



**INFORMAL MINUTES**

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A meeting of the Board's School Improvement Bond Committee meeting came to order at 4:30 pm at the call of Chair Scott in the Mazama Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

**There were present:**

Board Directors

Scott Bailey  
Julia Brim-Edwards  
Amy Kohnstamm  
Rita Moore  
Andrew Scott-Committee Chair

Staff and Community Partners

Marina Cresswell - Senior Director, Office of School Modernization  
Darwin Dittmar - Senior Accounting Analyst, School Improvement Bond Program  
Eric Gerding - Project Manager, Capital Projects  
Guadalupe Guerrero - Superintendent  
Janise Hansen - Senior Internal Performance Auditor  
Dan Jung - Chief Operating Officer  
Cynthia Le - Chief Financial Officer  
John Lyons - Program Manager-Capitol Planning, Property Management  
David Mayne - Communications and Public Affairs Manager  
Rosanne Powell - Senior Board Manager  
David Roy - Interim Senior Director of Communications  
Otto Schell - Oregon PTA Legislative Advocate  
Stephanie Soden - Executive Chief of Staff  
Kevin Spellman - Chair of Bond Accountability Committee  
Don Wolff - Chief Technology Officer

**2012/2017 Bond topics**

There was a discussion on where to present the Bond Accountability Committee (BAC) Quarterly Update. It was decided that it would be shared with the Office of School Modernization Quarterly updates in the School Improvement Bond Committee.

BAC liaison-Chair Scott stated he would like to be the liaison to the BAC. T

BAC recruitment-There is a sense of urgency to recruit new BAC members, as there are only six currently, and two of the members have terms ending next year. Chair Scott stated he would like to see similar recruitment strategies as those used to recruit Community Budget Review Committee members.

Bond performance audit presentations-It was decided to have those audits shared with the School Improvement Bond Committee first, and then the Audit Committee.

**2012 Bond Savings**

Staff shared the decision making criteria for capital improvements using general funds. A similar matrix could be applied to bond projects. Director Kohnstamm would like to consider how value engineering impacted past projects and what expectations there are in communities to add back in any deviation from EdSpecs that may have happened. Director Brim-Edwards agreed. Chair Scott would like to know what the best return on investment is for the \$5 million in savings from the 2012 bond. Director Brim-Edwards thinks that money has been committed several different ways. Director Moore stated there is a board

resolution that committed that money to the Roosevelt MakerSpace project. Director Brim-Edwards said the expectation was with the board set that the money for that project was included in the budget. Chair Scott wondered why there is a question about how to use the funds if the board passed a resolution. Dan Jung said there was a lack of clarity that it was the only source that could be used, and that it was an option that the project could be funded out of Construction Excise Tax . Director Moore stated the Roosevelt community still wanted this project to happen, there is just a question about the details. Director Bailey wants to think about building classrooms capacity for 1700 at Roosevelt. Staff will bring a recommendation and resolution for Roosevelt Phase IV in December. Director Bailey would like to see a list of outstanding projects from the 2012 bond with costs.

### **Lincoln High School Fields**

Eric Gerding shared some options for Lincoln High School Athletics fields during modernization. Director Kohnstamm stated concern there is not a finalized plan six weeks prior to the loss of the Lincoln field. There was discussion about Duniway field and that Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) is not following the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Both Chair Scott and Director Moore feel we have to put political pressure on PP&R. Director Kohnstamm thinks there was an agreement to improve West Sylvan in order to provide temporary facilities for Lincoln. Staff will continue to update the board on the status of Lincoln High School Fields.

### **Teen Parent and Health Clinics**

Dan Jung has been informed there may not be a need for health centers and teen parent centers at all high school sites (this may partially stem from the lack of interest from providers for the Grant High School community). All modernization projects are currently designing and constructing health clinics and teen parent centers, however with projects in construction, if a change is necessary, the sooner a decision is made the less of a cost and time impact to current projects. The discussion will be postponed until the next meeting when someone from the Office of Student Supports is in attendance.

### **Bond Planning Topics**

Dan Jung provided an update on bond planning. Director Brim-Edwards wanted to know how the equity lens was applied. He replied that it would be incorporated into the bond project criteria. Director Bailey inquired about the status of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) plan and the Universal Design plan. Dan Jung responded that the ADA Transition Plan was still in progress. John Lyons said they are working with the Special Education Department to understand the greatest needs and what could provide the biggest impact. Director Moore reminded staff to include the academic departments in the planning of Career Technical Education spaces, and asked if the board needed to reconsider the 2012 priorities. Director Kohnstamm said they may have to, which will require communication that priorities have shifted.

### **Bond Timing**

Staff brought forward their best thinking on the timing for the next bond and considerations for going out in 2020 versus 2021. Director Brim-Edwards asked if there is a drop off in the tax rate. Cynthia Le said the rate would begin to drop off in 2021. Director Brim-Edwards stated that would mean a rate increase if they went in 2021. Chair Scott thinks that 2020 is an easier election and would like to do a poll. Superintendent Guerrero said that in order to go in 2020, there would need to be additional staff capacity. Director Bailey would like to see both options for four and eight year bond programs.

### **Public Comment**

Steve Buel stated he would like to see an audit of the bond program in order to find out why the district is short \$250 million in the budget.

### **Adjourn**

Chair Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm.

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