

ESPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 10, 2023 8:30 am in Room 123, BOE HQ, 595 Prince Avenue.

Attendees:

Alex Sams	Andrew Malec	Tad MacMillan	Leara Rhodes
Nancy Hart	Mike Waldrip	Smith Wilson	Greg Davis
Ana-Maria Neal	Patricia Jager	Ovita Thornton	Niki Jones
Robbie Hooker	John Gilbreath	Troy Bassett	Gerald Arscott

Patricia Jager was in attendance, substituting for Mark Evans who was absent for health reasons.

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

- September, 2023 Meeting Summary
- October, 2023 ESPLOST Monthly Report
- October, 2023 ESPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- October, 2023 ESPLOST Construction Schedule
- August, 2023 ESPLOST 5 Financials
- August, 2023 ESPLOST 5 Budget Projections
- August, 2023 ESPLOST 6 Financials
- August, 2023 ESPLOST 6 Budget Projections

West Broad Campus: This will be considered further at the October BOE retreat. It was suggested that a policy to maintain facilities is required for unused buildings.

Post meeting note: The School District attorney has confirmed that, with the BOE decision not to progress with ELC at West Broad, no SPLOST funds are earmarked against that property.

Old Gaines - Roof: The roof is on and complete; EIFS is done; all that remains is the re-installation of two air units that feed the media center and the metal coping, gutters and downspouts.

Clarke Central HS Roof: The roof is on. Pointing up of the masonry on the front of the building parapet is in progress then the work will be complete.

BOE HQ: Nothing further has happened with Ellard Hall. Sale of the Hill Street property has closed. Sale of the Prince Avenue property is being considered by the BOE this week. The water meter for Hill Street has been moved and the incoming water main is being installed on the Hill St. property side. After the water line is complete, a wood fence separating the properties will be erected.

Clarke Middle School: Progress photos were shown. The project is progressing well and on schedule for Summer 2024 occupancy.

School C/Easom: Student numbers continue to be monitored for any trends that may indicate a future need to go ahead with either of these. Student numbers will be next updated in October.

Cedar Shoals Fieldhouse: All work is now complete. Radio boosters to the 800 MHz radio system have been installed and the Fire Marshall will inspect shortly.

Cedar Shoals School Renovation: Bids for phase 1 will be issued for return in November and consideration by the BOE in December, for a planned January 1, 2024 start date. Modular classrooms have been delivered and utility connections will be made to enable 9th grade students and Ag Science to occupy them in January 1, 2024. There will be critical items for completion during two summers. It is anticipated that there will be a Local Building Committee meeting shortly, to review interior finishes. COC members will be notified of the date and time.

HT Edwards Culinary Kitchen: All the equipment has been installed and the Fire Marshall has given approval. Equipment training has begun and furniture delivered. A health inspection will take place shortly.

Facilities Review: Plant Services has identified reliability/performance problems with air conditioning systems in 5/6 schools. Consideration is being given to upgrade these as a summer 2024 project, using ESPLOST 6 Systems Renewal funds. This would be a Plant Services managed project, funded by ESPLOST.

Transportation & Technology: Technology will be replacing all projectors during summer 2024, as part of their planned replacement program, using Technology ESPLOST 6 funds. White boards would also be replaced.

COC Membership: Alex Sams encouraged members to continue to seek out candidates to join the Committee. There was discussion on whether someone with direct instructional experience should be on the Committee, although it was also suggested that this would be getting to a too detailed level for the Committee.

Sales Tax Revenue: The August collection was \$3.25m.

Future Meetings

Future meetings are scheduled for:

November 14, 2023

December 12, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.