

## E-SPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** March 9, 2021 8:30 am in HT Edwards, Room 66 and by virtual attendance.

**Attendees:** Alex Sams            Lara Mathes            Rick Parker            Mike Waldrip            Smith Wilson  
Nancy Hart            Greg Davis            Patricia Yager            Xernona Thomas            Marsha Thomas  
John Gilbreath            Troy Basset            Gerald Arscott

**Staff Reports:** Copies of the following were distributed:

- February, 2021 Meeting Summary
- March, 2021 SPLOST Monthly Report
- March, 2021 SPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- March, 2021 Construction Schedule
- January, 2021 SPLOST 5 Revenue Monthly Trend
- January, 2021, 2020 SPLOST 5 Financials
- January, 2021 SPLOST 5 Budget Projections

**Cedar Shoals Track:** The project is complete. A punch list has been agreed. Track/field equipment and mats for crossing the track have been delivered. Management of crossing the track is important to avoid any damage to the new track surface. This has been explained to the Athletics Director and it was thought that this would need regular reminders to ensure that good practices do not lapse.

**Clarke Central Track/Field:** The initial track surface has been completed and laying the top surface is starting today. With good weather forecast this should be completed this week. It is anticipated that lane markings will then be done next week, so the project will be complete by the end of March. As with Cedar Shoals, track/field equipment and mats for crossing the track have been supplied.

**Board HQ:** The RFP for a CM at Risk contractor resulted in five bids being received. Three contractors were interviewed and a recommendation will be made to the Board this week to appoint RW Allen. Bid packages are being prepared and an early meeting is being sought with the County to determine what their requirements will be. Planning is based on Piedmont vacating the premises on March 31<sup>st</sup> and the renovations being completed by the end of the year, enabling occupation over the December holidays.

**Clarke Middle School:** The site survey will be completed by the end of February. The next LBC meeting, to consider design style and site layout, is being planned and will likely be held in person, with the option to follow virtually. Quotes are being obtained for an archaeologist to examine any potential issues that may arise as a result of the proximity of the cemetery.

**West Broad Campus:** A meeting of the LBC is to be held this evening. The primary focus will be to view what will fit on the site and the architectural style to be pursued. The Board has already decided that the campus will primarily be for early learning and a grant has now been obtained for the operating costs. Lara Mathes is the COC representative at the meeting.

**School C:** Student enrollment numbers and County issued occupancy certificates are being monitored. At this stage there is no justification to proceed with School C.

**Facilities Review:** The five-year plan for the Department of Education has been finalized. A state organized independent panel will consider the plan on March 22 and their report will be reported to the BOE for approval in April. It will be shared with the COC, when approved.

**Transportation & Technology:** Five propane powered buses are on order, using E-SPLOST 5 funds of \$500k.

**COC Membership:** It has been determined that recommendations by the COC of new members does not have to be reported to the BOE, but it has been the practice to refer them to the Superintendent for approval. The Superintendent approved the appointment of Mr. Erwin Green, who was put forward from the previous COC meeting. Consideration was given to an application from Mr. Tad MacMillan. Mr. MacMillan is well known, having worked for the school district for 32 years. He was the Principal of Barrow Elementary School and most recently the Principal of Clarke Middle School. There was unanimous agreement to his appointment and the Superintendent approved the appointment.

**Sales Tax Revenue:** The January figure was \$2.2m, which was over 9% higher than the January figure for 2019. The special ESPLOST audit/review for FY20 has been completed and a clean report received.

#### **Future Meetings**

Future meetings are scheduled for:

April 13, 2021

May 11, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.