

## **BEX/BTA Oversight Committee**

December 11, 2020, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Meeting held remotely via Zoom

### **Minutes**

#### **Call to Order (Janet Donelson)**

- 1) Janet Donelson called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.
- 2) Roll Call
  - a) Committee members present: Janet Donelson, Steve Goldblatt, Daniel Williams, Steve Tatge, Warren Johnson, Kyle Wang. (Sherry Edquid, Duncan Griffin, and Freeman Fong joined late)
  - b) Committee members absent: John Palewicz, Rob Stephenson
  - c) Board Directors Present: Lisa Rivera-Smith
  - d) Board Directors Absent: Eden Mack
  - e) Staff Present: Richard Best, Melissa Coan, Mike Skutack, Eric Becker, Jeanette Imanishi, Becky Asencio
- 3) Approval of Agenda: Steve Goldblatt made a motion to accept the agenda. Kyle Wang seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Approval of Minutes from 11/13: Steve Goldblatt made a motion to accept the minutes from November 13, 2020. Daniel Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Best made several announcements related to Seattle Public Schools (SPS):

- He conveyed the sad news of Mike McBee's passing and reflected on Mike's long tenure with the Seattle Public Schools. He noted Mike's ability to work with architects, engineers, contractors and subcontractors to ensure mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems were well designed and well-constructed so that they achieved long-term performance goals. Mike was a valued colleague.
- Superintendent Juneau will not seek renewal of her contract when it expires June 2021.
- Mayor Jenny Durkan is not seeking reelection effective November 2021.
- Superintendent Juneau has recommended in-person school resume for Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade March 1, 2021. The matter will be considered by the Board on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.
- City of Seattle Department of Construction is delaying code updates until March 15, 2021. SPS anticipates minimal impact to projects related to the delay of code approval.
- Lincoln High School continues to receive awards. Engineering News Record honored it with a best in region award.

#### **Budget Update (Melissa Coan)**

- 1) Melissa Coan reviewed the BEX IV Program Cost Summary Report through October 31, 2020
  - a) She reported no variances.

- b) Mr. Best highlighted that one active major project in the BEX IV Program is Wing Luke. It is anticipated to remain within budget, while staff continue to negotiate with the contractor additional costs related to the Covid-19 protocols.
  - c) Mr. Best noted that the biggest risks in the BEX IV Program are the seismic improvement projects, as additional costs are being incurred for ADA improvements and addressing hazardous materials.
- 2) Melissa Coan reviewed the BTA IV Program Cost Summary as of October 31, 2020
- a) She reported that the major projects exceeded expenditures over revenue, but the total Capital Program is in the black and can cover the difference in the BTA IV Program.
  - b) She reminded the committee that Magnolia-Phase 1 was forecasted to exceed the project budget.
  - c) She conveyed that SPS has received \$15.6M in Distressed School Grants from the state and she is tracking in this program. She clarified that SPS front-funds Distressed School Grant projects and is reimbursed by the state. At this time, there is no risk of not receiving the reimbursements as they remain in the state budget.
- 3) Melissa Coan reviewed the BEX V Program Cost Summary as of October 31, 2020
- a) She reported that expenditures have started for Major Projects that will open in 2023.
  - b) She highlighted the negative expenditure for Leschi, which was a reimbursement from Chris Jackins for his purchase of the SEPA booklet.

### **Project Status Updates (Richard Best, Eric Becker, Mike Skutack , and Jeanette Imanishi)**

- 1) BEX IV Projects as of November 30, 2020
- a) Mr. Best highlighted a landmarking issue at Daniel Bagley. SPS is proposing placing an epoxy coating on the magnesite stairs and is negotiating the improvement with the Landmarks Preservation Board as the stairs are landmarked. Eric Becker clarified for the committee that the Landmark Preservation Board only sees a site prior to the hearing and generally does not review projects under construction. They do not see the additional issues that emerge during the project.
- 2) BTA IV Projects as of November 30, 2020
- a) Mr. Becker reported that Webster School has achieved substantial completion and its permanent certificate of occupancy.
  - b) Mr. Skutack reminded the committee that Magnolia Elementary School received a Distressed School Grant partway through the original project. That grant is funding the Phase Two classroom additions at that site. The project is on track to open Fall 2021.
  - c) Mr. Skutack conveyed that the Coe Elementary School project will alleviate capacity issues at the site. The new space opens Fall 2021.
- 3) BEX V
- a) Mr. Best provided an update on the construction activities proceeding at West Woodland Elementary School.
  - b) Ms. Imanishi reported problems with the new roofing panels at West Seattle High School. The problem was caused due to inadequate quality control at the manufacturing facility allowing sealant to be placed on the wrong side of the standing seam rib, impairing the fit of the panels. She highlighted the excellent work of Wayne's Roofing,

including the reconstructing of several cupolas and praised Stemper Architects' work designing the spire to replicate the original design at the main cupola.

### **Sustainability Policies/Procedures Update Q&A (Jason McLennan and Phaedra Svec)**

- 1) Ms. Svec delivered brief recap of the November presentation's main points. She highlighted the timeline, the process of "back-casting", the recommendations by category, and the order of operations for next steps.
- 2) Mr. Best referred to the December 9 BTA V Board Work session theme that Guiding Principles should include Environmental Sustainability and Climate Resilience.
- 3) The committee discussed the proposed pace of the timeline. The 2040 target accepts the current pace of projects in the levies. An earlier target of 2030 accelerates the work and the number of projects per levy.
- 4) The committee recognized the priority of collating and analyzing the district's data at a more granular level to inform projects, costs, and a more accurate timeline.
- 5) The committee acknowledged the financial constraints on the work and that influence on the scope and timing of projects.
- 6) Mr. Best highlighted the McLennan Report recommendation to hire a Director of Sustainability and/or a Chief Director of Environmental Justice to help prioritize, champion, and organize the work.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.