

Beaverton School District Capital Construction Bond Citizen Accountability Committee (BAC) Report Second Half, 2024

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.

Retiring members: Dick Harbert, John Mitcham

Meeting Highlights Beyond Project Updates and Financial Report

May 29

- Elected new vice-chair (Keith Hobson)
- Described summer intern program
- Discussed project risks for summer construction. In general, construction activity locally continues to be brisk, impacting workforce availability, permitting reviews, and supply chains. These challenges will continue beyond the summer. Despite these challenges, the facilities staff believes projects will still be delivered on schedule and budget.

August 21

Visited ongoing projects at Beaverton HS, Mountain View MS and Southridge HS.

October 30

- Shared positive outcome of independent bond program audit by Moss Adams.
- Discussed outcome of summer intern program.
- Presented a bond program financial update, including a review of a recommendation to reallocate a portion of the program contingency funds toward projects where jurisdictional requirements and more detailed project needs assessments have resulted in a need for additional funding. We understand staff will share this request with the School Board in the November 12 meeting and will request a School Board decision on December 10. The committee members agreed that releasing a portion of the program contingency for the identified project needs is reasonable at this time.

BAC Consensus on Committee Charter Objectives

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

Committee members agreed that bond revenues are being used appropriately based on project status reports and financial data provided by facilitates development staff. As noted above, this was also the opinion of independent auditor Moss Adams.

(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. The intern program this year was well conceived and executed. The equity performance (MWSDVE participation) statistics for contractors and consultants as of October were slightly less than the 15% aspirational goal, but staff is confident the percentage will increase as projects progress.

- (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 technical, education, and security standards serve to help reduce construction and maintenance costs. Maintenance projects are currently prioritized by need (replace a failing or ineffective system) or efficiency (replace a roof when the roof has been opened to allow for installation of a seismic upgrade). The BAC has indicated an interest in reviewing a prioritization scheme for work beyond this criteria assuming a portion of the program contingency will be available for additional maintenance work toward the end of the bond period.

- (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). In the October 30 meeting, staff 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 lead 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.

Recommendation

The committee recommends that the School Board receive this report as the committee's required report at the December 10 board meeting.