

Board Special Meeting Operations Committee

January 4, 2018, 4:30pm

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



Approved Minutes

Call to Order

Director Mack called the meeting to order at 4:34. Director Pinkham was also present. This meeting was staffed by Associate Superintendent Flip Herndon and Assistant Superintendent Pegi McEvoy.

The agenda and minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting were approved.

Monthly Capital Financial Report: Melissa Coan reviewed the summary page of the October 2017 report, noting that the capital program fund balance was up \$62 million from September's report due to levy collections. Discussion followed on the use of reserves, both within individual projects and the levy as a whole. Richard Best noted that it is to the board to decide how reserves are used. He also described how the economy affects construction fund balances, noting that the economic collapse during BTA III caused a larger ending fund balance, while the 35% escalation in construction costs during BEX IV and BTA IV is causing staff to monitor each project budget carefully.

Board Action Reports (Discussion and/or Action)

Charge: BEX and BTA Capital Programs Oversight Committee: Richard Best noted that this revision to the charge of this oversight committee had been led by directors Geary and Burke and has been a topic in the Operations Committee meetings for some months. The mission still is the same: to make recommendations and support the district's capital projects programs. This would just expand the scope of the oversight committee to include BTA projects. He said it was good for the committee to have two board members attending to hear the technical discussions and represent the work of the oversight committee to the full board.

Discussion followed on how the scope of the Lincoln High School project evolved with the oversight committee. Richard Best outlined the BEX IV and BTA IV decisions and the board's decision making as the size of the levies was pared down.

Richard also noted the committee's participation in the green resolution, their recommendation to have someone representing labor on the committee, and keeping the focus of this oversight committee on buildings, separating out the technology oversight committee work. After some discussion, the Operations Committee moved this item forward to the full board for consideration to allow for clarification on school board members/not counting toward the 11-member makeup, and to allow public notice on seeking new members for the committee.

Approval of capacity management actions for the 2018-19 school year: Richard Best clarified that this action includes enrollment projections developed by Enrollment Planning but does not include K-3 class size reduction or special education program placement implications. Conversation followed on planning for portables placement and limitation on number to not trigger a SEPA process, how scheduling can affect capacity, and the relationship between Teaching and Learning and Capital for capacity issues. Directors asked that the BAR have more information on interim/long-term approaches to capacity issues, and that it unearth the urgency around capacity and impact on students and families. The committee then moved this item forward for consideration.

BEX IV: Award construction contract P1556 to KCDA for the Memorial Stadium scoreboard replacement project: Richard Best said this action will allow the district to replace the scoreboard at Memorial Stadium now and be able to relocate it and have full functionality in the future as needed. The committee moved this item forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval.

BEX IV: Approval of the site specific educational specifications for the Wing Luke Elementary School replacement project: Discussion on this item dealt with interim projects on buildings vs. total replacement. Flip Herndon and Richard Best talked about the district's change in approach to projects: master planning projects for the long-term picture to be able to consider interim dollars spent on facilities; how adding capacity through an addition necessarily strains existing structural systems; and not doing open plan concept schools unless a master plan calls for it. The committee moved this item forward to the full board for consideration to allow for additional language in the BAR.

Board Policies and Discussion Items

January 10th work session planning on the 2019/20 high school boundaries and pathways: Flip Herndon and Ashley Davies reviewed the conversation they will be having with the task force; committee members agreed that unless there is a solid recommendation regarding the two scenarios with maps, it would be appropriate to get input from the task force first before putting them out into the public. All agreed that the dialogue and feedback from the task force has been appreciated and that principals understand what the far-reaching implications are with these decisions. Discussion followed on the expense of geo-splitting and pathways, what is modeled in maps, student safety with Metro routes in the Queen Anne area, the racial impact on change areas, and timeline touchpoints when the board is having public meetings.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.