Board Special Meeting
Operations Committee
December 7, 2017, 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 4:30pm. Directors Geary, Pinkham, and Burke were also in attendance. Associate Superintendent Flip Herndon and Assistant Superintendent Pegi McEvoy staffed the meeting.

The meeting agenda and minutes of the November 2, 2017 were approved.

Monthly Capital Financial Report: Melissa Coan reviewed the summary numbers for August 2017 (fiscal year end presented after closing) and September 2017. She reviewed the progress of each fund and described how the funds are earmarked after board approval of projects.

BEX Oversight Committee semi-annual report: John Palewicz, chair of the committee, talked about the nine-member committee that comes from a wide cross-section of the industry. He described how district staff bring projects and issues to the committee, which also reviews financial reports and project budgets. He was complimentary about the volume and quality of work that has been performed by the capital projects team, opening five new schools and two renovations. The committee’s lessons learned included concern about the program contingency (88% used with a number of projects to go); caution about adding more scope in projects; and encouraging staff to focus on closing out projects. He also discussed: construction escalation costs; cost estimators and how the district will price BEX V for escalation; being in favor of the GC/CM process and bringing contractors in early on projects; and the commitment to passive design energy use.

Board Action Reports

Acceptance of gift for John Hay Elementary playground: Gretchen Dedecker and members of the PTSA talked about plans being developed, the Department of Neighborhoods grant process, receiving one grant and anticipating another from them, and more money from other grants. In response to questions, she said the team has met with Capital Projects knowing that this building was in consideration for BEX V so that the playground work would be accommodated; committee members asked that this be included in the board action report. After some discussion, the committee moved this item forward to the full board for consideration to allow more development of background information.

Approval of the 2019/20 high school boundaries plan: Ashley Davies noted it was important for the board to have this introduced January 3rd; staff is conducting a January 10th work session, and this item could move to action January 17th in time for the beginning of the open enrollment period February 5th. Discussion followed on the impact of the board not approving the pathways the prior evening. Ashley said the recommendation is not here because there are still more scenarios coming out of the student assignment plan. In response to questions, she said that maps would be presented to the task for
December 14th, that community input included thousands of email cards, community meetings across the regions, 2000 comments from family surveys, principals.

Ashley talked about the task force input, developed into six priorities outlined in the work presented. They brainstormed three scenarios that would provide services in each school to allow students to be closer to home. Questions included how CTE placement and skills center offerings were going to be included; dual language pathways; get boundaries that allow enough program placement; getting a baseline for other potential pathways; relationship between pathways and supporting the development of the IB programs; having one additional pathway that includes Lincoln, along with Ingraham in the north, and Garfield in the south.

Dr. Herndon said they wanted to draw boundaries to the capacity of each school. Committee members asked for costs on four pathways for the January 10th work session. After more discussion, the committee moved this item forward for consideration.

**Approval of the 2018/19 growth boundaries for Genesee Hill and Lafayette elementary schools:** Ashley Davies discussed Genesee Hill opening up as a new school over capacity. Staff has been working with both schools and parent leadership. The preference is scenario F as presented, with grandfathering a top priority. The committee moved this item forward to the full board for consideration.

**Approval of the 2018/19 transportation service standards:** Pegi McEvoy outlined the changes in the standards for next year, including elimination of the mid-day K runs and the appeals process. Transportation: mid-day K removal and changes to the appeals section. During discussion Pegi agreed to add a bullet to update bell times for appendix B. Committee members asked that there be some kind of report out on the appeals process to ensure fairness and then moved this item forward to the full board for consideration as amended.

Director Geary left the meeting at 6:30pm.

**Acceptance of the Discipline Appeals Council membership:** Ronald Boy described the council’s role in hearing the appeals as the final step in a student’s due process rights. He noted that the number of discipline hearings have decreased, due in large part to the emphasis on alternatives to suspensions. After some discussion, the committee moved this item forward to the full board for consideration, so that staff has time to identify two board members for the list.

**BEX IV/BTA IV: Lincoln High School Modernization Project: Constructability report:** Richard Best said this is part of the D-9 form process where a third-party consultant takes architectural drawings and reviews for the construction process in order to reduce the amount of change orders. The committee moved this item forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval.

**BEX IV/BTA IV: Lincoln High School: Approval of the guaranteed maximum price to General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) contract P5084 to Lydig Construction, Inc.:** Richard Best said that Lydig has successfully worked on a project with Seattle Public Schools, and staff is comfortable with this contractor for the project. In response to committee questions, he said he would include a list of the alternates on this project at introduction. The committee then moved this item forward to the full board for consideration.

**BEX IV/BTA IV: Lincoln High School Modernization, Resolution 2017/18-7, 5-year use/30-year building life:** The committee moved this item forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval.

**BEX IV: Resolution 2017/18-1, Racial imbalance analysis for Wing Luke Elementary School Replacement Project:** Richard Best said that schools in the south have predominantly minority populations exceeding
30%. For Wing Luke Elementary, this resolution says that the district will not be creating a racial imbalance; it already exists. The committee moved this item forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval.

**BTA III, Award contract K1303 for purchase and installation of portable classroom modules:** Richard Best said this action is coming forward with no contractor identified; it will be complete for action with the board. It authorizes purchase and installation of 11 portables, with an additional amount of up to $500,000 for purchase of eight more as needed. After some discussion, the committee moved this item forward to the full board for consideration.

**BTA III, award contract K1304 for relocation and setup of portable classrooms at multiple school sites:** Richard Best said this accompanying action will enable early action on capacity management decisions. The committee moved this item forward to the full board for consideration.

**BTA IV, approval of the site-specific educational specifications for the Ingraham High School Classroom Addition project:** Richard Best said that with the 24-credit requirement addition, this project will be adding science class labs, 18 gen ed classrooms, and the two science labs. The committee moved this item forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval.

**Adjourn**

This meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.