Questions for the September 12, 2017 Meeting

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Sarah:

In order to have full transparency, please print out all questions submitted by CBOC members along with Bryan's response for dissemination at the meeting.

Measure G Expenditure Report

1) The Measure G Expenditure Report is from 5/1/17-6/30/17, yet the CFS report ends 8/31/17. For comparison purposes, why wasn't the Expenditure Report for the same time period?

2) Why was a Protection One bill for Whiteford paid through the bond?

CFS Program Overall Summary Report

3) I know the board approved about $2.1M for the playground project. The budgeted amount for the project at eight sites is $1,101,479.31. Is this an accurate budget? ...a $1M under budget?

4) I know you didn't produce the Vanir report, but it shows a new playground at Whiteford. I want to confirm no playground equipment is being installed at Whiteford.

5) When the merger of Bunker and Milani was approved, there was to be playground equipment replaced through the Ruschin money. Is that why the budget for equipment at Bunker is budgeted at $50,000?

CFS Project Overview Report

6) 900-800 District Office - Building $11,917.20. Please provide the breakdown of this expense.

7) 900-815 HVAC System $9,825.44. Please provide the breakdown of this expense.

I haven't fully reviewed the whole budget; however, at this point these are the questions I have for Bryan. Please feel free to contact me if you need clarification.

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Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 12:07 AM  
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1. Because I only ran the warrant report on fiscal 2017. The Fiscal 53 report on which it is based does not cross fiscal years. The report for fiscal 18 through 8/31 is attached. I'm not sure why CFS ran through 8/31 crossing fiscal years, as they are usually to follow our reporting cycles. Since we have posted a few correcting entries to June 30th this week, their reports through June 30 will be re-extracted before I run the big book for post-closing reports to the committee.

2. Protection One was paid $435 for a duct detector unit for the HVAC system at MacGregor that the DSA required as part of the HVAC upgrade project. However, I don't see a transaction to Protection One for Whiteford in fund 21 anywhere in the vendor history in Escape.

3. Playgrounds are indeed coming in well under budget. We had a very competitive bid between the two vendors. Additionally, Vince's crews did some of the demolition at Milani and Lincoln (in addition to work previously done at BGP, Graham and Kennedy) to create some additional savings from the original bid amounts.

4. I'm not sure which Vanir report you are looking at. I searched for the word Whiteford in each report and cannot find a reference to Whiteford. I did see Whiteford playground in the CFS report, and that was one of the quick start projects that occurred before I was hired during the first year of the bond. There is an ADA accessible swingset being installed at Musick at this time to accommodate the former Whiteford students. However, there is no additional playground being installed at the Whiteford location.

5. The new Bunker unit (the pirate ship) installed during last fiscal year was paid for from Ruschin proceeds. The replacement of the remaining older equipment is being done through the bond as with the rest of the schools.

Regarding questions 6 & 7 Site 900 is used for District-Wide Services (not the District Office itself, which is site 590)

6. I ran 900-800 through Escape in Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2018 and there were no transactions. These transactions are from fiscal 2016 when initial asbestos assessments were charged districtwide centrally and allocated to the sites (like Vanir's). We subsequently changed this and required all of their costs to be allocated directly to the sites involved.

7. I ran 900-815 through Escape in Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2018 and there were no transactions. These costs are from fiscal 2016 when districtwide A&E services were being charged centrally and allocated out to the sites prorata based on costs incurred during the year as is done with Vanir's invoices. We subsequently required them to delineate all costs by site and stopped this methodology.

Here is one I caught that I thought for sure would be on your question list. Salaries were charged to the Tech Services department (530) for playgrounds (804). This was a time card coding error on the location and manager codes for Vince's teams that did the demolition work at various sites on the old playgrounds in preparation for installing the new ones and we have corrected it via journal entry over the weekend. :)}
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