

**Building Excellence II Levy Oversight Committee
Meeting Notes, August 12, 2005
Stanford Center, Room 2765, 7:30a - 9:30a**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Joey Ing
Ron Jelaco
Mark Melroy
Karin Nyrop
Ed Peters

District Staff

Gary Baldasari
Don Gillmore
Ron English
Kathy Johnson
Julie Krick
Fred Stephens

Heery International Staff

Mike Finnegan
Roxann Robinson
Ralph Rohwer
Mitch Romero

Visitor

Chris Jackins

Members Absent

David Hudd

School Board Directors

Sally Soriano

MEETING NOTES APPROVAL FOR JULY 8 MEETING

The notes were approved.

FINALIZATION OF COMMITTEE CHARGE

Potential Membership Categories (handout of Ed's chart)

Discussion Comments:

- There was a suggestion to reorganize the Committee along lines of Board and staff recommendations.
- Current Committee expertise is not right for oversight of the whole levy. Two committees could be formed with shared membership.
- Having a broader scope is a significant issue in terms of expertise. Broader scope might be beneficial to the District because the Committee could watch levy operations and things that impact the levy as a whole and not just the construction projects. Benefits would be
 - focus on policy issues and not specific details, and
 - a balance between specific commitments made to voters and the broader District commitment to complete its mission. A larger Committee scope would make this possible.
- The Committee can only discuss and recommend. The Committee is not capable of solving problems in the levy and the programs.
- The Committee could have been more successful if it had been convened much earlier in the BEX II levy planning process. The oversight for BEX III needs to start now.
- Concerns have been expressed about balancing the focus on BEX II and BEX III.
- There are events outside of the levy that impact it. There is also a PR problem with regard to the public's impression of the success of the program. Trade journals were reporting a well run construction program, but local impression was of mismanagement, etc.
- Don't forget that the main reason for the levies is to improve student learning. Safety and security issues are part of the focus. Levy projects also protect the general fund by reducing maintenance costs.
- Ultimately it is the Board's decision, with input from staff, what the Committee charge should be. The purpose of this discussion is to produce a recommendation to the Board so they have background to make a decision.

- Director Soriano: The Board needs to have confidence that good thought is being put into the planning and management of levies. She would like more background on BEX I closeout.
- Fred would like the Committee to hold the levy accountable and to ask the hard questions.
- Joey would like a matrix of root causes of cost overruns in BEX I and BEX II. This would help to inform a lessons learned report to BEX III.
- Another group that looks at the entire capital program should still be considered. This group would have shared membership with the BEX levy committee.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

- Ron will produce another draft for the Committee's review including the following points.
 1. expansion of entire BEX program
 2. ongoing committee with membership rollover
 3. look at other areas as they affect BEX (BTA, water, enrollment, etc.)
 4. expanded skill set of membership

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD

Meeting adjourned 9:35 a

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