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# JSCB

## Joint Schools Construction Board

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### Minutes

July 15, 2010

8:30 a.m.

**Board members present:** Mayor Stephanie Miner, Superintendent Dan Lowengard, Pat Body, Ned Deuel, Laurie Menkin, Pat Hogan, Chuck Merrihew, Baye Muhammad, Matthew Rayo, and Van Robinson

A motion was made by Van Robinson to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat Hogan and approved 9-0.

Joe Barry delivered the secretary's report. There was a conference call on July 1, 2010 with Susan Schmelzer, Ted Trespasz and Ray Hart to discuss Tranche II borrowing for the 2011 construction work. The School District staff has discussed using capitalized interest to solve the cash flow problem with the City's Commissioner of Finance. The Superintendent commented that he has concerns about borrowing in November because the District is out \$4M with no revenue source. Suzanne Slack said that the District will work to minimize capitalized interest, and they are also asking SED to expedite State aid flow.

Joe Barry suggested that funds should be on hand in order to bid major construction projects. The Mayor said that the board has known about the cash flow problem since April. She requested a board presentation in August, to which Suzanne Slack agreed.

Joe Barry explained that there are two separate issues: borrowing Tranche II and the impact on the School District's general fund.

Sam Tuzza presented the Program Manager's report. A brief status of each project is as follows. Please note that all projects are on schedule:

- Bellevue Academy at Shea Roof Project: construction started 28 June 2010, scheduled substantial completion 30 August 2010.
- Clary Roof Project: mobilization onsite occurred late June.
- ITC: Design Development (DD) estimate reconciliation process (including value engineering) was completed under budget; Architect authorized to proceed with Construction Documents (CD) phase on 29 June 2010.
- Dr. Weeks: DD estimate performed and reconciled under budget; Architect authorized to proceed with CD design phase
- H.W. Smith: DD value engineering completed; Architect authorized to proceed with the CD design phase



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- Fowler: DD estimate performed and reconciled under budget; constructability review of DD submission is ongoing; Architect authorized to proceed with CD design phase

Sam Tuzza presented the Design Development Program Budget. The projects remain in budget. Note that in February 2011, the District will apply for federal aid through E-Rate to cover whatever the technology MCA excludes. There is a variance of (\$770K), but there is still \$2.1M of local share allocated to Blodgett which can be reallocated throughout the project.

An updated list of bid alternates was presented. Alternates have been added at:

- Dr. Weeks: linoleum flooring in corridors and a Pre-K playscape.
- H.W. Smith: sitework at courtyard and play area, book shelves and food service equipment
- ITC: none
- Fowler: locker room renovations, gymnasium and gymnasium bleachers are in the current base budget but will be bid as alternates.

Gilbane is looking to apply for grants through NYSERDA to provide additional aid.

Thanks were given to Nick DiBello upon his retirement for his years of work at the School District and on the JSCB.

A motion was made by Laurie Menkin to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Van Robinson and all were in favor.