

Meeting Location: Teleconference

Call to Order: Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: SeMia Bray, Tom Cook, Don Brown, Lenora Lockett, Caroline Peak, Nancy Schuster

Absent: Jack Bialosky, Jamar Doyle

CMSD: Lisa Thomas

Approval of Minutes: Tom Cook moved to approve the minutes from the BAC meeting on August 10, 2020. Nancy Schuster seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report

As part of her onboarding process, Director Chalker met with each Commissioner individually. Based on those conversations she recommended the following priorities for the BAC.

- Determine the impact of COVID-19 on building use and plans for Segment 8
- Review and report on workforce inclusion on CMSD construction projects
- Review and monitor close outs of Segments 5, 6, and 7 including details on variances from budget
- Add 1-2 commissioners to the BAC
- Conduct a special project to determine the overall impact to the city generated by the construction and renovation of Cleveland schools

After hearing these recommended priorities, there was discussion amongst the Commissioners. Commissioners Schuster and Peak asked how distancing because of COVID-19 could affect use of space of existing and future buildings. Board of Education member, Lisa Thomas, responded that we simply do not know yet. The use of space for non-remote learning is not a decision that the Board has been made privy to at this time as it is still in process. Commissioner Peak requested a statement from CEO Eric Gordon on how they are dealing with the changes and perhaps needing to be in a holding pattern at this time. Director Chalker agreed to raise these questions in her next meeting with CEO Gordon and Chief of Staff Karen Thompson.

Director Chalker also shared that reporting on the progress by segment including how much money is left will be a standing agenda item for all BAC meetings.

Director Chalker provided details for two upcoming virtual events for the Commissioners' participation.

- CMSD State of the Schools Address at 12:00 p.m.
- CMSD Board of Education meeting September 22 at 6:30pm

Director Chalker shared that CMSD started school remotely on Tuesday, September 8. A ribbon cutting ceremony could not be held for the new high schools, John F Kennedy and West Side High School, that were completed this August. Commissioner Schuster asked if it would be possible for the BAC to tour the new schools. Director Chalker stated that she would ask CMSD if that could be arranged.

Ms. Chalker is meeting regularly with members of CMSD’s finance department. She will be receiving regular reports on the 15th of each month and review with Derek Richey, CFO and Michael Bowen, Executive Director of Accounting the following week.

As of June 30, 2020, CMSD had total of \$67,233,016 remaining for capital projects.

CMSD Facilities Project Local Funding Summary	
As of June 30, 2020	
Bond Proceeds	535,000,000
Bond Premium	1,006,501
Other Non-bond Proceeds	15,532,617
QZAB (Quality Zone Academy Bonds)	5,127,642
E-Rate	3,710,581
Sale of Administration Building	4,664,176
Sale of School Buildings & Equipment	2,440,537
Property Tax Receipts (.50 mill PI Levy)	12,015,770
Total Interest	48,242,403
Total Local Funds (prior to expenditures)	627,740,226
Current balance of local funds available	67,233,016

Director Chalker reviewed the revised Long-term Plan including Segment 8 capital projects (noted in red below) approved by the CMSD Board of Education on 11/19/2019.

1. Consolidate Glenville, and Martin Luther King Jr. high schools into a single campus at the Glenville campus
2. Consolidate East Technical, New Tech East, Washington Park and Jane Addams high schools at the East Technical campus
3. Consolidate John F. Kennedy and Whitney Young high schools on the new John F. Kennedy campus
4. Close Case, Iowa-Maple, Michael R. White and Willow K-8 schools
5. Phase out Design Lab High School
6. Consolidate Clark and Walton K-8 schools in a **new Clark School building**
7. **Build new Marion C. Seltzer** K-8 School
8. **Renovate Joseph M. Gallagher** K-8 School
9. **Build a new Lincoln-West High School** for both the School of Global Studies and the School of Science and Health
10. **Demolition of Watterson Lake** moved from Segment 7 to Segment 8

Commissioner Schuster asked if Gallagher had already been built in a previous part of the plan. Board of Education member Lisa Thomas shared that Gallagher is bursting at the seams and needs to be remodeled to meet the enrollment needs of the neighborhood. Commissioner Lockett asked what the expected cost of completing the plan was originally. Director Chalker reported that she will prepare a summary report that will compare the original master facilities plan budget with the actuals spent to date and anticipated cost for the revised Segment 8.

Director Chalker stated that the OFCC plans to close out Segment 7 by December of 2020. The yearly cost update has not been completed for Segment 8 yet. This is typically done in the spring, but it was postponed because of pandemic. Ms. Chalker shared that Bill Prenosil informed her that the state is in a holding pattern because of the pandemic and he is not sure when things will be moving again.

BAC Financial Summary

Commissioner Cook and Director Chalker shared the BAC financials with a three year look back and a forecast for FY21, FY22 and FY23. Commissioner Cook shared that without CMSD funding this fiscal year, the BAC will have no cash to continue operations after June 30, 2021. Commissioner Schuster asked that the budget be revised to include some contingencies that are needed.

Old Business: None

New Business

Director Chalker recommended that all BAC reporting, including financial and annual reports, be moved to the fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). This change would be an amendment to the BAC Code of Regulations and requires an affirmative vote of three-quarters (¾) of the Commissioners. Ms. Chalker will send the revised language to the Commissioners in preparation for a vote at the October meeting.

Commissioner Lockett moved that Director Chalker and Commissioner Cook revise the budget and put together a funding request to CMSD to be sent to the Commissioners by the end of the week for their approval via email. Commissioner Bray seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via teleconference

Adjourn: Commissioner Schuster motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Lockett seconded. There being no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes approved 10/12/2020.