

**ATTACHMENT E: Anchorage School District  
Capital Request Advisory Committee  
Revised Meeting Minutes**

TIME/DATE: 3:00 PM, October 3, 2001

LOCATION: Anchorage School District Board Room

PREPARED BY: Simonne Lundvall, Administrative Assistant

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members and Alternates

Gary Dale	Chugiak High School Representative
Joan Diamond	Service High School Representative
Diane Etter	Anchorage Council of PTAs
Pat Healow	Bartlett High School Alternate Representative
Crystal Kennedy	Chugiak High School Alternate Representative
Kimberly Kinville	Special Education Advisory Committee
Chris Larson	Associated Builders and Contractors
Ken Legacki	West High School Representative
Jan Maki	Anchorage Principals Association
Mary Marks	Minority Education Concerns Committee
Lael Marlow	Bartlett High School Representative
Michael Melielo	Chugiak/Eagle River Chamber of Commerce
Kitte' Miller	Area-wide Schools and Programs Representative
Boyd Morgenthaler, P.E.	Alaska Professional Design Council
Jackie Ohlson	Dimond High School Representative
A.L. Tamagni, Sr.	Federation of Community Councils
Elaine Wenholtz	Military Representative

Non-Voting Members

Ray Amsden	ASD Facilities
Rick Barrier	ASD Facilities
Ed Conyers	ASD Maintenance
Michelle Egan	ASD Public Affairs
Mike Franks	ASD Facilities
Mike Henry	ASD High School Education
Pat McDowell	ASD Assistant Superintendent Instruction
Patricia McRae	ASD Elementary Education
Mike Price	ASD Facilities
Gail Opalinski	ASD Middle School Education
Jerry Sjolander	ASD Special Education
Janet Stokesbary	ASD Chief Financial Officer
Stan Syta	ASD Operations
George Vakalis	ASD Assistant Superintendent of Support Services
Kurt Vause	Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility

Visitors

Jimmie Daniels	ASD Principal Ptarmigan Elementary School
Patti Paiz	Ptarmigan PTA

**Meeting called to order by George Vakalis**

**Introductions**

Roll call by Ray Amsden

A.L. Tamagni moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 14, 2001. Seconded by Gary Dale. The Motion passed.

The September 20, 2001 meeting minutes will not have action taken today. If committee members see any corrections, please let staff know, so that they can be corrected.

George Vakalis proposed amending the Agenda to combine items 9 and 10. Items 1-8 were covered at the September 20, 2001 meeting.

The draft 2002 Bond Proposition document, prepared by staff, is for discussion purposes only.

Ray Amsden reviewed the Bond Phasing Options for Major Capital Projects document. Option B breaks down the design and construction funding for appropriate bond years. The idea is to maintain continuity of the phasing of the projects, by completing the designs and then obtaining construction funding in a timely manner.

The draft 2002 Bond Proposition document, prepared by staff, was reformatted and the back up documentation has been provided. There is a correction to the Public Water and Sewer Service for Birchwood and Girdwood Elementary Schools and Chugiak High School. The dollar amount should be \$2,200,000 for Birchwood Elementary School and Chugiak High School. ASD would pay for a portion of the main line trunk running from the property to the main line. If this work is not done this year, the District will not be able to take advantage of the matching Federal funding.

Motion made by Gary Dale:

To add \$2,200,000 to Proposition 1 for the Public Water and Sewer Service for Birchwood Elementary School and Chugiak High School.

Motion seconded by Mike Melielo.

Discussion:

A.L. Tamagni asked about adjustments from the dollar amount of \$5,300,000? What would be the net bottom line to encompass the sewer and the water?

Kurt Vause from AWWU responded that at Chugiak High School and Birchwood Elementary School there is no water service available. The \$2,200,000 would provide funding for the connection to the main line at Birchwood Elementary School and Chugiak High School. Girdwood Elementary School has Federal funding which has been committed but not appropriated. This project would be \$1,200,000.

George Vakalis stated that there is a very good possibility that District would not have to pay for water connection at Girdwood Elementary School

The Motion was presented for a vote. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Joan Diamond:

To add \$325,000 to Proposition 1 for Abbott Loop Elementary School Water System Improvements.

