

ESPLOST COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 12, 2023 8:30 am in Room 123, BOE HQ, 595 Prince Avenue.

Attendees: Alex Sams Andrew Malec Tad MacMillan Leara Rhodes
Nancy Hart Rick Parker Mark Evans Robbie Hooker
John Gilbreath Troy Bassett Gerald Arscott

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

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

Clarke Middle School: Progress photos were shown. The project is progressing well and on schedule for summer, 2024 occupancy. Brickwork is about 90% complete and the schedule is to have the building dried in, with temporary heat, as soon as possible. Teachers have recently been given a tour of the building and the response was very positive. Discussions have been held with teaching staff concerning furniture. COC asked if they could be given a tour, without causing any disruption to the works. Summer work will involve demolition of the remainder of the old building. Switch gear, the most critical equipment in terms of supply chain delays, is scheduled for February/March delivery.

Cedar Shoals School Renovation: Bleacher purchase and installation for the gym will be reported to the Board in December in order to get the work scheduled for next summer. Bid documents for phase 1 have been issued. The intention is to report mechanical and demolition bids to the Board in January and for the remainder of Phase 1 to be reported in February. The modular classrooms have been installed and work is currently under way for necessary utility and life safety system connections to be made; 9th grade and Ag Science will occupy them starting January 8, 2024.

HT Edwards Culinary Kitchen: Pictures of the completed facility were shown. Plans will be made to hold a future COC meeting there.

HT Edwards Bio-Manufacturing Lab: Meetings have been held with Athens Technical College, UGA and relevant manufacturers to establish the outline design of the facility. A design/build package will be issued for report to the Board in Feb/March and for the work to be done next summer 2024.

Facilities Review: HVAC Systems: Work is beginning on designs, starting with the cooling tower at Clarke Central.

Facilities Review: School C/Easom: No change. October student numbers indicate that overall numbers are steady, with an slight increase in high school students, but a drop in middle schools.

Transportation & Technology: Nothing to report.

COC Membership: Alex Sams encouraged members to continue to seek out candidates to join the Committee. There was discussion on the merits of appointing a current educator. The Superintendent felt that it would not be possible to release a current educator for a meeting once a month. It was noted that a current employee would need to be able to distance themselves from their current location. Teachers have input to projects through the meetings of Local Building Committees as design work progresses on individual projects.

Sales Tax Revenue: The October collection was \$3.2m.

Future Meetings

Future meetings are scheduled for:

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.