



BEX /BTA Oversight Committee

October 13, 2023, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

JSCEE Board Auditorium

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Janet Donelson called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
- b. Roll call
 - i. Committee members present: Janet Donelson, Duncan Griffin, Steve Tatge, Warren Johnson, Luis Adan, Monty Anderson, Jennifer DuHamel,
 - ii. Committee members participating online: Lavina Sadhwani,
 - iii. Committee members absent: Sherry Edquid, Robynne Thaxton, Michelle Moore
 - iv. Board Directors present: Lisa Rivera Smith
 - v. Capital Projects Staff present: Richard Best, Melissa Coan, Becky Asencio, Vince Gonzales, Tom Gut, Jen Lincoln
- c. The meeting agenda: Duncan Griffin made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Warren Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. The minutes from September 8, 2023: Jennifer DuHamel made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Tatge seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Budget Update

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX V Program through August 31, 2023. She conveyed that staff are addressing the underspend from recently opened projects and anticipate that the Contingency Fund will grow. Mr. Best highlighted the increased spending in the program due to active projects.

Ms. Coan reported on the BTA V Program through August 31, 2023.

The committee requested a future report that presents the remaining Contingency funds available in all the capital levy programs so that they can better understand total available contingency funds.

3. Project Status Reports

Richard Best and Senior Project Managers Vince Gonzales and Tom Gut provided updates on the Major Projects across all four levy programs. Mr. Best highlighted ongoing work related to the Inflation Reduction Act and how geothermal wells installed at recently completed projects

are eligible for a 30% refund under the Inflation Reduction Act. He noted that these efforts will help inform the BEX VI capital levy process to help achieve the stated objectives of the Clean Energy Resolution.

Mr. Gonzales updated the committee on the status of the Alki Elementary School project. He explained that the remand from the Hearing Examiner on the Parking Departure questioned lack of parking however no specific number of stalls was not stated. Mr. Gonzales conveyed that the project team was still in discussions with the City of Seattle, the architects and the general contractor about a revised design and construction schedule. He noted that the project would be paused after demolition and grading activities were completed. Mr. Best added that a more comprehensive update would be provided to the committee at the next meeting.

4. Board Action Reports Review

Mr. Best, Mr. Gonzales, and Mr. Gut presented each BAR with a brief project overview and took questions from the committee. The committee and staff discussed revisions to project budgets, student transportation to an interim site, the reasons for moving students to an interim site during a project, and some of the benefits and challenges of the Student Community Workforce Agreement (SCWA).

5. Summer Work BEX/BTA Small Projects Team Update

Mr. Gut delivered a photo presentation of his team's projects from Summer 2023. He provided a description of each project and conveyed the lessons learned.

6. Portables Update

Becky Asencio presented a high-level overview of the district's portables use. She described the purpose of the portables, their locations, condition, and future plans for demolition of some. Ms. Asencio referenced the District's 10-year enrollment projections and how lower enrollment will support the reduction of portables around the district.

The committee and staff discussed some of the challenges that portables have been solving, such as needed flexibility meeting unanticipated needs for increased capacity at a site, and the tension between small school sites and requirements for parking stalls. They also acknowledged the safety challenges posed by portable units.

The committee requested more details about current portable use and an articulated plan to be free of portables by 2040. Ms. Asencio agreed to provide a report of all portables, by school with the age of the units.

Mr. Best conveyed that he had started conversations with the City of Seattle regarding reusing portables to house individuals experiencing homelessness. The discussion is paused due in part to the costs to renovate the units and regulatory requirements on which units can be relocated.

7. Meeting Re-cap

The committee discussed potential opportunities for student input in this work. Suggestions included student review of the BEX VI Capital Levy Guiding Principles and participation on the BEX/BTA Oversight Committee, especially students interested in the Building Trades.

8. Adjourn

Ms. Donelson adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM