

All others are soft on the May 15th deadline, depending on the weather and other circumstances. Member Carlisle asked if it would be better to wait until September to move students if the 10-classroom buildings will be completed in late May. Mrs. Becker said Carlton Hills is the only one that is important because students must be moved to being the library tech center.

Member Burns confirmed that overall there have not been a lot of problems that required the use of the contingency money. He asked if the issues found during Phase 1 will help Phase II to proceed smoother. Mrs. Becker said deflectors and soil conditions are very individual to each site but the lessons learned will be implemented in Phase II.

Dr. Johnson reported she meets with staff weekly to discuss "lessons learned." Mrs. Becker said the "pick up list" continues to be updated and safety issues are addressed immediately. Member Burns is concerned about the overflow drains in the overhangs dripping onto the teachers' doors. Administration is discussing doing something different such as relocating or additional piping.

Dr. Johnson said they have found some problems with the bells. The bells are not on all the buildings and need to be added. Some recess bells need to be adjusted to be heard by the entire school. The fire alarms are very loud and Ted is looking into getting another master clock system.

Dr. Johnson shared that wireless is being considered for the Library Learning Centers because students, under optimal learning settings, will not be stationary while learning. Bernard Yeo is working on a firm price but has found that it may cost approximately \$35,000 per site.

Member Ryan asked if there is hot water in the restrooms. Mrs. Becker said student restrooms are not equipped with hot water and school staff members are requesting hot water in their staff restrooms. Member Ryan would like to investigate having dispensers for hand sanitizer placed at the entrance/exit to each restroom. She said Purell works the best to kill germs.

Member Burns said water is pooling by the bricks at the entrance to Cajon Park. Mrs. Becker said it is overspray from the landscaping and suggested waterproofing the bricks.

Administration will present a post occupancy review of successes, status of pick up items, and future alternate options and costs. Member Ryan moved to approve the Post Occupancy Report.

Motion: Ryan

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

2. UPDATE ABOUT SOLAR PROJECT AND CAPITAL PROJECT FINANCING

Bill Clark shared an update on the solar project financing and other project based information. The District has received a 180 day extension by the Center for Sustainable Energy on the solar credits due to facing a circumstance that was not under our control. Borrego Solar is working hard to provide a project for Santee and will guaranteed the \$6.4 million in credits.

The Elliott site may be an option to produce solar energy right next to a SDG&E tower. Elliott would give the flexibility to more finely tune the school sites and sell power back to SDG&E. Member Carlisle asked if more than one meter could be placed at a site. Bill Clark said it could be up to a megawatt and the San Diego County Office of Education is looking for sites to farm to districts. School districts have special legislation that they can use to offset their energy from a site off of a campus. There are significant opportunities, time to plan, and ways to limit the risk. The bond market trend is softening and may be moving in our direction and there is interest in moving to "green."

Member Ryan asked for clarification and expressed concern about Borrego's direct contact with our financing company without talking to our Board. She believes it seemed very inappropriate on their part and they should have contacted the District first. President Bartholomew believes that Borrego wished to develop a way to make a self-sustaining project and worked with the financing company to be able to develop a plan to present to the District. Member Burns was concerned about this direct contact also. Although he is an advocate of solar, he is concerned about the financing. Borrego is aggressive and seems to be omitting some of the essential communication. Bill Clark said following the Board meeting discussion about the financing, Capitol Public knew not to proceed without further Board direction. When the project did not fund, Cathy Dominico received a phone call from Borrego asking what the price would have to be in order to make the project work. President Bartholomew said as a business, they probably wanted to have as much information as possible before making a proposal to the District. Cathy Dominico said she definitely wanted the Board to know what was going on and would not have issued bonds without making sure the Board met and directed them to move forward.

Member Burns said it worries him that the issue was dead and all of a sudden it was alive again. The Board needs to be really clear on what is acceptable. Member Carlisle said it became grey when the project scope began to change. When the Board passed the plan, they directed administration to make it work. He believes Borrego is trying to make it work and they are an exceptional company as well as forerunners who are passionate about solar. Member Carlisle recommended Administration continue to study and possibly expand a solar plan. He suggested bringing information back to each meeting as new information becomes available or if a new proposal arises. Any new information will help the Board make the most informed decision.

Board members discussed whether or not the current resolution continues to be in effect. Mr. Clark said with a scope change there would need to be another conversation. Mr. Clark would bring back new scope or a new proposal.

Member Carlisle does not want to get too close to the deadline to lose the credits. He asked Mr. Clark to continue to get new ideas and new site plans for Elliot quickly so they are not pressed for a decision. Bill Clark would also like to continue to see information from the County Office. Mr. Clark will bring back information on solar developments on Dec. 2nd. President Bartholomew believes solar to be part of the modernization program. Board members agreed and directed administration that no action is to be taken on solar without returning to the Board.

