

ESPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 9, 2023 8:30 am in Room 136, BOE HQ, 595 Prince Avenue.

Attendees:

Alex Sams	Andrew Malec	Greg Davis	Rick Parker
Mike Waldrip	Leara Rhodes	Niki Jones	Robbie Hooker
Garrick Askew	John Gilbreath	Troy Basset	Gerald Arscott

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

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

Clarke Central JROTC Rappel Tower: The COC was updated on this request. It is on the list of several requests and will be considered when other priorities have been met and the funds remaining in ESPLOST 5 are known. The priority for this summer is the ACCA Culinary Kitchen and roof works at Clarke Central and Old Gaines. It was noted that the tower at Cedar Shoals had been built and funded by the army for the use of both highs schools.

Additional facility and program requests will be 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.

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. With the building work that has been done and the successful commencement of the service on the East side it is envisaged that the service will remain there for the foreseeable future.

No bids were received for the replacement of the Earth Shelter roof. It seems that bidders were uncertain about pricing the work with the complications of having to remove the earth. The work will likely be split into separate elements with a view to it being accomplished this summer.

BOE HQ: an offer was received for the Prince Avenue property but this was rejected by the BOE. It was confirmed that appraisals had been obtained for the Prince Ave. and Hill Street properties. The appraiser was not able to give an appraisal for Ellard Hill to be sold and removed from the site. Concern was expressed that sale of the properties was not being made known in the best way. Re-zoning of the Hill Street property was approved by the county. Changes to the water line need to be made and the fences installed separating the plats.

Clarke Middle School: Work is progressing well with 90% of footings having been poured. Steel is expected to arrive in the second half of June. The modular classrooms are in place and utilities/services now have to be connected with the plan to have the classrooms ready by mid-July. Teachers are packing for moving commencing May 26.

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.

Cedar Shoals Fieldhouse: Finish work is in progress. The cellular dialer for the fire alarm has been installed and the fire marshal will be inspecting this week. Radio testing is being carried out. The HVAC is being tested and balanced. A request was made to hold the next COC Meeting at the fieldhouse.

Cedar Shoals School Renovation: Discussions continue with the school staff to determine the requirements. Consideration is now being given to how the work will be phased and also to identify that work which must be done in the summer. Bids are planned for mid-October for reporting to the BOE in December and work to commence in January.

HT Edwards Culinary Kitchen: Construction work is set to commence on June 1. Staff are packing up and moving equipment etc. to storage. The contractor has ordered and stored materials ready to start. The only supply delay identified so far is the roof-top HVAC units.

Facilities Review: work is planned on gym floors in elementary schools over the summer, financed by the general fund. There was discussion on facility rentals and some of the issues causing concern.

Transportation & Technology: Transportation is awaiting delivery of 12 propane powered buses. 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 March collection was \$3.019m.

Future Meetings

Future meetings are scheduled for:

June 13, 2023

July 11, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.