

BEX/BTA Capital Programs Oversight Committee

Report to Board of Directors

John Palewicz, Committee Chair

Steve Goldblatt, Committee Vice-Chair

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1. Committee Members

- Freeman Fong Architect, Freeman Fong Architecture
- Steve Goldblatt Professor Emeritus, Construction Management, UW
- Duncan Griffin Architect, Principle HDR Architects
- John Palewicz Architect, Capital Projects Director, UW, Retired
- Rob Stephenson Development Manager, Seneca Group
- Steve Tatge Architect, Executive Director, Major Projects, UW
- Daniel Williams Architect, DWA design

2. Meetings

Since our last report December 7, 2017, the Committee has met monthly—except July when we did not have a quorum available and August when the District was getting prepared to open for the school year—to review the planning and development status of projects that are part of BEX IV and BTA IV programs. We have also reviewed the closing out of the BEX III program. We meet for two hours and typically spend half the time reviewing current projects and the overall program budget, with an emphasis on discussing current critical issues, and the second half discussing specific and overall aspects of the program.

3. Project Status Reports

Rather than receive a review of each BEX and BTA project at the meetings, the Committee discusses significant identified issues for particular projects. This focusing allows us to spend the time to understand the critical issues and provide our input. The Committee members do read the monthly status reports before the meeting and bring questions to the meetings.

4. Financial Reports

The Committee is reviewing and commenting on the monthly financial reports for BEX III, BEX IV, and BTA IV. These reports are distributed directly to Committee members.

5. Project Reviews

The Committee reviews and comments on school design presentations, typically given by the architect, project manager, and sometimes the contractor and school's principal. We provide comments, but do not approve or give direction on the designs.

- a. Lincoln High School Renovation design and construction update (May)
- b. Loyal Heights Elementary School design presentation and tour (June)

6. January meeting

The Committee hosted a panel discussion on Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) and Community Workforce Agreements (CWAs), discussing their advantages and disadvantages. The discussion transitioned to apprenticeships generally, career pathways, and a call for schools to work with industry partners.

7. February meeting

The updated Committee charter was reviewed and discussed, featuring our new name, BEX/BTA Capital Programs Oversight Committee that recognizes the addition of the Building, Technology and Academics (BTA) IV capital levy program. The intent of this additional review is to focus on the major capital projects that are part of the BTA IV program, as well as the overall budget. The need for 2 additional members to meet the Committee membership of 11 was noted, as well as the revised quorum of 6 members present.

8. March meeting

A presentation of the BEX V levy status was made by Dr. Herndon and Bassetti Architects. A topic discussed was the need for an additional high school. The Committee oversight focused on the preparation and analysis to inform the potential list of levy projects, knowing that the decision on projects to be included would rest with the School Board. Only 5 members were present, not meeting the quorum of 6 members.

9. April meeting

A presentation of student enrollment projections, and new capacity to meet those projections, was made. The District has been compiling reports of the Energy Use Intensity (EUI) rating for new and remodeled schools as an indication of energy efficiency of the buildings. Though many factors affect the rating, such as night programs and extent of systems renovation, significant improvements were shown. Only 5 members were present, not meeting the quorum of 6 members.

10. May meeting

The Lincoln High School project was presented with a design overview and construction update by staff, architects, and the construction team. The BTA IV program includes significant technology updates. The current Committee does not have the background required for an adequate oversight of technology development and concurred with the District's plan for a separate oversight committee for this purpose.

11. June meeting

The Committee met at Loyal Heights Elementary School for a design presentation and a tour of the substantially completed project. With the recent resignation of long serving members, Dick Prentke and Ed Schwartz, the Committee was down to 7 members of the designated 11 and all of the current Committee members' terms have long since expired. The urgent need to revitalize the Committee was emphasized; it was agreed to immediately initiate the solicitation process with the goal of having new members by the September 2018 meeting.

12. July meeting

This meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

13. August meeting

This meeting was cancelled, as usual, to allow the capital projects staff to focus on getting the new projects ready for the upcoming school year.

14. September meeting

The capital projects staff reviewed the new and renovated schools that had been successfully opened for the school year. The Committee was updated on the BEX V levy and upcoming scheduled School Board and public review meetings.

15. October meeting

Dr. Herndon updated the Committee on the Committee recruitment plan, with the current schedule for applications to be received by October 24 and new members chosen by the November 9 meeting. A BEX V levy update included the current list of proposed major projects, detailed criteria for their selection, and project and program budget amounts.