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At 5:33 p.m. Board President Thompson called the February 28, 2012, Special Meeting to order in the Large Conference Room at the Chico Unified District Office, at 1163 East Seventh Street. She announced that this was a joint meeting of the CUSD Board of Trustees and the Inspire School of Arts and Sciences Governing Board.

**CUSD Board Members**

**Present:** Thompson, Griffin, Robinson, Kaiser, Reed

**Absent:** None

**Inspire Board Members**

**Present:** Goldberg, Krepelka, Latimer, Travers, Reed, Brown

**Absent:** Fayek

**1. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR****1.1. BUSINESS SERVICES****1.1.1. Discussion/Action: Status Update on the Development of the Inspire Campus at Chapman School**

The following staff, design team, and contractors were present to provide an update on the development of the Inspire Campus at Chapman School and address questions: Mike Weissenborn, Bob Michael, and Julie Kistle, CUSD; Jordan Knighton and Derek Labreque, NTD Architecture; Carmen O'Campo, DMSI Portable Classroom Mfg.; and Matt Bowman and Kurtis Carmen, BCM Construction. Mike Weissenborn explained the initial projection for construction was \$4.1 million. Recently, BCM's initial proposal coupled with other costs, resulted in a total projected cost of \$9 million, well in excess of the initial projection. Weissenborn stated District staff have initiated a series of steps with the intent of bringing the proposed project cost in line with the budget. Weissenborn asked the Board for 90 to 120 days to do a detailed review of the bids and the project, to analyze what can be done to reduce costs on various levels to determine if the project can be cut back to the \$4.1 million price and still provide the facilities Inspire needs for its program. He stated a monthly report could be brought to the Board to advise them if the project can be saved.

**At 7:32 p.m. Board President Thompson announced a break.**

At 7:45 p.m. Board President Thompson called the meeting back to order and the floor was open for public comment. The following people addressed the Board: Jeff Carter, Danielle, Debbie Travers, Susan, Jarrah Myles, Ron Sherman, and students Giovanni and Jared. At 8:07 p.m. the floor was open for Board discussion. Board Vice President Griffin moved that the school district take a two-pronged approach: 1) have the Architect review the plans with Mr. Weissenborn and see if the objectives of Inspire could be met through a modified plan staying within the approved budget; and 2) at the same time form a committee to investigate alternative locations, with both groups bringing back an analyses within 90 days. Board Member Kaiser offered a friendly amendment that the committee should include investigations into the availability of commercial property. Board Clerk Robinson seconded the motion and the friendly amendment and suggested a 90-120 day window instead of the 90-day window. Board Member Reed suggested the Board receive 30-day updates from staff, with the provision that agreements will be nullified at any time if it is determined that the project cannot be completed within budget and up to expected outcomes.

**AYES:** Griffin, Robinson, Reed, Kaiser

**NOES:** Thompson

**ABSENT:** None

Board Member Reed then moved that should Inspire be housed at CHS, the appropriate upgrades would take place including repairs to the restrooms and the addition of drinking fountains, and staff will continue to work with Principals Nilsson and Hanlon to ensure the

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required number of teaching stations for both schools for 2012/13, which could include the addition of relocatables to the CHS campus. Board Member Kaiser seconded the motion.

AYES: Thompson, Griffin, Robinson, Reed, Kaiser

NOES: None

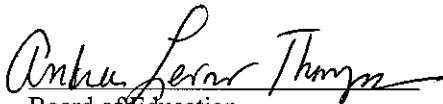
ABSENT: None

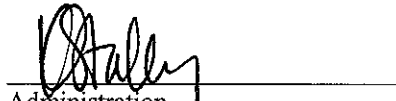
2. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:42 p.m. Board President Thompson announced the meeting was adjourned.

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APPROVED:

  
Board of Education

  
Administration