The Motion was seconded by Boyd Morgenthaler.

Discussion:

Mike Franks stated that it would be several years before the school receives an overall upgrade.

Boyd Morgenthaler asked if this project is on the Six-Year CIP? Ray Amsden responded that it is not on the Six-Year CIP. Are design, contingencies and administrative costs included in the \$350,000? Ray Amsden responded that it does. This project would fall under Major Maintenance.

George Vakalis asked if the \$325,000 will completely replace the system? Mike Franks responded that it would not.

A.L. Tamagni asked if there a specific process that the principal can use to report problems? George Vakalis referred the question to the principals that were present. Jan Maki responded that the Maintenance Department has been very responsive to her schools needs. Jimmy Daniels also responded that the Maintenance Department is very responsive. George Vakalis noted that if a principal is dissatisfied, they generally don't hold back, but call the Executive Director or himself, if necessary.

Kitte' Miller asked if Maintenance knew about the Abbott Loop water issue? Ed Conyers responded that, it is an ongoing project and that a lot of these items are discovered by our maintenance department. George Vakalis asked that if this was not put funded as a Major Maintenance Project, what would the solution be for this year or next year. Ed Conyers responded that this should be a high priority. Mike Franks added that the pipes have been patched over and over again.

Gary Dale added that he did poll all the principals in the Chugiak area and Maintenance and Facilities got rave reviews. He wanted to get a general feel from the group whether to fund Priority A, Priority A&B or Priority C Projects.

George Vakalis stated that we still have a motion on the floor and asked for any other discussion.

The Motion was amended to make this project category B.

The Motion was presented for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Joan Diamond:

To move construction funding in the amount of \$15,300,000 for Service High School Phase 2A and \$1,200,000 for Service High School Phase 2B Design to Option B, 2002 Bond.

The Motion was seconded by Mike Meliello.

Discussion:

Ray Amsden clarified that by moving the funding of design up by a year does not accelerate the delivery of the project.

George Vakalis added it would not be for functional purposes, it would be for community political reasons.

The Motion was amended:

To include Phase 1, Phase 2A and Phase 2B.

Discussion:

Gary Dale was concerned about the design costs changing. Ray Amsden clarified it is design not construction so it could change.

George Vakalis clarified that there was a campaign by members of the community to vote against the bonds.

Joan Diamond stated that by placing \$1.2 million in the bond would be insurance for support of the bond.

Joan Diamond stated that the Service area was not happy with Phase 2A only, but that they wanted Phase 2A and 2B, including construction funding.

George Vakalis added that the reason the Phase 2A construction and Phase 2B design were projected for 2003 bond is due to the impact on physically conducting classes if there is acceleration of construction phases. This is why it was split out.

George Vakalis noted that the motion is technically not correct:

The Motion was amended:

To combine Phase 1, Phase 2A and 2B (design) for Service High School into 2002 bond.

The Motion was seconded by Mike Melielo.

The Motion was presented for a vote, 3 voted in favor, 12 were opposed. The motion failed.

A Motion was made by Mike Melielo:

To add Chugiak High School completion of Phase 4 design funding to Proposition 2.

The Motion was seconded by Jan Maki.

Discussion:

Mike Price stated that next summer we will start with the new gym and cafeteria, with a fall 2003 completion. We cannot physically start work until current work is complete. Phase 4 work cannot start until deferred Phase 3 work is complete.

The Motion was withdrawn by Mike Melielo.

The withdrawal was accepted by the second, by Jan Maki.

A Motion was made by Mike Melielo:

To add the construction funding for deferred Phase 3 for Chugiak High School onto Proposition 2.

The Motion was seconded by Gary Dale.

There was no discussion.

The Motion was presented for a vote, 12 voted in favor. The Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Boyd Morgenthaler:

To replace Proposition 2 as written on the "2002 Bond Proposition" with Option B on "Bond Phasing Options for Major Capital Projects".

The Motion was seconded by AL Tamagni.

