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**IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

May 6, 2005

Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 100
Sacramento, CA

Members Present

Mavonne Garrity, SAB
Lori Morgan, OPSC
Fred Yeager, CDE
Dave Doomey, CASH
Blake Johnson, DOF

John Palmer, CASBO
William Cornelison, CSEASA
Jay Hansen, SBCTC
Mark DeMan, LAUSD (In attendance for Beth Hamby)
Mamie Starr, SSD (In attendance for Constantine Baranoff)

Members Absent

Dennis Dunston, CEFPI
Dennis Bellet, DSA
Debra Pearson, SSDA

Brian Wiese, AIA
Gary Gibbs, CBIA

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.; there were ten members present and five absent. The Chair acknowledged Mark DeMan as the alternate representative in attendance for Beth Hamby, LAUSD and Mamie Starr as the alternate representative in attendance for Constantine Baranoff, SSD.

The minutes from the April 8, 2005 Committee meeting were approved as presented.

SMALL HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM - ASSEMBLY BILL 1465

Discussions regarding the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 1465 (Chapter 894, Statutes of 2004, Chan) that began at the March and April 2005 Implementation Committee meetings resumed at the May 2005 meeting. The Small High School Pilot Program was reintroduced by Lori Morgan and Staff members, Steve Paul and Brian LaPask, as outlined in the item.

Lori Morgan made announcements to the Committee and attendees regarding the meetings that OPSC and the California Department of Education (CDE) conducted to discuss the Academic Reform Strategy requirements and also to coordinate efforts on the timelines being used to implement the Small High School Program.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Staff member Steve Paul began by briefly reviewing the idea of requiring rural school districts to have at least 400 pupil grants of new construction eligibility to apply for Small High School Program funding. The Chair, Mavonne Garrity, indicated that there had been further discussion about this issue and that the staff would be updating the proposed regulation changes to reflect that any school district, regardless of locale designation, will be required to have a minimum of 500 pupil grants of eligibility. There were no objections to this change.

Discussion then turned to the issue regarding how the \$20 million set aside for new construction projects under the Small High School Program should be allocated. The OPSC and Department of Finance (DOF) are conducting ongoing meetings in an effort to come to an agreement on how the money should be dispersed. If regulatory changes are required after coming to an agreement, staff will bring the changes back to the Committee for review prior to submittal to the SAB for approval.

Staff had included a proposal to require districts to maintain an enrollment of 500 pupils or less for a minimum of two complete school years after the occupancy of the school. CDE raised concern that a two year period may not provide enough data to generate an evaluation as required by statute because of the possibility of having no graduating classes just two years after the school opened. It was proposed that this requirement be adjusted to allow more time so that accurate data could be collected. The Committee agreed that the proposed regulations should reflect the maximum time allowed in the bill to collect data.

The CDE (Fred Yeager and Karen Shores) then presented some of the guidelines being proposed to approve and score academic reform strategies for districts intending to apply for AB 1465 funding. The strategies must be submitted to the CDE for review and scoring prior to application to the OPSC. It is anticipated that a process for scoring the academic reform strategies will be in place sometime near the end of summer, so that any districts wanting to apply at the onset of the Small High School Program would be able to do so.

Comments from the Committee and audience were primarily focused on how the Academic Reform Strategy would be scored and if certain aspects of the strategies would be given more weight than others. There were also concerns that the operating budget of new small high schools may be a necessary component to include in the Academic Reform Strategy because of concerns about the increased costs to maintain a small school.

Staff concluded the discussion by introducing the proposed regulations for the new construction portion of the program. After a few other minor points of clarification were made, the regulations were accepted, with the changes previously discussed.

MODERNIZATION

Staff member Regina Bills-Dacong briefly reviewed the modernization component of AB 1465, which provides \$5 million for reconfiguration of existing high schools with 1,000 pupils or more into two or more Small High Schools.

Staff then presented the proposed regulations for the modernization portion of the Small High School Program. Clarification was needed as to whether there was a requirement that there be at least two new small high schools as a result of the reconfiguration. Staff responded that statute stipulates that there must be at least two new small high schools. Staff concluded with a brief overview of the changes to the *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04). The proposed regulations for modernization and proposed amendments to the Form SAB 50-04 were both accepted.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lori Morgan summarized the changes that staff would make to the proposed regulations and indicated that staff intends to present the proposed regulations changes at the May SAB meeting. If any minor changes occurred before the regulations were presented to the May SAB meeting, they would be posted on the OPSC website. She also indicated that if any substantial changes to the proposed regulations took place, due to ongoing discussions with the DOF, the regulations would be brought back to the June Committee meeting prior to submittal to the SAB for approval.

Committee members were thanked for continuing to attend these meetings in light of fewer bills being currently implemented. The discussion items for future meetings include:

- Follow up to the 180-Day Regulations.
- Review of Financial Hardship grants.
- Use of residual modernization eligibility.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m. The next Implementation Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. and will be held at 1500 Capitol Avenue, Rooms 72.149B and 72.148C.