



BEX /BTA Oversight Committee

February 10, 2023, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

JSCEE Board Auditorium

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Janet Donelson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- b. Roll call
 - i. Committee members present: Janet Donelson, Duncan Griffin, Warren Johnson, Michelle Moore, Luis Adan, Steve Tatge, Lavina Sadhwani, Monty Anderson
 - ii. Committee members absent: Robynne Thaxton, Jennifer DuHamel
 - iii. Board Directors present: Vivian Song Maritz, Lisa Rivera Smith
 - iv. Capital Projects Staff present: Richard Best, Mike Skutack, Tom Gut, Melissa Coan, Becky Asencio, Kristi Jones, Jen Lincoln
- c. The meeting agenda: Warren Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Tatge seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. The minutes: Warren Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2023. Steve Tatge seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Project Recognition Wing Luke Elementary School

(Richard Best – Mike Skutack - SPS, Bill Dobyns – TT, Matt Rumbaugh - NAC, Josh Miller - JMC)

Mr. Best presented an award plaque from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for the Wing Luke Elementary School to the project leads (listed above). He complimented the team for the design of the building and noted the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. Budget Update

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX IV Program through December 31, 2022. She highlighted that the final Major Project in this program was Wing Luke Elementary School, which opened Spring 2021. She reminded the committee that a granular review of the Other Facilities Project was presented at the January 2023 meeting. The committee and staff discussed the Program Contingency in terms of how it is allocated to projects, the School Board's role in approving the use of the Program Contingency. The committee and staff discussed the causes for budget transfers. The committee and staff also discussed efforts to reduce the number of portables on school sites. Mr. Best conveyed that a presentation on the portables plan was on the agenda for this meeting.

Ms. Coan reported on the BTA IV Program through December 31, 2022. She clarified the differences between levy funded projects and Distressed Schools Grant projects. She noted that a higher percentage than anticipated levy funds were received for this program.

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX V Program through December 31, 2022. She indicated that all the Major Projects were active. She highlighted that due to rescoping projects \$32M was transferred to other projects. She referred to the Transfers Log for additional details on those changes. She noted that revenue for this program was calculated for an uncollectible amount of .75%, rather than past practice of 1%. Ms. Coan clarified that when expenditures within a program outpace revenue then the Capital Program portfolio of funding is applied to address the gaps.

4. Project Status Reports

Mr. Best delivered a high-level overview of the status of Major Projects in each levy program. He reported that several smaller projects in the BEX IV Program were in close-out mode. He conveyed that the BTA IV projects at North Queen Anne would be completed Summer 2023. He highlighted the significant number of active projects in BEX V with project bidding scheduled for Spring and Summer of 2023 for Asa Mercer Middle School and Alki, John Roberts and Montlake Elementary Schools. He also addressed claims submitted on projects at Kimball Elementary School, West Seattle Elementary School, and Viewlands Elementary School, primarily related to the concrete strike.

5. Student Enrollment Projections

(Becky Asencio, Tingyu Wang – Seattle Public Schools

Benjamin Maloney, Charles Rynerson – Flo Analytics)

Mr. Maloney and Mr. Rynerson delivered a detailed presentation of Seattle Public Schools Enrollment trends and their relationship to trends in the Seattle area in terms of women of childbearing ages, birth rates that are lower than the replacement rate, and population and housing trends. They also identified the data sources for their findings.

The committee and presenters discussed the recent report that shows a trend of students leaving public school districts in urban areas across the United States. The presenters posited several reasons for that trend and connected it to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, they emphasized the role of smaller birth rates affecting enrollment rates over the effects of other causes.

The committee inquired about the influence of climate-related migration and immigration policies on student enrollment. The presenters explained that this was not included in their analysis, due in part to the lack of data and the observation that cities with a hotter climate, such as Phoenix, AZ and Miami, FL continue to have population growth outpace the more moderate temperate climate of Seattle, WA. They clarified that today's presentation represented a continuation of documented trends that have already influenced growth in this region.

6. Portables

This agenda will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

Ms. Donelson adjourned the meeting at 10: 32 am