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Fairfax County School Board and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Fairfax County Government Center, Rooms 9 and 10

Work Session No. 82/**Infrastructure Financing Committee (IFC)**

February 19, 2014

1.01 Call to Order and Announcements

Fairfax County School Board member and IFC Co-Chair Kathy Smith convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. with the following Fairfax County School Board members and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors present:

Sandy Evans (Mason)	Supervisor John Cook (Braddock)
Patty Reed (Providence)	Supervisor John Foust (Dranesville)
Kathy Smith (Sully)	Supervisor Jeff McKay (Lee)

County Personnel Present:

Fairfax County Executive, Edward Long, Jr.; Fairfax County Chief Financial Officer, Susan Datta; Deputy County Executive, Rob Stalzer; County Capital Program Coordinator, Martha Reed; County Debt Manager, Joe LaHait; Director of Planning and Development Division Park Authority, David Bowden; Park Authority, Mike Baird; Director, Park Authority, Janet Burns; Director of Building Design and Construction (DPWES), Carey Needham; DPWES, Teresa Lepe; DPWES, Tom Williamson; Chief of Staff to Supervisor Cook, Kiel Stone; Aide to Supervisor McKay, Linda Waller; Aide to Supervisor Foust, Jane Edmondson; Aide to Chairman Bulova, Clayton Medford; Director, Department of Transportation, Tom Biesiadny; Office of the Board's Auditor, Jessica Tucker; Department of Family Services, Anne Goldstein; DPZ, Marianne Gardner

Fairfax County Public Schools Personnel:

Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services, Susan Quinn; Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Services, Jeffrey Platenberg; Director of Design and Construction, Kevin Sneed; School Board Facilities Planning Advisory Council member, Karen Hogan; Director of Facilities Planning, Lee Ann Pender; Deputy Clerk of the Board, Lizette Torres-Barthel

Others Present:

Charlie Dane, FCFA; Walter Carlson, FCCPTA

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DISCUSSION

1.02 Administrative Items

- The committee approved the minutes from the December 4, 2013 meeting with no changes.

1.03 Update on Rating Agency Visits associated with January bond sale

- The committee listened to a summary about the recent rating agency visits, the January 2014 bond sale, and the County's Triple A rating.

1.04 Discussion of County/School Maintenance Definitions

- The committee discussed the draft maintenance definitions and made suggestions for improvement.

1.07 Open Discussion

- The committee discussed the draft IFC Report and Recommendations. The committee asked that their changes and suggestions for improvement be incorporated into the document and distributed via e-mail for review with a goal of finalizing the report by February 28, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Q and As:

1. Why is maintenance being paid for out of school general obligation bonds? - **Provided on September 11, 2013**
2. Provide a chart that includes actual ratio of debt to disbursements for neighboring jurisdictions (include their bond rating). – **Provided on August 7, 2013**
3. Present a chart showing forecasted bond sales and capacity.– **Provided on August 7, 2013**
4. Present the pros and cons of short vs. long term bond maturities (20 years vs. 30 years). – **Provided on August 7, 2013**
5. Provide information on the history of the 10% debt ratio, showing how capacity can disappear when expenditures are reduced. – **Provided on August 7, 2013**
6. What can be done to reduce the cost of construction to help close the gap of unfunded school capital requirements? What would the \$25 million requested in increased bond sales provide and what would not be provided? - **Provided on September 11, 2013**
7. Are there changes in code or other practices that could reduce the cost of renovating/building schools? - **Provided on September 11, 2013**
8. What is the impact of scheduling school renovations at 30, 35 or 40 years, rather than 25 years? - **Provided on September 11, 2013**
9. Please provide a list of all schools, their age, when they were last renovated, and the cost of that renovation. Please include examples of the schools renovated in the last 6 years. - **Provided on September 11, 2013**
10. Please provide details regarding space allocation policies for particular kinds of instructional programs. For example, what size space is required for music, for art, for gifted and talented programs, for classrooms for children with special needs, etc... compared to those for ordinary classrooms. - **Provided on September 11, 2013**
11. Please provide statistics and back up data for the chart on page 17 of the Schools' CIP presentation. - **Provided on September 11, 2013**
12. For all schools please provide capacity levels, including current enrollment numbers over or under capacity. - **Provided on September 11, 2013**
13. Analyze a program of conducting a "mini-renovation" at the 20-25 year mark that would update essential systems only, followed by a more complete renovation at the 40-year mark. Outline what such a program would look like, assess the impact on students, and analyze the cost impact on the CIP program. - **Provided on September 11, 2013**
14. Provide a slightly different slide in the FMD Capital Renewal Presentation for Slide #3; showing ranges (not cumulative numbers). – **Provided on October 2, 2013**
15. Please provide the best estimate of where the orphan service drives are located throughout the county. In addition, please provide information regarding how much VDOT spends annually on trial maintenance. – **Provided on October 2, 2013**
16. Provide additional information regarding the Silver Line landscaping requirements as compared to other metro stations. – **Provided on October 2, 2013**
17. Please provide the total occupied square footage of county facilities. – **Provided on November 6, 2013**
18. How many daily users are there in county buildings? - **Provided on November 6, 2013**
19. What is the average construction square foot cost for new county facilities? - **Provided on November 6, 2013**
20. Please provide the year in which each county facility was constructed and the year it was last renovated. - **Provided on November 6, 2013**
21. How many new facilities will the county be constructing over the next ten years? - **Provided on November 6, 2013**

