



BEX Oversight Committee

February 12, 2016, 8:30 -10:30 am

Conference Room 2750, John Stanford Center

2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98134

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

- Call to order: Acting Chair, Steve Goldblatt, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
- Guests made self-introductions.

Committee Attendees:	Yes	Excused	No	Staff	Yes	Excused	No
Fong, Freeman	X			Bath, Chris	X		
Goldblatt, Steve	X			Becker, Eric	X		
Williams, Daniel	X			Best, Richard	X		
Griffin, Duncan	X			Coan, Melissa	X		
Palewicz, John		X		Herndon, Flip		X	
Prentke, Richard	X			Kennedy, Mike	X		
Schwartz, Ed	X			McBee, Mike	X		
Stephenson, Robert		X		Morello, Lucy	X		
Tatge, Steve	X			Skutack, Mike		X	
Board Attendee:				Wolf, Joe		X	
Rick Burke	X						

2. Approval of Minutes (Steve Goldblatt)

- The January 08, 2016 minutes were approved as written.

3. Budget Update (Melissa Coan, Financial Control Manager)

- The BEX IV Program Cost Summary through the end of December 2015 was reviewed.
- Richard reviewed the BEX IV Program Budget Considerations.
 - *BTA IV passed resolving funding issues for Bagley, North Queen Anne and Lincoln.*
 - *Meany budget item increase:* Capital will recommend to the School Board increasing the project budget \$2M as bids opened over budget and need to open Meany on time to provide capacity relief to Washington Middle School.

- *Sustainability as a budget item*: There was considerable discussion surrounding increasing initial project budgets to include sustainability measures. Attendees discussed adding it as a line item to the budget to have it stand out separately from the proposed construction cost. It was also suggested to add it as an alternate later when higher risk construction activities had passed. Mr. Best stated that using the GC/CM approach can facilitate adding sustainability items once risk has passed; e.g., Cascadia and Eagle Staff modified roofs were able to be added when the risk of running into archeological items had passed.
 - *Seattle Public School costs compared to other districts*: In response to Director Burke's questions regarding cost comparisons with other districts, attendees noted that it was comparing apples to oranges because of the many different elements which go into a project; e.g., prevailing wages are higher in Seattle and abundant construction impacts costs received from contractors. The District uses The Robinson Company as a construction estimator that takes these and many other factors into consideration.
4. Project Status Reports/Board Item Reviews (Mike Skutack; Lucy Morello)
- Project pictures, rendering and data are available on the BEX IV website: <http://bex.seattleschools.org>
 - Richard Best shared current construction pictures of three BEX IV projects, including Arbor Heights, Hazel Wolf K-8, and Thornton Creek.
 - Mr. Best expressed schedule concerns surrounding these three projects, noting the school of most concern is Thornton Creek. He indicated that Forma Construction has added a second project engineer to staff the project. In addition, Forma Construction is confirming with its subcontractors that they have adequate manpower to staff the project and complete in accordance with the project schedule. He also reported that Heery International has added a Senior Project Manager to attend construction meetings, assess progress, and report project status directly to him.
5. Portables (All)
- Mike Barrett, small works coordinator, narrated the Power Point presentation on Portables.
 - Due to the lack of available time, it was determined to add this topic to the March 11 BEX Oversight meeting for further discussion.
6. Meeting Recap and Next Meeting Agenda Items (Steve Goldblatt)
- Mr. Goldblatt reiterated that portable and classrooms would be on the agenda for the March meeting.
7. Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.