Discussion:

Mike Price noted that either option will deliver the projects at the same time.

Pat Healow was concerned that if the District gets design funds and no construction funds, construction could be delayed a year or more.

George Vakalis stated that doing design first helps the District determine accurate construction cost estimates and that if the voters are willing and the bonds are passed then there should not be a problem.

Boyd Morgenthaler pointed out that with the current financial situation, the stock market falling 25%, why would voters want a bond for \$90 million versus \$40 million.

Pat Healow stated that she just does not trust that the 2003 bond would pass. Do we have to use Option A or Option B? George Vakalis stated that we can do whatever the committee agrees upon.

AL Tamagni referred to the post bond survey. He asked the committee if they feel that \$122 million was too much to ask for? What is the current world situation? We need to take into consideration what the voters would approve. If we get the dollar amount too large are we setting the bonds up for failure? He would rather see a program go forward with a logical explanation to voters.

Gary Dale added that whether the motion passes or fails does not mean that we do not continue down the list.

The Motion was amended by Boyd Morgenthaler:

His intent with this motion is to replace Proposition 2 as written on the "2002 Bond Proposition" with Option B on "Bond Phasing Options for Major Capital Projects", to form the basis of discussion. Then we could start adding to the \$39 million and keep everything in context.

Discussion:

Gary Dale added the point that if we do what Boyd suggests, and vote for these design items only in the 2002 bond, then if the 2003 bonds fail, the designs were done in vain.

George Vakalis noted that we would not be wasting the money, if you spread the period of design to construction, we would just need to increase the construction cost to account for inflation.

Kitte' Miller asked to have a historical perspective for design. In looking over the CIP from different years, how has the District generally moved from design to construction?

George Vakalis answered that the city gets design funding first, then they bond for construction. Last year's bond was an anomaly, due to political reasons and the bonds failed. We have to really look at what is reasonable to make sure our mission is accomplished. To make sure the tax payer feels they are getting the best bang for their buck, whether it is Proposition 2 or Option B. If we do not advocate, then the bonds will not pass.

There was a call for question by Gary Dale that there is a motion on the table, to substitute Option B for Proposition 2.

The Motion was presented for a vote, 8 voted in favor, 6 were opposed. The Motion passed.

George Vakalis reminded the committee of a previous vote, Chugiak High School Phase 3, if you want to have it still, you need to make a new motion.

A Motion was made by Gary Dale:

He would like to entertain Mike Meliello's original motion.

The Motion was seconded by Mike Meliello.

There was no discussion.

The Motion was presented for a vote, 9 voted in favor, 5 opposed. The Motion passed.

A Motion was made by AL Tamagni:

To add Eagle River High School to Proposition 2.

The Motion was seconded by Gary Dale.

Discussion:

Dianne Etter commented that as long as there are 700 vacant spots available at Gruening and Mirror Lake, the community would not support the New Eagle River High School.

Gary Dale added that the numbers given for Mirror Lake do not include the sixth grade wing, which is currently at capacity. If you move high school students into Mirror Lake, you don't have anywhere to place those students. The secondary space is used against us.

Lael Malow stated that the issue is adding it to the bond issue again and the voters will probably vote against it again.

AL Tamagni stated that for clarification purposes, this motion is to include it, but not necessarily as a separate issue.

George Vakalis made reference to space availability.

There was discussion about a task force convening in the next couple of months to address the overcrowding. There is a boundary discussion going on as well. If we shift elementary, then a couple years down the road we would need a new elementary school.

Mike Price stated that since we already have design funded, we do not need additional funding in 2002 to move forward, but to complete the project in 2006 you need to have the construction funding approved in 2003.

The Motion was amended by Mike Meilo:

To have Proposition 3 as Eagle River High School

Discussion:

George Vakalis spoke regarding arbitrage and Eagle River, and that we will have to start the design by a certain date or we will be penalized for not using those funds.

Boyd Morgenthaler stated that he does not see that it is necessary or beneficial to include Eagle River High School in 2002 Bond.

Kitte' Miller stated that since we do not know how voters will feel, how about having one bond for Major Maintenance, a second bond for Option A and a third bond for Option B plus additional items.

