



Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee

MEETING SUMMARY

September 17, 2024

Admin Building, Boardroom/Webex

6:02-7:51 p.m.

Members present: Nicole Uebel, Jerry Carney, Lyman Kaiser, Chip Ecks, Velvet Stepanek, Rebecca Kluck, Mark Holthouse (V), Jan Rennie

Members absent:

Guest: Jennifer Hotaling, Capital Programs Manager

Ex-Officio members present: Brandan Comfort and Kim Gilstrap,

Preliminary Items:

- 1: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2: Kim Gilstrap made the roll call.
- 3: The meeting agenda was unanimously approved.
- 4: The meeting summary, from the August meeting, was unanimously approved.

Action:

There were no action items for the August meeting.

Non-Action Items:

5: Guest, Jennifer Hotaling, Capital Programs Manager, provided a broad overview of projects completed and planned to be completed, with the various requirements being met under ADA, for HVAC, IT, Safety and more. Her team uses assessments and educational adequacy scores to determine the security and educational quality of buildings. The Capital Programs team has begun to use a new tool for prioritizing budgeted funds, based on different criteria and potential bond cycles, to aid in determining equipment and facilities needs priorities. This new tool has provided them with a greater ability to estimate budget needs for upcoming projects on a tighter scope. It will also allow the district to obtain a detailed evaluation of all metrics and points of interest for any one given school/building.

Overall, Ms. Hotaling provided a very comprehensive summary of completed projects and planned projects, while providing a categorized listing of how each project is broken down for proven steps to continued support of Educational Adequacy. She concluded with a final update of “roll-over” funds, from FY24 incomplete Purchase Orders at just a little over \$6M.

6: Dr. Comfort moved to the July Monthly Financial Statement, specifically PIP 15 in the 2017 MLO. He clarified that the \$2M allocation from last year has been spent and the correct allocation of \$450K is now shown for this year, in support of the continuation of StudySync. All PIPs are to be “squared-up” with the Mid-Year budget modifications.

7: PIP owner training was successful in helping the owners to gain a better, deeper understanding of the ROI to be reported. The training provided PIP Owners the opportunity to ask questions and look deeper at the history of their PIP(s) and how to ensure alignment with expenditures, for proven student outcomes.

8: Dr. Comfort explained that the Board of Education is looking at making some slight changes to the Committee Charge. The Committee expressed concerns with the communication of the needs, effectively conveyed to the PIP owners. It will take time to put any new processes into place and to get effective feedback. Other district committees' charges are being reviewed and updated in the same manner, for all committees to become more cohesive and overall effective in their purpose for student outcomes.

Further discussion touched on seeking Board input for additional committee members who understand the Board's perspective and possibly creating a resource where community members can easily find information on how to get involved.

9: Chairperson Uebel expressed concerns with the language and consequent process with committee member absenteeism. She stressed that the intent of adding this language to the Governance Plan is for those members who previously missed more meetings, without notice or communication, than they attended. Additionally, there is some confusion in language that indicates a closer involvement between the MLOOC and the DAC and DAC budget committees. A more accurate statement was decided upon, to be presented to the Board.

10: The meeting came to an end with conversation in anticipation of October's scheduled guests to present and update on attraction and retention, throughout the district. The committee is in favor of spending the entire meeting time covering these topics alone.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.