

**Building Excellence II Levy Oversight Committee
Meeting Notes, February 11, 2005
Stanford Center, Room 3802, 7:30a - 9:30a**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

David Hudd
Joey Ing
Ron Jelaco
Karin Nyrop
Ed Peters
Jim Travis

District Staff

Gary Baldasari
Don Gillmore
Mark Green
Ron English
Julie Krick

Heery International Staff

Mike Finnegan
Roxann Robinson

Members Absent

Mark Melroy

School Board Directors

Sally Soriano

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14, 2004 MEETING NOTES

- The notes were approved with the following corrections:
 - Page 1, fourth bullet, replace with the following, "There was a discussion on when to bid Dearborn Park. Two opinions were expressed by the Committee; either to bid now or bid later when more information is available about potential school closures."
 - Page 2, add a fourth bullet under the Cleveland section to read, "A question was raised about the completion rate (graduation rate) of Cleveland."

FROM LAST MEETING - ANSWER TO QUESTION ABOUT COMPLETION RATE AT CLEVELAND

- Ed Peters responded that the completion rate at Cleveland is 48%, much lower than other high schools. There are 1,000 students that matriculate but they don't all graduate. There are plenty of students currently attending the school without "stealing" from other high schools. There are more students attending Cleveland than is shown by the average daily attendance. It is the District's charge to work to retain those students so that more of the cohort survives.

REPORT ON QUARTERLY BOARD REPORT, JANUARY 19

- Karin reported that she and Mark reviewed budgets, the escalation issue, and the Board vote regarding Cleveland but not other Board votes.
- A hard copy of the presentation was distributed.

REPORT ON FEBRUARY 9 BOARD RETREAT

- The Board invited Committee members to attend a session of the Board retreat that dealt with the BEX II program in relation to school closure. Ed, Karin, Mark, and Ron attended for the Committee.
- The Board wanted to explore BEX II issues in a larger context and so part of the discussion was a potential change in the role of the Committee that might include the entire program budget (revenue and expenditures), the entire capital budget, inflation, and possible school closures.
- Individual Committee members indicated that it's important for the Committee to have an overview but its primary purpose is to look at how the BEX II program is going. District management benefits knowing that the Committee meets each month. If the role is broadened too much some Committee members feel they may not be able to give good advice, due to limitations in their expertise.
- Periodic updates on certain items, such as enrollment projections, would be helpful to inform the Committee.

- Part of the discussion was the Committee's role in BEX III planning and how this ties in to the work of the Facilities Advisory Committee which is updating the Facilities Master Plan. The BEX II Committee would like their insights to inform planning for BEX III.

REVIEW OF ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

It was suggested that staff come up with about five bullet points the Committee can review at the March meeting. Ron English will coordinate the list. The Committee position on its role will be developed at the March meeting.

Committee discussion of its role:

The discussion resulted in the following ideas suggested by various members:

- The Committee's emphasis is on the BEX II program rather than individual projects. The Committee works at a policy level.
- The Committee reviews both revenues and expenditures for the program.
- The Committee provides advice on potential unprogrammed projects being added to the program.
- The Committee reviews BEX III planning and provides input.
- The Committee will not be concerned with the BTA II levy unless at a strategic or policy level or in context with the capital budget.
- The Committee would like staff advice on what the Committee can do to keep the program running well.

Other suggestions from various members:

- Stagger memberships so that some BEX II members roll over to the BEX III Committee.
- Do not use jargon and technical terms.
- The Committee would benefit from a review of how the program is laid out and how the projects are assigned to different levies.
- The Committee would benefit from an overview of BTA II.
- Dedicate one meeting to a review of the entire capital budget.
- The Committee would like a report on the relationship between new and remodeled BEX projects and their completion rates including graduation rates, dropout rates, and the cohort survival rate.

NEW FACILITIES DIRECTOR

- Mark Green reported that the facilities director position has closed and applications are being screened. It would be appreciated if a Committee member was on the interview committee. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for next week and Ron and Joey are available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- An executive session was held.

Adjourned at 9:35p