The Motion on the floor is to add Eagle River as Proposition 3

The Motion was presented for a vote, 2 voted in favor, 12 opposed. The Motion failed.

A Motion was made by Kitte' Miller:

To add Whaley School Planning fund in the amount \$75,000.

The Motion was seconded by Boyd Morgenthaler.

There was no discussion.

The Motion was presented for a vote, the Motion passed unanimously,

A Motion was made by Diane Etter:

To add full funding for Bartlett, East and Service High Schools (construction funding), back into 2002 bond.

The Motion was seconded by Joan Diamond

Discussion:

Mike Meliello stated that we just voted that this would not effect the timeline.

Diane Etter stated that there is no way that these projects would not have passed last year's bond.

Boyd Morgenthaler asked if the same thing be accomplished by packaging as Proposition 3?

Diane Etter did not want to make that motion.

Boyd Morgenthaler asked should this be added so that we have an 80 million Proposition 2?

Diane Etter referred to the Post Bond Survey. Last year's bond would have easily passed without the Eagle River High School being included in the bond.

Pat Healow asked do we have any idea how much in taxes it would be if we passed a \$90 million bond?

Mike Meliello added that he was not willing to risk raising the bond to over \$100 million. He would like to see it under that amount. It would be better to give the voters a choice.

Diane Etter stated that she strongly urges the committed to consider the question of parity. We need to think about how the community is going to perceive our overall bond package.

The Question was called.

The Motion was presented for a vote, 4 voted in favor, 11 were opposed. The Motion Failed

A Motion was made by Mike Meliello:

To have three Propositions, Proposition 1 (Major Maintenance), Proposition 2 and Proposition 3 (Bartlett, East and Service).

The Motion was seconded by Ken Legaki.

A Motion was made to amend the Motion by Dianne Etter to include the \$4.3 million for Chugiak High School into Proposition 3.

The Amended Motion was seconded by Joan Diamond.

Discussion:

Gary Dale responded regarding the motion to amend motion: We came to the conclusion that Chugiak High School is a deferred project, it received support, if it doesn't happen then there will be part of the school that cannot be used. In all fairness, the amended motion sounds political.

Boyd Morgenthaler added we just voted to not put Eagle River High School on the bond. If you look at that, to place \$4.3 million for Chugiak High School is minor.

The Amended Motion was presented for a vote, 5 voted in favor, 9 opposed. The Motion failed.

The Original Motion was presented for a vote, 8 voted in favor, 3 opposed. The Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Boyd Morgenthaler:

For Proposition 1, to accept all of Major Maintenance A,B, and C Priorities plus King Career Center, Sprinkler, and Abbott Loop Water and Birchwood/Chugiak Septic, for a total of \$47 million.

There was no second to the Motion.

A Motion was made by Boyd Morgenthaler:

Proposition 1 to include Major Maintenance priorities A&B, KCC, Sprinkler, Water, for a total amount of \$41,158,000.

The Motion was seconded by Kitte' Miller.

There was no discussion.

The Motion was presented for a vote, 13 voted in favor, 1 was opposed. The Motion passed

George Vakalis gave summary:

Proposition 1: Major Maintenance Priorities A&B, KCC, Sprinkler, Abbott Loop Water (325K) and Birchwood/Chugiak Sewer (2.2M)

Proposition 2 - 2002 Bond, Option B plus Chugiak for \$4.3 million and Whaley \$75 thousand.

Proposition 3, - Bartlett, Service and East High Schools, construction funding.

A Motion was made by Gary Dale:

Proposition 2 increase Whaley and Birchwood Traffic Safety and Planning from \$75K to \$100K.

The Motion was seconded by Boyd Morgenthaler.

The Motion was presented for a vote. The vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Kitte' Miller:

To add the construction funding of \$3.5 million for Polaris K-12 to Proposition 3.

The Motion was seconded by Joan Diamond.

The Motion was presented for a vote. The vote was unanimous. The Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Gary Dale:

To adjourn the meeting.

The Motion was seconded by Jackie Ohlson.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.