

## ESPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** January 11, 2022 8:30 am in HT Edwards, Heritage Conference Room and by virtual attendance.

**Attendees:** Alex Sams Rick Parker Andrew Malec Erwin Greene Lara Mathes  
Tad MacMillan Allison Wright Niki Jones Greg Davis Dexter Fisher  
John Gilbreath Troy Basset Gerald Arscott

**Staff Reports:** Copies of the following were distributed prior to the meeting:

- December, 2021 Meeting Summary
- January, 2022 SPLOST Monthly Report
- January, 2022 SPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- January, 2022 Construction Schedule
- November, 2021 SPLOST 5 Financials
- November, 2021 SPLOST 5 Budget Projections
- November, 2021 SPLOST 5 Revenue Monthly Trend

**West Broad Campus** – The next steps are still under review by the Superintendent, with a view to having a special meeting with the BOE to review options.

**Early Learning at Old Gaines** – A 15 division bid package was advertised and bids have been received. Five are in excess of \$50k and will be reported to the next BOE meeting for approval. The program is to have eight classrooms ready by April 1, with the remaining eight classrooms ready shortly thereafter. Completion of work to the whole space will be by August.

**Board HQ:** Staff moved into the building over the Christmas break i.e. staff from HT Edwards, Whitehead Annex and Old Gaines. Work on the chapel floor and sound system will be completed by the end of January. Punch list items then remain to be done. One person has expressed interest in one of the surplus houses. None of the houses are occupied and a process is being developed for their sale.

**Clarke Middle School:** A meeting was held with all staff last week to identify the program requirements/needs by grade and specialty subject. Erwin Greene attended for part of the time and reported that it was a positive process. Feedback will be given to the architect to incorporate in the scheme with a view to a Local Building Committee meeting being held in February. A cemetery representative has asked to be invited, and that will be done.

**School C/Easom:** Enrollment numbers continue to be monitored. A new Publix planned for the western side of Jefferson Road indicates growth in the area. With occupancy of the new HQ building, eight classrooms at Whitehead Road Annex are now available for any increased demand.

**Cedar Shoals Field-House:** Drawings are about 50% complete. Soil testing has been ordered. The stormwater provision will need to be increased. The plan is for bids to be invited in late spring. The timing for start of the project will depend on the bids received and supply chain issues.

**Early Learning Center Kitchen Extension:** Kitchen equipment is being installed. It is anticipated that the bulk of the work will be completed by the end of January.

**HT Edwards Culinary Kitchen:** With the vacation of space due to staff moving to the new BOE HQ, a wider review of the Career Academy program is taking place. Decisions on the culinary kitchen will be part of that review.

**Facilities Review:** Discussions are being held with Plant Services to review systems/equipment such as HVAC, security and emergency generators that may require replacement. As an example, the fire alarm at Chase was recently replaced. There is provision in ESPLOST 5 for “systems renewal” which is used for this.

**Transportation & Technology:** An order for four buses (ESPLOST contribution \$39k) is delayed; a further order for five buses (ESPLOST contribution \$500k) was agreed by the BOE in December. The ESPLOST provision for bus purchases is \$500k per year. Technology has about \$880k remaining in ESPLOST 5, which will be used for replacement devices.

**COC Membership:** Alex Sams encouraged a renewed effort to seek out candidates to join the Committee. Greg Davis expressed his wish to continue on the COC after his term as a BOE member ends in December.

**ESPLOST 6** – a meeting is planned for those involved in the bond sale. A presentation is due to be made to the BOE with information on the Tier 1 ESPLOST 6 program

**Communication between the COC and BOE:** With the upcoming change in board member appointments it was decided to keep this item on the agenda.

**Sales Tax Revenue:** The November collection, received at the end of December, was \$2.76m.

#### **Future Meetings**

Future meetings are scheduled for:

March 8, 2022

April 12, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.