

## E-SPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** November 17, 2020 8:30 am at Clarke Central High School Gladiator Gallery.

**Attendees:** Alex Sams          Andrew Malec      Lara Mathes      Andrea Farnham      Greg Davis  
Patricia Yager      Nancy Hart      Dexter Fisher      John Gilbreath      Troy Basset  
Gerald Arscott

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

- October, 2020 Meeting Summary
- November, 2020 SPLOST Monthly Report
- November, 2020 SPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- November, 2020 Construction Schedule
- September, 2020 SPLOST 5 Revenue Monthly Trend
- September, 2020, 2020 SPLOST 5 Financials
- September, 2020 SPLOST 5 Budget Projections

**Hilsman:** The completion report was made to the November Board meeting and the final application for capital outlay money will now be made to the GA DOE. To be removed from the COC agenda.

**Manufacturing Lab:** Equipment has been delivered to the space and is in the process of being unpacked. Installation of welding gas regulators and gas manifold is in progress. Student desks and chairs have been returned to the classroom space and ready for students.

**Public Safety Radio:** This project is required to bring BHL, Coile, Oglethorpe and Hilsman up to date as a result of a change in the fire code. It ensures radio coverage within the building for public safety personnel. A meeting with the contractor to start work at Hilsman is scheduled for November 20. Some delay has been caused by the difficulty in obtaining equipment due to the pandemic. Installation work is scheduled to start November 23, 2020 at Hilsman over Thanksgiving break.

**Clarke Central Track/Field:** Work on the field, installing the artificial turf, is complete. John Gilbreath explained that the “filler” on the field is treated wood fiber, not rubber. This provides a substantially cooler surface. The pine trees that were removed for the project were mulched to provide some of the field filler. A substantial part of the field work and cost was drainage. Recent heavy rain was a good test of the field drainage and there were no issues.

The track has the asphalt base laid; laying of the final surface is a two seek process dependent upon the football program and weather. Work on the concession building is in progress with the roofing being finished and some external work, such as paving, to be done.

**Cedar Shoals Track:** Subject to the weather the final track surface should be laid starting at the end of the month and will take about two weeks.

**Board HQ:** Meetings are being planned with Department Heads to determine their space requirements and allocations. This will feed in to the renovation requirements. The primary space consists of two buildings on different levels so a multi-level elevator will be required for access. Other requirements will be upgrade of mechanical and electrical systems. A site land survey is being ordered. Piedmont will not move out until the end of March, which reduces the time available to make renovations and for moves to take place next summer. It is being proposed to purchase the building in March, thereby saving the lease charge of \$50,000 per month. There

are three houses on the property, two of which could be made available for sale. The third is in the center of the site and could not be separately sold.

**Clarke Middle School:** An initial design meeting has been held with the Local Building Committee (LBC). Analysis of all the data indicates that a new build will be the most appropriate solution. When considering site layout, and the need for the school to remain operational during the build, it is likely that the new school will be located at the rear of the site on the current football/baseball area. Athletic field and the new gym would be toward the front of the site. This would facilitate the gym being available for community use. The architect will continue to work on the proposals and report back to a further meeting of the LBC.

**West Broad Campus:** The District has assessed the priority needs and will come forward with proposals for early learning or a facility for high school students. A final decision on this will be made and then a meeting convened with the Local Building Committee (LBC) being established by the Superintendent and Dexter Fisher.

**School C:** Student enrollment numbers for that area are being monitored. Recent information indicates a drop in student numbers, especially for elementary schools. If this project proceeds it would be an E-SPLOST 6 project, subject to legal opinion on whether the school was a requirement under E-SPLOST 4. Construction of School "C" would require rezoning of several Elementary schools on the West side of town.

**Facilities Review:** E-SPLOST 6 planning meetings will be held over the next 3 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 E-SPLOST 6 program. This will also feed into the DOE 5 year facility plan. This will need to be ready for approval by the Board in spring/summer 2021, ready for the E-SPLOST referendum in November 2021. Based on building assessment needs and facility age the priorities would be Cedar Shoals, Gaines, Alps and schools with trailers.

**Transportation & Technology:** All iPads have been received, but an order for approximately 1000 Chromebooks for Grade 2 is on back-order. There are still reports of connectivity problems for some students and these are being addressed as they arise. Any reports should be referred to Dexter Fisher or Taylor Duke. A proposal is being made to the Board in December for the purchase of buses in 2021. E-SPLOST 5 provision for 2021 buses is \$500,000.

**COC Membership:** Alex Sams urged COC members to continue to seek potential new members, especially any who are younger and could bring a wider perspective to the COC. Dexter Fisher will determine the availability of the application form which, at one time, was available on the CCSD website. Gerald Arscott will include a link on the COC agenda to facilitate direct access to the COC section of the website.

**Sales Tax Revenue:** The September figure was \$2.15m, which continues to keep us well ahead of our \$1.85m planning assumption.

#### **Future Meetings**

December 8, 2020

January 12, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25am after which a tour of the football stadium field was made.