

Board Special Meeting Operations Committee

October 5, 2017, 4:30pm

Board Office Conference Room, John Stanford Center
2445 – 3rd Avenue South, Seattle WA 98134



Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Director Blanford at 4:30pm. Directors Geary and Pinkham were also in attendance. The meeting was staffed by Associate Superintendent Flip Herndon and Assistant Superintendent Pegi McEvoy.

The agenda was approved. There were minor grammatical issues that were corrected in the minutes, which were then approved as revised.

Monthly Capital Financial Report: Melissa Coan reviewed the various funds and said that with where the district is in the fiscal year, Capital Projects will be closing year in the black. Unspent capital dollars are rolled over into the next year as Capital Projects has multi-year projects. BTA III funds have been steadily increasing over the months due to interest earnings. There were no questions.

MLK Jr Way property: As a follow-up to an executive session report the previous night, Bruce Skowyra presented the board action report. This property the district is interested in acquiring would house some buses and facilities equipment as well as warehousing functions. He said the process to handle the acquisition might be another 120 days. The committee moved this item forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval.

Approval of the 2018-19 growth boundaries: Ashley Davies described the one small area moving into the Loyal Heights attendance area that is being recommended for change for next year's boundaries. This change came out of 2013 boundary adjustments to accommodate relocation of students during multiple capacity management projects. It is designed to ease crowding at Whittier as well as Viewlands, where it was originally scheduled to move. Community engagement opportunities were provided in June 2016 and a few weeks ago. Committee members raised questions and discussion followed about travel distance, amount of community testimony, and associated transportation costs. The committee then moved this item forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval.

2018-19 Student Assignment Transition Plan - discussion: Ashley Davies and Nate Van Duzer participated in the discussion about the changes to the SAP transition plan, noting that changes were in response to last year's request by the board to getting the various stages of the process into one document and be able to drop the transition label. Nate reviewed the memorandum on going section by section in the 2009 document to see where things lived to support this action.

Director Pinkham asked about assignment and staffing and capacity and how it supports growing schools (like Licton Springs) or programs (like IB schools that do not have the funding to support the program). Dr. Herndon said steps include staffing appropriately within budget constraints, placing programs in schools and the resource allocation that goes with that action. He said that the SAP document addresses

rules to assign students in a way that parents understand them but does not address allocation and budgeting.

Director Geary spoke about the district's need to put people on notice of changes. The move away from "transition" will not notify that there are continuing changes that help families as they make long-range decisions based on school attendance areas. This needs to be flagged somehow. Dr. Herndon said there may be ways to flag it on the Look-Up tool online as well as highlighting areas in the assignment plan that are in a state of flux. Ashley noted that getting as close as possible in the areas of capacity, school choice, staffing capacity, open enrollment and projections will provide more stability in staffing for schools, as well as better information for families and choice.

Directors and staff discussed the upcoming meeting October 25th and what would help getting the board to a place where there would not be several amendments during the introduction-action process; those kinds of amendments do not generally have the analysis done ahead of time to support a decision.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 5:23pm.

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