BEX/BTA Capital Programs Oversight Committee Meeting  
John Stanford Center of Educational Excellence  
2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle  
Friday, April 13, 2018; 8:30 -10:30 am  

Minutes

Call to order (John Palewicz)

1. Chair John Palewicz called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
2. Roll Call:
   1. Committee members present: Steve Goldblatt, Duncan Griffin, John Palewicz, Ed Schwartz and Daniel Williams
   2. Committee member absent: Freeman Fong, Rob Stephenson and Steve Tatge
   3. Board attendees present: none
   4. Board director absent: Directors Jill Geary and Betty Patu
   5. Staff present: Becky Asencio, Christine Bath, Eric Becker, Richard Best, Allen Mardock, Mike McBee, Lucy Morello, Tom Redman and Mike Skutack
   6. Staff absent: Flip Herndon
   7. Guests of the BEX Oversight Committee meeting introduced themselves.
3. Committee members unanimously accepted the proposed agenda.
4. The February 09 and March 09, 2018 BEX Oversight minutes votes were postponed until the May meeting; the BEX/BTA charge requires the presence of six members to be a quorum.

Budget Update (Melissa Coan/Richard Best)

1. The BEX IV Program Cost Summary – Activity through February 28, 2018
   a. Melissa Coan provided an overview of the BEX IV program expenditures and receipt of revenues through February 28, 2018.
   b. Richard Best explained that some seismic projects were financially linked to other projects. Therefore, the seismic work has been coordinated to be implemented with completion of those projects.
   c. Ms. Coan reported that there are no cash flow concerns at this time. At the beginning of the BEX IV capital levy cash flow became a concern when the decision was made to accelerate the completion of the Arbor Heights project.
2. Melissa Coan reviewed the BTA IV Program Cost Summary – Activity through February 28, 2018
   a. Melissa Coan provided an overview of the BTA IV program expenditures and receipt of revenues through February 28, 2018. This document also included the quarterly report.
   b. The focus on this report will continues to be the major project sites, e.g., E.C. Hughes, Magnolia, Webster and Ingraham High School.
3. Richard Best provided a brief overview of the BTA IV Planned Projects monthly status report noting that:
   a. The Board of Directors had approved a budget adjustment for Webster and soon will need to determine the use of the building. He indicated that the Webster building was originally designed and utilized for seventy years as an elementary school. TCF Architecture, the project architects, have recommended the school
reopen as either as an elementary or K-8 school. The community prefers an elementary or K-8 school. Capital Projects Planning has noted that as an elementary or K-8 school it will provide capacity relief for the Ballard, Loyal Heights and West Woodlands communities. The Board has yet to determine its use and whether it will be an attendance area or an option school.

b. This summer a significant amount of work is planned for our existing athletic fields. Synthetic turf will be replaced at the Southwest Athletic Complex and it is hoped pending SEPA appeal outcomes that by the end of summer or early fall field lights will be installed at Ballard, Roosevelt and Franklin High School and Robert Eagle Staff Middle School. Field lights are only being proposed where synthetic turf fields exist. Presently, field lighting exists at all SPS athletic field complexes.

c. Richard Best noted that the District has received Distressed School Grant funds from the State of Washington. He questioned, meeting attendees requested that budget information for those projects be included in the current financial documents in lieu of providing them on a separate document.

BEXV Capital Levy (Richard Best/Becky Asencio/Bassetti Architects)

1. Richard Best discussed the March 28, 2018, BEX V Board Work Session. He noted that Steve Tatge, Steve Goldblatt and Freeman Fong from the BEX/BTA Oversight Committee attended the Board Work Session.

a. Richard Best highlighted the requirements of Policy 6901 Capital Levy Planning and noted that the Board of Directors will be providing Capital Projects with guiding principles in accordance with the policy. He noted that the conversation at the Board Work Session on March 28, 2018, focused on the overlay of an equity lens across all projects.

b. Mr. Best also noted that Director Burke expressed concerns surrounding sizing elementary schools for K-3 class size reduction. He indicated that Director Burke desires the Board have a deeper, deliberate conversation surrounding this matter given the significant dollars involved. He stated that Director Burke’s comments surround if the data supports greater success for educational outcomes with reduced class sizes. Mr. Best noted that Deputy Superintendent Stephan Nielsen commented at the meeting that the voters in the State of Washington voted overwhelmingly in favor of K-3 class size reduction.

2. Build another high school or expand the present schools?

a. Becky Asencio presented a PowerPoint on “Does SPS Need Another New High School.”

b. Ms. Asencio noted that enrollment projections suggest that bringing Lincoln High School and the twenty-classroom addition at Ingraham High School on-line in 2019-2020 only temporarily resolves overcrowding conditions at north end high schools. Seattle Public Schools will be short more than 1,000 seats in the 2023-2024 school year.

c. John Palewicz expressed concern that building a high school at Seattle Center would be very complex, and consequently hard to treat like a normal high school project. He stated that the advisory committee would like to help but desired to avoid getting involved in areas that are not the committee’s expertise.
3. Richard Best stated Seattle Public Schools is currently presenting Operational and BEX V levy information through a series of five community meetings throughout the District. Two meetings have occurred with three remaining to occur the later part of April.

4. Mr. Best also noted that a Work Session is planned with the Board of Directors on Tuesday, May 1 at 4:30 pm to present the semi-annual Capital Projects Report, followed by reports concerning annual enrollment and capacity evaluation.

**Energy Use Index (Bonnie Meyers/Laurel Mattrey/Mike McBee)**

1. Bonnie Meyers provided an overview using the PowerPoint “Seattle Public Schools Conserving Resources; EUIs (Energy Use Intensity) at New and Remodeled Schools; BTA III and BEX IV.”
2. Projects discussed included conventional HVAC systems and ground source heat pumps with accompanying data presented and discussed.
3. Ms. Meyers noted that SPS EUI’s are lower than many other districts in the Puget Sound area. She indicated that to continue to achieve the current EUI’s or lower them will require paying continual attention to many factors.
4. She indicated that next steps are to overlay maintenance costs to assist in determining what mechanical systems should be considered for our BEX V projects.

**Meeting Re-cap and Next Meeting Agenda Items (John Palewicz)**

1. Lincoln High School Design and Construction Status Presentation
2. BEX V Planning Update

**Future agenda items:**

2. Community Meeting – Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Operations & BEX V Capital Levies – Jane Addams
5. BEX/BTA Oversight Committee Meeting – Friday May 11, 2018 – Lincoln High School
7. BEX/BTA Oversight Committee Meeting – Loyal Heights Elementary School Tour (June 2018)

**Adjournment (John Palewicz)**

1. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 am.