



BEX /BTA Oversight Committee

July 9, 2021, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. John Palewicz called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM
- b. Roll call
 - i. Committee members present: John Palewicz, Steve Goldblatt, Janet Donelson, Daniel Williams, Rob Stephenson, Steve Tatge, Freeman Fong, Sherry Edquid, Duncan Griffin
 - ii. Committee members absent: Warren Johnson, Kyle Wang
 - iii. Board Directors present: Director Rivera-Smith
 - iv. Staff present: Richard Best, Mike Skutack, Jeanette Imanishi, Vince Gonzales, Becky Asencio, Aliye Ali, Jen Lincoln
- c. Approval of Agenda: Steve Goldblatt made a motion to accept the agenda. Duncan Griffin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Approval of minutes from June 11, 2021: Steve Goldblatt made a motion to accept the minutes from June 11, 2021. Sherry Edquid seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. BEX/BTA Oversight Committee Membership Status Update (Jen Lincoln)

Ms. Lincoln reported that six applications for membership on the committee have been received, she noted that review of applications would occur August 2021.

3. Meeting Chairperson/Meeting Format 2021-2022 (John Palewicz)

Committee chair John Palewicz announced that he was stepping down from the role. The committee discussed instating Janet Donelson as the new chair. Sherry Edquid nominated Ms. Donelson for chair. Daniel Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Williams nominated Duncan Griffin for vice-chair. Steve Goldblatt seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The new roles start at the September 2021 meeting.

Ms. Donelson and Mr. Best thanked Mr. Palewicz and Mr. Goldblatt for their years of service on the BEX/BTA Oversight Committee and invited them to continue to participate on the committee by submission of an application.

The committee discussed the benefits and challenges of meeting remotely over Zoom. They considered meeting in person on a quarterly basis and the need for a larger meeting space, such as the Board Auditorium. Hybrid meetings, combining remote and in-person participation were identified as ideal but beyond the district's immediate technical capacity. The committee acknowledged the desire to meet in person when the new members join in September but did not make a final decision.

4. Budget Update (Ali)

Aliye Ali reported on the BEX IV program through May 31, 2021. The program is 95% spent and is in the black.

Mr. Ali reported on BTA IV through May 31, 2021. The program is 76% spent and is in the black.

Mr. Ali reported on BEX V through May 31, 2021. The program is 8% spent and is in the black.

He referred to the budget transfer log. He highlighted the Cedar Park Restroom project and Moving and Relocation funds were overspent. The funds were drawn from the program underspend.

5. BEX/BTA Oversight Committee Role re: Design Review (John Palewicz)

Mr. Palewicz referred to the list of upcoming major projects and their respective design phases.

1. Asa Mercer International Middle School (Concept Design: Complete/Schematic Design: July - Oct. 2021)
2. Alki Elementary School (Concept Design: Oct. 2021- Dec./ Schematic Design: Jan. 2022- March)
3. John Rogers Elementary School (Concept Design: Oct. 2021- Dec./ Schematic Design: Jan. 2022- March)
4. Montlake Elementary School (Concept Design: Oct. 2021 - Dec./ Schematic Design: Jan. 2022- March)

Mr. Palewicz summarized the committee's prior discussions about its role in the design process. He recapped that the committee requested design review and feedback in both the conceptual and schematic phases. He reiterated that the committee's role is advisory, and its input ought not create project delays. He highlighted that the committee wishes to hear back from design teams regarding its suggestions.

The committee discussed when in the design process would be the best opportunity for its review and discussion. Committee members highlighted issues of sustainability and levy stewardship. The committee agreed that it preferred to see less formal presentations earlier in the design process, such as viewing conceptual design rather than schematic design. Then, senior project managers could report back to the committee regarding how its input was received and incorporated. This approach will begin with a presentation of the Schematic Design for Asa Mercer Middle School at the October meeting, followed by conceptual presentations of Alki, John Rogers and Montlake Elementary Schools the following months.

6. Wing Luke Elementary School Construction Opening (Mike Skutack – SPS/Jennifer Everett, Van Nguyen – CBRE-Heery/ Kevin Flanagan, Boris Srdar, Matt Rumbaugh, Brian Love, Gerrit Nelli – NAC Architecture/ Jody Miller, Josh Miller, George Gore, Fiona Hutchinson – Jody Miller Construction)

Senior Project Manager Mike Skutack introduced the design and construction teams (listed above). He provided a brief overview of the project timeline and status.

Mr. Flanagan opened the presentation by highlighting Wing Luke Elementary is a multi-cultural school and the challenge to represent that in its building. He described the role of the school in defining what that meant to its students, families, and staff.

Mr. Love provided an overview of the site and the layout of the building. He highlighted the school's use of "Dragon Blocks" to teach students at various levels of proficiency in a subject and the corresponding design to accommodate this academic practice.

Mr. Srdar presented how the design accommodated and supported both communal and individual uses of space through the construction of large open spaces for performances and community events as well as pocket spaces for more intimate social connecting.

Mr. Love highlighted the building's window and glass doors for both daylighting the spaces and allowing passive supervision. He commented that this feature reflected the culture of openness that was part of the original building's open concept design. He also noted the positioning of alcoves near classrooms and specialists for individual and small group instruction.

Mr. Flanagan presented the design and function of the library as a daylit bridge connecting the school.

Mr. Flanagan highlighted some of the sustainability approaches included in the schematic design such as daylighting and shading studies, type of insulation for thermal performance, and shading of the library's southern wall.

Mr. Miller reported on the challenges presented by COVID-19 pandemic and how the team maintained the project schedule. He commented that materials were procured prior to the outbreak so the project was not impacted the same way as current projects. He concluded his remarks noting the collaboration of the project team and sharing the joy of watching students enter their new building with smiles.

The committee discussed the artwork and creative elements located throughout the building. They praised the team for a safe, functional, and beautiful final building that represented the original intent of the community.

Mr. Williams suggested that future design presentations address how passive design was incorporate and convey that explicitly with metrics.

7. Adjourn

John Palewicz adjourned the meeting at 10:32