3. PROSPECT AVENUE ENROLLMENT

Dr. Johnson shared there is concern that enrollment projections at Prospect Avenue will compromise having a junior high program in the next years. Having three junior high teachers does not offer students a viable junior high academic program. The reasons for the enrollment decrease include perceptions of student achievement and demographics and limited new housing developments in the area.

The options to maintain a quality program are to consider moving 7-8 grade students out of Prospect Avenue next year or recruit students to Prospect Avenue using a digital learning focus.

If 7-8 grade students were moved, students could choose to move to other schools such as Carlton Hills and Rio Seco, which would be the best schools for students to feed in to. Chet F. Harritt will not have room until for the additional 7-8 grade students until 2010-11.

Administration's recommendation is recruiting to increase enrollment by creating a magnet program at Prospect Avenue. Literacy First Charter school, a technology focused high school, is beginning in Santee in 2009-10. Prospect could become a technology focused magnet.

Cheryl Bowen, principal at Prospect Avenue, would like to attract back students that have left. A plan could include sending a brochure, a marketing DVD, working with other schools to talk to parents, provide tours, and assuring parents of siblings there is a quality program at Prospect Avenue in K-6, unlike any other in the District. They have something special to offer because of the QZAB grant, having Classrooms of the Future equipment in all classrooms. The teachers are trained and they have a number of new teachers who bring great strengths.

Member El-Hajj said if the junior high students stayed, there would be inequity because there is no 10-classroom building planned to be built at Prospect Avenue. If parents were told that junior high would move the next year, there may be a mass exodus in all grades.

Member Burns believes the leadership needs to continue to be strong at Prospect Avenue and he wants to be open with families. Dr. Johnson said a definite decision would not be made until the recruitment was known. If 7-8 grade students remain at Prospect Avenue, a fourth teacher is requested to avoid combinations classes. By the third week in September of 2009, Administration will know if enrollment is large enough to keep a junior high program at Prospect Avenue for 2010-11. Dr. Johnson said there would need to be transportation offered to avoid any hurdles in the way of families getting their students to school.

Enrollment is low, but we have invested in technology and will be working to increase enrollment. In September 2009 a decision about junior high could be made for the next year and planning could begin.

Member Burns believes that it would be better to consider moving the junior high next year so teachers can be part of planning a junior high program for students. He does not want to give parents false hope and believes it would be best to wait for the students to move in 2010 and to have a plan in place. This could be a special opportunity for the kids to be part of the planning for the new junior high building. President Bartholomew believes 2009 would be too soon to move students. Member Ryan concurs with developing a magnet program and waiting until 2010 to move 7-8 grade students. Member El-Hajj likes the magnet school concept and believes it could be very effective, but does not think it will attract 7 and 8 graders. She believes it would be wise to pour the efforts into the K-6 program and maintain a 7-8 program while waiting for the new 10-classroom building for Prospect's 7-8 grade students to be welcomed at Chet F. Harritt. Member Carlisle believes the technology magnet is a good idea.

Member Burns moved to approve option 1, which includes recruiting students back to Prospect Avenue using a "digital learning" focus in grades K-6 and 7-8 with an application and eligibility option with criteria, like the GATE program, and restructure the school so that it is a K-6 school in 2010-11. This motion included authorization of expenses of \$70,000 to provide additional resources to support grades 7 and 8 so combination classes can be eliminated in 2009-10 and a plan to pursue moving grades 7 and 8 in 2010-11.

Motion: Burns Second: Carlisle Vote: 5-0

4. CURRENT ANALYSIS AND FINANCING SUMMARY OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Administration provided reports on cash flow analysis, revised program budget and scope, revised revenue summary, revised program expenditures, and a summary of contingency funds.

3. **Approval of the Chet F. Harritt Ball Field Work within the Douglas E. Barnhart Project**

Bill Clark reported on a new layout for the ball field following a meeting with the City of Santee. The revised schedule allows for work to begin in February of 2009. Administration requested to bring Barnhart into the implementation of the project to drive the project to completion. Completion would be scheduled to occur in July and the lights could be completed when the school is empty since it will require the power to be off for a period of time. Member Burns asked if the ball field installation would damage any of our construction. Mr. Clark said if the project is given to Barnhart they will plan for it and work it into and around their construction.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 5-0

E. ADJOURNMENT

The November 17, 2008, special meeting was adjourned was 10:08 p.m.

Barbara Ryan, Clerk

Lisbeth A. Johnson, Ed.D, Secretary