

## ESPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** April 11, 2023 8:30 am in Room 136, BOE HQ, 595 Prince Avenue.

**Attendees:**

Alex Sams	Andrew Malec	Erwin Greene	Garrick Askew
Tad MacMillan	Greg Davis	Rick Parker	John Gilbreath
Mike Waldrip	Ovita Thornton	Robbie Hooker	Lt. Col. David McMickle
Troy Basset	Courtney Tobin	FS Antione Clark	

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

- March, 2023 Meeting Summary
- April, 2023 ESPLOST Monthly Report
- April, 2023 ESPLOST Contingency/Change Order Report
- April, 2023 ESPLOST Construction Schedule
- February, 2023 ESPLOST 5 Financials
- February, 2023 ESPLOST 5 Budget Projections
- February, 2023 ESPLOST 6 Financials
- February, 2023 ESPLOST 6 Budget Projections

**Clarke Central JROTC Rappel Tower:** Courtney Tobin, Lt. Col David McMickel and FS Antione Clark from Clarke Central High School were welcomed to the meeting. The group spoke to the value of the JROTC at Clarke Central and the qualities and work ethic that are taught and derived from the JROTC program and all the value that it delivers to the students and community. The JROTC program at CCHS previously had a Rappel Tower but it had been torn down several years ago. Currently CCHS JROTC program utilizes the Rappel Tower located at Cedar Shoals campus. While this does provide access for CCHS JROTC program to train the Cadets in rappelling it requires transportation from CCHS to Cedar Shoals and is not as convenient. The group was lobbying for a new Rappel Tower to be constructed on the Clarke Central campus for the JROTC program. They requested that the expenses for the Rappel Tower should be funded from the ESPLOST program.

It was explained that building a new Rappel Tower for CCHS was not at the top of the priority list for the ESPLOST program. Additional facility and program requests are reviewed in the following priority order of;

1. Life Safety requirements
2. Building code violations,
3. Major MEP, roof system renewals
4. Program requests or enhancements.

The current workload of the ESPLOST personnel and Arch & Engr includes Tier 1 projects which are Clarke Middle School and the design of Cedar Shoals High School Renovation. Summer work activities include roof repair at CCHS and ELC-East and ACCA Culinary renovation program.

The Superintendent and ESPLOST Director would review the request and determine the viability and priority of the project.

**West Broad Campus:** The process of reviewing possible uses is continuing.

**Early Learning at Old Gaines:** The planned work relating to the creation of the Early Learning facility has been completed. There remains an issue with the Earth Shelter roof. The roof membrane is a 30+ years old and is beyond its design life. Leaks are occurring and it is difficult to identify the location of the problem. It is likely that the membrane, which is covered with 2-3 feet of dirt, has generally deteriorated. There is on-going work with the architect to determine the best way to proceed. Total replacement is the likely outcome, which would be funded from ESPLOST Systems Renewal.

**Clarke Middle School:** Work is progressing well with footings being poured. Under slab utility rough ins are in progress. Progress photos were shown and these can be viewed on the SPLOST website: <https://www.clarke.k12.ga.us/Page/2371>. The installation of the temporary classrooms started over Spring Break.

**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. March enrollment number are in and the District is down approximately 200 students.

**Cedar Shoals Fieldhouse:** Architect and engineering punch lists are in progress. Finish work is in progress and paving work was completed over Spring Break. The project is on target for mid-April substantial completion date.

**Cedar Shoals School Renovation:** The initial Local Building Committee meeting was held on February 21. Meetings are currently being held with Department Heads to more specifically their needs/requests. The architect and Engineer are undertaking surveys. Due the quantity of interior renovation work to take place a phased renovation schedule will be developed with the school.

**HT Edwards Culinary Kitchen:** Construction work will not commence until the summer break, but the contractor is ordering equipment to be ready to start and applying for the necessary permits.

**Facilities Review:** There is an issue with leaks and cracks in the brick masonry parapets in the main building (East wing) roof at Clarke Central. Inspections are being done and ESPLOST Systems Renewal funding will be used to resolve the issue. Bids will be requested for these repairs and taken to the Board for approval.

**Transportation & Technology:** Transportation has now ordered the 12 propane powered buses approved in the current cycle. These are being funded by state grants, with the balance coming from ESPLOST funds; \$368,755 from ESPLOST 5 and \$463,359 from ESPLOST 6. There was nothing to report concerning technology.

**COC Membership:** – Alex Sams encouraged members to seek out candidates to join the Committee. It was pointed out that the COC needed to make efforts to ensure that it is representative of the wider school district.

**Sales Tax Revenue:** The February collection was \$2.685m which, as in previous years, is substantially lower than the December figure.

#### **Future Meetings**

Future meetings are scheduled for:

May 9, 2023

June 13, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.