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22. If the school board's request for an additional \$25M is approved, what would it do to the projected debt ratio limits each year, for the next 10 years? - **Provided on November 6, 2013**
23. Please provide a recommendation for an expedited timeframe for completing ADA self-assessments and the identified required improvements. - **Provided on November 6, 2013**
24. Please provide the total annual requirement in dollars for school maintenance (2% of replacement value). - **Provided on November 6, 2013**
25. Please provide some examples of how classrooms might look different in the future. - **Provided on November 6, 2013**
26. Please outline the steps and timeline associated with Public Private Partnerships projects. What are some of the challenges and how can staff and the Board of Supervisors improve the process to enable projects to be completed faster? Provide some examples, such as South County High School. – **Provided on December 4, 2013**
27. How much funding is collected annually in cash proffers? What are the legal implications associated with the use of proffers? Can proffers be combined to provide for a common project? Explain proffer tracking. - **Provided on December 4, 2013**
28. What is the City of Alexandria charging the Admissions tax on? What is exempt and what is not.- **Provided on February 19, 2014**
29. How does our tax rate and average tax bill compare to other jurisdictions? - **Provided on February 19, 2014**
30. How does the County's BPOL tax compare to other Counties? - **Provided on February 19, 2014**
31. What are the pros and cons to a Special Tax District, or dedicated funding source for school maintenance. - **Provided on February 19, 2014**

Follow- up Actions:

1. Refer the concept of PPEAs (opportunities and challenges) to a joint Board of Supervisors/School Board meeting - **Scheduled for November meeting**
2. Refer the discussion of the 10 Principles of Financial Management to a Joint School Board/County Board meeting - **TBD**
3. At August 7, 2013 meeting, include a summary of paydown expenditures over the last several years and some general comments about paydown funding and limitations – **Provided on August 7, 2013**
4. At future meeting, discuss the Comprehensive Plan (how it works, how it is changed) - **Scheduled for November meeting**
5. At a future meeting discuss the Joint Use resolution and how we can better work together on use of facility space - **Scheduled for November meeting**
6. Explore ways that the county's public transit could supplement the school bus fleet and add to the agenda of a future meeting. - **TBD**
7. Request for Schools' to provide a similar presentation on Infrastructure requirements at October meeting. - **Scheduled for October meeting**
8. County and school staff should provide a high level summary of needs in the format of a memo that can eventually be shared with both Boards. Staff was asked to provide this memo to the committee at the November meeting for their review. – **Provided on November 6, 2013**

Parking Lot:

How are programming changes, such as additional requirements for AAP schools, prioritized against what is already in the CIP?