

ESPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 13, 2022 8:30 am in Room 136, BOE HQ, 595 Prince Avenue.

Attendees:

Alex Sams	Andrew Malec	Rick Parker	Mike Waldrip
Smith Wilson	Nancy Hart	Erwin Greene	Leara Rhodes
Patricia Yager	Allison Wright	Garrick Askew	John Gilbreath
Troy Basset	Gerald Arscott		

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

- November, 2022 Meeting Summary
- December, 2022 ESPLOST Monthly Report
- December, 2022 ESPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- December, 2022 ESPLOST Construction Schedule
- October, 2022 ESPLOST 5 Financials
- October, 2022 ESPLOST 5 Budget Projections
- October, 2022 ESPLOST 6 Financials
- October, 2022 ESPLOST 6 Budget Projections

West Broad Campus: The Superintendent is exploring potential uses for the buildings and site.

Early Learning at Old Gaines: Playground installation is complete. The final section of fence can now be installed and some sod remains to be laid. Footings for the canopies were completed during the Thanksgiving break and then the canopies will be installed over the Christmas break.

Board HQ: The application to ACC for re-zoning the houses on Prince Avenue and Hill Street has been made. The application is consistent with the land use plan so no problem is anticipated. The County Arborist is being consulted on the tree by Ellard Hall.

Clarke Middle School: Four contractors were pre-qualified for the construction bids and four bids were received, ranging from \$55.8m - \$61m. The outcome will be reported to the December BOE. Work is planned to commence on January 2. A PTA meeting is set for January 17 at 6pm to enable the school community to be informed of the work and especially the phasing. District Services Departments are also being briefed so that support services are all aware of the planned progression of work.

School C/Easom: Student numbers continue to be monitored.

Cedar Shoals Fieldhouse: Work is progressing well. Currently the roof is going on, internal block work is almost complete and external brick work is about to commence.

HT Edwards Culinary Kitchen: Mechanical items are out for bid to ensure that they can be ordered in good time. The bid for the main construction work will be issued in January, with a view to reporting to the February BOE meeting. The schedule is for work to commence in May, 2023 and be completed by December, 2023.

Facilities Review: The next major project will be Cedar Shoals. The plan is to hold an initial Local Building Committee before the end of January to begin to pull together the program requirements from the school. Gaines is the next main Tier 1 project after Cedar Shoals.

Transportation & Technology: Staff computers have been received and the majority of them issued. The Transportation Department is preparing an order for summer 2023 buses, and plan to report to the BOE in February.

COC Membership: – Alex Sams encouraged members to seek out candidates to join the Committee. It was agreed that Andrea Farnham would be removed from the list of COC members, there having been no contact from here for well over a year.

Sales Tax Revenue: The October collection was \$3.126m. This was the highest monthly collection ever. There was discussion on the cap of \$175m for ESPLOST 6 collections. In the event of that cap being reached the collections would cease. One way to avoid this would be to hold a referendum for the next ESPLOST earlier than anticipated to avoid a gap where the tax goes down, then goes back up. However, it was noted that collections would have to continue at \$3m per month for the \$175m cap to be reached.

Future Meetings

Future meetings are scheduled for:

January 10, 2023

February 14, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.