No other nominations were made.

Motion by: Denise Pearson
2nd by: Ken Haptonstall
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously

Ken Haptonstall nominated Kathy Gebhardt to serve as Vice Chairperson. No other nominations were made.

Motion by: Ken Haptonstall
2nd by: Cyndi Wright
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously

X. Future Meetings

- January 5, 2017 1:30 p.m. Location: 201 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 101, Denver, CO 80203
- February 2, 2017 1:30 p.m. Location: 201 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 101, Denver, CO 80203
- March 2, 2017 1:30 p.m. Location: 201 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 101, Denver, CO 80203

XI. Public Comment

Kevin Huber announced his resignation from the Division of Capital Construction to the CCAB. He added his last day will be December 22, 2016. Board members expressed their appreciation for Kevin's work and wished him luck. Jim Owens, on behalf of CDE, expressed his appreciation to Kevin and thanked him for his years of service to the State.

XII. Adjournment – 3:22p.m.

Motion by: Scott Stevens
2nd by: Ken Haptonstall
All opposed: None
Motion passed unanimously

The mission of the BEST Board is to protect the health and safety of students, teachers and other persons using public school facilities and maximize student achievement by ensuring that the condition and capacity of public school facilities are sufficient to provide a safe and un-crowded environment that is conducive to student's learning.