



## **BEX /BTA Oversight Committee**

September 9, 2021, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Call to Order**

- a. Janet Donelson called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM
- b. Roll call
  - i. Committee members present: Janet Donelson, Duncan Griffin, Steve Goldblatt, Monty Anderson, Rob Stephenson, Daniel Williams, Jennifer DuHamel, Michelle Moore, Sherry Edquid,
  - ii. Committee members absent: Steve Tatge,
  - iii. Board Directors present: Lisa Rivera-Smith, Erin Dury
  - iv. Staff present: Richard Best, Becky Asencio, Melissa Coan, Vince Gonzales,
- c. Approval of Agenda: Daniel Williams made a motion to accept the agenda. Steve Goldblatt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Approval of minutes from July 9, 2021: Steve Goldblatt made a motion to accept the minutes. Daniel Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. BEX/BTA Oversight Committee Membership Recognition /Introductions**

Ms. Donelson expressed gratitude on behalf of the committee for the years of service performed by departing members John Palewicz, Freeman Fong, and Kyle Wang. She welcomed returning members Steve Goldblatt and Sherry Edquid. She invited new members Jennifer DuHamel, Michelle Moore, and Monty Anderson to introduce themselves.

#### **3. Budget Update**

Melissa Coan referred to the budget report and described how to read it for the new members and defined the project categories for BEX and BTA programs.

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX IV program through July 31, 2021. She reminded the committee that this is a mature program, which is 95% complete. She described how savings are moved into a contingency fund. She conveyed that this program is in the black.

Ms. Coan reported on the BTA IV program through July 31, 2021. She defined Seattle Public Schools' fiscal year begins September 1 and concludes on August 31 of the following year. She explained that the Board approved budget was less than the levy amount due to a few projects with budgets spread across

multiple levies, so the funds are consolidated in one program for reporting purposes. She highlighted that SPS is still collecting levy funds in this program. She concluded that the program is in the black.

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX V program through July 31, 2021. She defined the process for receiving state funds as reimbursements on a project. She reminded the committee that this is a young program with only 8% expended. She highlighted two budget transfers that occurred in July 2021.

#### **4. Project Status Reports**

Richard Best presented background on the Capital Projects and Planning department, including key staff and general information about the district's 104 schools.

Mr. Best reported on the BEX IV levy projects. He noted two major capacity projects remain out of the original list of 19, both are in close-out mode. He provided an overview of other categories noted in the status report for the levy. Duncan Griffin and Daniel Williams requested reporting on the Energy Use Index of current work, either in the monthly status reports or the financial reports.

Mr. Best reported on the BTA IV levy projects. He highlighted that the two major capacity projects are also both in close-out mode and noted that Magnolia Elementary School – Phase 1 had been accepted by the Board of Directors and would be removed from next month's report. He acknowledged that three Distressed School Grant projects experienced scheduling impacts due to supply chain issues related to Covid-19. Ms. Donelson referred to the photo report and project reports in the meeting materials packet as a source for more detailed information about specific projects.

Mr. Best reported on the BEX V levy projects. He provided background and construction status on each of the Major Projects in the program. He reported that most project bids were received as estimated or slightly below expected pricing. He confirmed that the estimates included costs associated with the Student Community Workforce Agreement (SCWA).

#### **5. BTA V Capital Levy Presentation**

Becky Asencio referred to a presentation that was delivered to the School Board on August 11, 2021. She conveyed the process of communicating with the Board about the levy scoring process, proposed projects, dollar amount, and levy rate.

Ms. Asencio reminded the committee of the BTA levy focus. She provided an overview of Board Policy 6901, governing levy development, and the Board's Guiding Principles for BTA V. She highlighted the attention to environmental sustainability and climate resilience.

Ms. Asencio presented the types of reports and their scoring methods, which informed the selection of proposed projects. She provided an overview of the levy project categories and proposed projects in each category. She clarified the scope of work for Memorial Stadium, which would make it similar to other high school stadiums in the region.

The committee and staff discussed potential partnerships with the City of Seattle and other entities to support the Memorial Stadium project. Mr. Best clarified that the levy was sized to provide a high school stadium comparable to those in the region, even if potential partnerships did not produce additional

dollars. He confirmed for the committee that partnerships would be sought for both initial investments and long-term maintenance of the stadium.

Ms. Asencio reviewed significant categories, such as Building System Repairs and Replacements, that are in every BTA levy, and highlighted “one-off” projects specific to BTA V.

The committee and staff discussed the district’s goal to stop using fossil fuels. Ms. Asencio shared that SPS is starting a Clean Energy Task Force and will be developing an implementation plan in accordance with the Clean Energy Resolution. Mr. Best added that getting the district off fossil fuels has already started and noted that all the BEX V projects for new and modernized schools will be electric.

Ms. Asencio highlighted that the BTA levy funds 85% of the Department of Technology Services (DoTS). She explained that the need was higher than prior levies due to the impacts of Covid-19 on accelerating the district’s 1:1 technology distribution and corresponding improvements to the SPS technology infrastructure.

Ms. Asencio conveyed changes to the initial list of proposed projects, which were requested by Board Directors. She highlighted Outdoor Classrooms, increased allowances for Clean Energy improvements, and Gender Inclusive restrooms at every school, among the changes.

Ms. Asencio provided an overview of the proposed levy rate and dollar amount. She reviewed levy history over the past decade with attention to where the dollars were spent and how the amount had changed over time.

Ms. Asencio concluded her presentation with the timeline for community engagement and School Board decision.

## **6. Adjourn**

Ms. Donelson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.