

**Building Excellence II Levy Oversight Committee
Meeting Notes, January 13, 2006
Stanford Center, Room 2765, 7:30a - 9:30a**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Joey Ing
Ron Jelaco
Ed Peters
Mark Melroy

District Staff

Ron English
Don Gillmore
Julie Krick
Fred Stephens

Heery International Staff

Mike Finnegan
Roxann Robinson

Members Absent

David Hudd
Karin Nyrop

School Board Directors

Sally Soriano

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR NOVEMBER 17 AND DECEMBER 9, 2005 MEETINGS

- Minutes for November and December were approved. Comment: Mark read that Seattle has 18% – 20% school-age children. Julie will ask Kathy Johnson to check the figures on school-age children that she reported at an earlier meeting.

FINALIZATION OF COMMITTEE CHARGE

- The purpose of finalizing the Committee charge is to be able to make a recommendation to the School Board.

Changes approved by Committee

- Section 3, membership:
 - After “parents”, add “and others as appropriate”.
 - Move sentence beginning with “Familiarity” in front of sentence beginning with “Individuals”.
 - Delete the first instance of “public agency” in the “Familiarity” sentence.
- Selection process: the Operations Committee of the Board will review candidates. The School Board will decide how to select the members.
- The Committee has accepted the charge with the above changes.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Beacon Hill

- The project is slightly behind schedule but the school will be using the new space next week.
- The folding partition stage door will be funded through another capital fund.
- Kitchen equipment will be bid separately and paid for out of a different capital budget. The cost will be about \$100K. The kitchen is a partial-prep kitchen. Beacon Hill is an open concept school and did not have a cafeteria.
- A \$2M budget transfer was accomplished early in the schedule because of bid overruns. Beacon Hill will finish on budget without the kitchen equipment and stage door. The BEX II program is within budget.

Cleveland

- The project is back on track now that negotiations have been completed
- All work has been bid.
- Heery is awaiting an updated construction schedule.

Dearborn Park project will finish in June. Water issues caused the delay.

Garfield

- Drawings are complete and the project is in constructability review.
- The permitting process started in December.
- Bids of major packages will start soon. After bid results are in, the general contractor will determine if they want to sign a GMP (guaranteed maximum price) contract.

Madison returned \$1M to the program budget.

Maple is on schedule.

New School/South Shore is beginning design.

Roosevelt is on schedule for final completion in late June or early July. There are no construction problems.

South Lake HS/South Shore is beginning design.

Committee comments

- Keep track of BEX II construction issues and problem solving to inform BEX III planning.
- Educate the public and the media about how construction project budgets work.
 - Address expectations and reality.
 - Describe how the program budget and contingencies are set up to handle project overruns while continuing to balance the program budget. A budget transfer may be perceived as a budget overrun. Acknowledge and explain an overage ASAP to avoid the perception of covering up or discounting the problem.
- Show overages in percentages on the tracking documents.
- Director Soriano: Capacity should be part of school closure and levy planning. For example, consider the possibility of assigning students to other schools before spending the money to remodel a building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held.

NEXT AGENDA

Various ways to budget BEX III