

E-SPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 11, 2020 8:30 am by teleconference.

Attendees: Alex Sams Rick Parker Andrew Malec Lara Mathes Andrea Farnham
Nancy Hart Greg Davis Allison Wright Deborah Lonon Dexter Fisher
John Gilbreath Troy Bassett Gerald Arscott

Staff Reports: Copies of the following were distributed:

- July, 2020 Meeting Summary
- August, 2020 SPLOST Monthly Report
- August, 2020 SPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- August, 2020 Construction Schedule
- June, 2020 SPLOST 5 Revenue Monthly Trend
- June, 2020 SPLOST 5 Financials
- June, 2020 SPLOST 5 Budget Projections

Hilsman: The County has approved the as built plans and a permanent certificate of occupation is about to be issued. The one year construction warranty walk through is about to take place.

Cedar Shoals Gym/Locker/Wrestling Room Renovations: Work is now complete and this item will be removed from the COC agenda.

Manufacturing Lab: The SPLOST work is almost complete, with floor polishing currently in progress. The space will then be handed over to the district for equipment installation to take place.

Public Safety Radio: This project is required to bring certain buildings up to date as a result of a change in the fire code. Eight bids were received and a recommendation will be made to the BOE this week. The cost for the works at Oglethorpe, BHL, Coile and Hilsman is approximately \$150k.

Clarke Central Track/Field: The existing 48” storm water pipe which runs partially under the field and track is being replaced due to corrosion and deterioration. The existing pipe could fail within the 10 year track warranty which would require substantial costs to be incurred. The additional costs are being applied to the allowances/contingency within the project budget. Close liaison is taking place with the athletics coach regarding the timing of the project and proposed softball games and the first home football game.

Cedar Shoals Track: Additional work is required on the existing field drainage and surrounding pavement to ensure that it is adequate for any future artificial turf field. Not to do so could mean the track having to be reworked during the warranty period. A change order is being presented to the BOE this week.

Board HQ: Preliminary investigation of the premises is taking place to determine what work needs to be done. There are no detailed building drawings so a surveyor will be contracted to produce these. A site survey is also required. Meetings are being scheduled with Departments for space planning purposes. The plan is to have renovation proposals/prices in December/January, with a view to works being completed for occupation during summer 2021.

Clarke Middle School: There was discussion on the survey issued to feeder school parents. 96 responses were received. Parents unfamiliar with the building were unable to give a meaningful response. There were other parents who, maybe because of an older child or other reasons, knew the building and were able to comment. Parental surveys are just one factor in the overall planning and decision making and the meaningful input is from the LSGT and the local building committee. There was also discussion on whether there are lessons from the pandemic which should be incorporated within the design of a new school (e.g. wider corridors). The next step is to have a meeting with the LSGT and appoint the local building committee.

West Broad Campus: A number of people have been identified to serve on the local building committee and the Superintendent, Dexter Fisher and John Gilbreath will meet shortly to determine who should be on that committee and how best they can meet. The architect is ready to bring proposals to the meeting. It was noted that work on the Minor Street building is dependent on plans for the whole site (e.g. in relation to matters such as ADD compliance, parking, access etc.).

School C: Student enrollment numbers for that area are being monitored. This will determine if and when this project proceeds. It would be an ESPLOST6 project if it proceeds. Construction of School "C" will require rezoning of several Elementary schools on the West side of town.

Facilities Review: A report is being made to the BOE this week to engage the DOE facilities staff in developing the next 5-year facility plan. E-SPLOST 6 planning meetings will be held over the next 6 months with every school to determine their schools needs/wishes. The outcomes from these meetings will be merged with the physical buildings reviews (age of plant, maintenance issues etc.) to determine the ESPLOST 6 program. This will also feed into the 5 year facility plan. This will need to be ready for approval by the Board in spring 2021, ready for the E-SPLOST referendum in November 2021.

Transportation & Technology: The five buses on order have been delivered. In view of the increased dependence on virtual learning, devices have been ordered so that each K-12 student will have an individual device. \$5m has been received under the Cares Act and some of this is being used to purchase devices and hot spots. The contributions being made by the County and Housing Authority to improve internet access were noted and appreciated.

COC Membership: In view of his retirement Rod Platt will no longer be on the COC. Alex Sams encouraged everyone to reach out for potential new members. Dexter Fisher will check to ensure that the application form is on the CCSD website.

Sales Tax Revenue: The June figure was \$2.072m, which is slightly higher than the June, 2019 figure and still well ahead of the \$1.85m used for planning purposes.

Future Meetings

September 8, 2020 – to be changed now that this is the start of school

October 13, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.