

Resolution No. 2008/09-11

Resolution on Sustainability & the Design and Construction of High Performance Schools

Live Oak School District

WHEREAS, a fundamental goal of the Live Oak School District is to maintain and improve District facilities to provide the very best learning and working environments; and

WHEREAS, studies have indicated that student achievement is greater and attendance higher, and teacher and staff retention is improved, when the learning environment is naturally lit, comfortable and well maintained; and

WHEREAS, schools should employ design, construction and operation strategies that minimize operating costs, in particular for energy and water use, as studies show that new facility energy costs, for example, can be reduced by 25 percent or more; and

WHEREAS, schools that follow sustainable design principals can contribute to our community's environment by minimizing waste and air and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2008, the District adopted a new 5-year Facility Master Plan that identifies the District's new school facility and existing facility modernization and renovation needs; and

WHEREAS, the Facility Master Plan provides a unique opportunity to move beyond standard designs; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) has developed comprehensive design criteria based on the latest available information on sustainable school design, construction, and operation; and

WHEREAS, schools designed to meet the CHPS criteria incorporate environmental features that provide a context for learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Live Oak School District Board of Trustees recognizes the progress already made by the District's staff and design teams to incorporate sustainable design criteria into the District's school construction program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs staff to expand this effort to ensure that every new school facility, new building and modernization project, from the beginning of the design process, incorporate CHPS criteria and best practices to the extent feasible; that the next round of construction projects meet the CHPS qualifying criteria to the maximum extent practicable; and that the focus be on criteria in the following priority areas:

1) Student performance and staff health through measures such as daylighting, the use of non toxic-emitting materials, and sound insulation or isolation to minimize noise and enhance classroom acoustical quality; 2) operating cost minimization, through resource efficiency; 3) minimizing the impact of District operations on the environment; and 4) taking advantage of financial incentive programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs staff to follow the CHPS Roadmap and scorecard to ensure the efficient and complete implementation of CHPS, including creating a performance tracking system to ensure the effective implementation of the CHPS criteria throughout design, construction and operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board endorses District participation in and directs staff to pursue partnerships that further the goal of high performance schools, including Federal, State and utility programs that provide sustainable design financial incentives, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs staff, during the design phase of future projects in the District's Facility Master Plan, to require architects and staff to verify that their project(s) meet or exceed the minimum requirements for CHPS certification, and report the scores for all of the CHPS categories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs staff to report to the Board annually on the progress of this program, and provide summary statistics on the number of new school facilities and modernization projects designed and the percentage that have incorporated CHPS design criteria, and other statistics useful in assessing the progress of this effort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs staff to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the CHPS.

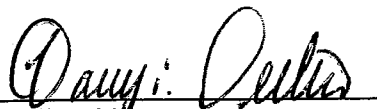
PASSED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Live Oak School District held on the 5th day of November, 2008 by the following vote:

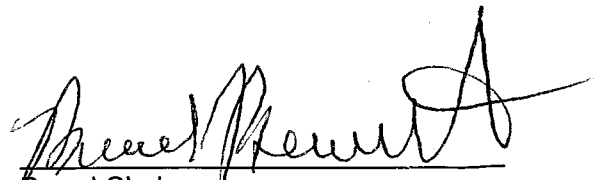
AYES: President Larry Perlin, Clerk Bernard Bricmont, Paul Franklin, and Michael Pisenti

NOES: None

ABSENT: Karen Palmer

ABSTAIN: None


Board President


Board Clerk