School Board Committee: Capital Facilities Meeting
Date: August 31, 2009
Committee Members Present: Megan DeVorsey, Clint Cogswell, Eric Williams
Other Board Members Present: Kass Ardinger, Chris Casko, Jennifer Patterson, Jack Dunn
Administration: Chris Rath, Rob Prohl, Matt Cashman, Michele Croteau
Guests: HMFH Architects – Laura Wernick and Pip Lewis

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm. Ms. DeVorsey reviewed the agenda. Superintendent Rath proposed a process the district will use to engage with HMFH through schematic design. Dr. Rath noted that the architects had met with members of the Educational Specifications Task Force last week. Mr. Cashman added that engineers from Nobis and RFS will visit to assess the building mechanical systems and hazardous materials contained in the buildings that need abatement costs.

The Committee discussed the role and membership of a steering committee. It was agreed that members of the Capital Facilities committee will be members of the Steering Committee, along with the Superintendent, Director of Facilities and Planning, the three building principals at Conant, Kimball Walker and Dame/Eastman, three teachers and three PTO members. The committee will make decisions on a consensus basis and, if agreement cannot be reached, the issue will be referred to the Capital Facilities members. The group will meet every other week.

The second agenda item was final approval of the Powerpoint presentation developed by Jack Dunn. It was agreed that this was a good document the board can use to inform the public of the history, educational value, financing impact and building conditions of the elementary schools involved in the consolidation. Board members and administrators reviewed and revised the presentation. The first public presentation of this presentation will be on September 14th, 2009.

The committee voted unanimously (motion made by Clint Cogswell, second by Eric Williams) to bring a recommendation to accept this presentation to the September 8th school board meeting.

The meeting ended at 6:56 p.m.

Megan DeVorsey, Chair
Matt Cashman, Recorder
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