

Beaverton School District Capital Construction Bond Citizen Accountability Committee (BAC) Report First Half, 2025

Committee Members

Randy Smith (chair), Keith Hobson (vice-chair), Lori Baker, Ryan Bansbach, Josh Durham, Janis Hill, David Remos, Aaron Watt. School board member Sunita Garg also attends and participates in BAC meetings.

Meeting Highlights Beyond Project Updates and Financial Report

January 22

- We reviewed a presentation regarding equity contracting goals. Consultant and contractor apprenticeship performance are trending above the 15% aspirational goal, while contractor performance is slightly below that goal. We discussed a variety of ideas to address this, including possibly changing the contractor metric from tracking contract dollar value to tracking workforce participation. Before changing anything, we agreed that facility development staff should evaluate what others are tracking regionally.
- Although they are available on the district website, the committee requested that monthly financial reports be proactively emailed to committee members as a nudge to stay in touch with ongoing bond activity in the time between our formal meetings.

March 19

- A presentation was made regarding the methods used for prioritization of district maintenance projects. Two critical criteria among the several discussed:
 - Which have the biggest impact on the student's experience?
 - Which systems reach "end of life" in the bond period?
- We discussed the impact that new tariffs may have on bond projects. Things like air handlers (sourced from Mexico) and sheet metal (China) were noted. Since Beaverton High and Raleigh Hills are bought out, the expected impact on these two projects that make up about 1/3 of bond funds is expected to be minimal. Tariffs will affect new projects, the degree is unknown, but is being tracked by facilities development staff and contractors.
- Nominations for the next vice-chair of the BAC were solicited and the committee voted and elected Josh Durham as next year's vice-chair.

BAC Consensus on Committee Charter Objectives

- (a) *Bond revenues are used only for the purposes consistent with the voter-approved bond measure ballot and consistent with state law.*

Committee members agreed that bond revenues are being used appropriately based on project status reports and financial data provided by facilities development staff.

(b) Projects align with the Bond Program Goals approved by the School Board and Board policies.

Committee members agree that the bond program goals are being met. As an example with regard to a specific bond goal approved by the board, transparent resource allocation was demonstrated late last year when staff recommended that a portion of the bond contingency be allocated to new projects following the district's cost management and control plan, including review and approval by the school board before the projects proceeded.

(c) Projects reduce long-term maintenance, construction costs, improve efficiency and longevity, and utilize innovative practices that achieve these; consistent with district standards and best practices.

Continued use of district technical, education, and security standards serve to help reduce construction and maintenance costs. As discussed in our January 2025 meeting, district staff work with contractors to utilize innovative practices where feasible on projects. For example, with regard to construction of Beaverton High School, exterior walls were prefabricated off site and simply attached to the building shell in large segments, reducing construction time and eliminating the challenge of building the walls on a tight, restricted project site.

(d) Key information related to the bond is communicated to District stakeholders.

The staff continues to post BAC meeting documents (progress photos and reports) on the district website and shares that information in other ways (social media, BSD Briefs, newsletters, ParentSquare). At the end of each BAC meeting, staff has shared a series of recently developed videos that communicated project successes and updates in an informative, positive, and fun way.

(e) Receive and review bond program performance and financial reports, request school and grounds inspections led by District staff as deemed necessary.

BAC continues to work with staff to present transparent, detailed, and meaningful information to allow an accurate assessment of the performance of the 2022 bond scope. Staff has been responsive in answering questions posed by the BAC during our meetings and providing additional information as requested. Financial reports are posted monthly and emailed to BAC members.

Recommendation

The committee recommends that the school board receive this report as the committee's required report at the May 13 board meeting.