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MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/21/07

Board Members present: Mayor Driscoll, Superintendent Dan Lowengard, Calvin Corriders Dr. Ruben Cowart, Bea Gonzalez, Nancy McCarty, Ken Mokrzycki, Van Robinson,

Board Members absent:, Laurie Menkin, Bill Ryan

Meeting minutes from 3/15/07 were accepted and put into the record.

The Board's meeting schedule was extended through August of 2007 and all new dates were listed on the agenda and on the website.

Board Members were updated on the status of the A/E RFP Comment Period. The comment period began on March 26, 2007 and ends at 5:00 pm on April 25, 2007. All comments collected by that date will be compiled and distributed to the Board for their review.

Bond Underwriter RFQ responses were received on March 14, 2007. Per the review procedure outlined at the March 15, 2007 meeting, the qualifying proposals were distributed to the Board. Board Members were asked to review the proposals in advance of the April 5, 2007 meeting, which will begin the review process.

Chuck Szuberla and Carl Thurneau of the State Education Department gave a presentation on the Maximum Cost Allowance for all schools included in Phase 1. Mr. Szuberla advised the Board that SED believes the School District should leverage Excel funds to cover a portion of the City's local share rather than opting to apply Excel funding for projects outside the JSCB plan. Per Mr. Szuberla, by doing so, the Board could significantly reduce the amount of local share required. Mr. Szuberla also outlined other cost saving initiatives such as the application of an energy performance contract that would apply to all Phase 1 schools.

The SED presentation included Mr. Szuberla fielding Board Members' questions regarding the formula used to calculate Building Aid Ratios and Maximum Cost Allowances.

The meeting was adjourned. Next Board meeting will be held on April 5, 2007 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am in the SyraStat room in City Hall.

Board minutes prepared by Christine M. Fix, JSCB Secretary. A complete audio recording is available upon request.



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