

FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The Facilities and Technology Citizens Oversight Committee was established and authorized to specifically provide oversight for any Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) project by performing an assessment and project verification to determine if expenditures are meeting defined specifications as approved by the voters within the SPLOST referendum and as authorized by the Board.

This committee, appointed by the Board and superintendent, must reside within the boundaries of the Cobb County School District (CCSD). To ensure accountability, the Committee members must perform reviews of all facility and technology expenditures to verify that SPLOST projects are true needs and are included in the SPLOST program. Each Board Agenda Item is then reviewed to ensure that money is being spent wisely and efficiently. The Committee provides oversight related to items presented at its meetings by the CCSD Administration.

At each meeting the F&T Committee reviewed and discussed the monthly reports, including the SPLOST Sales Tax Revenues, comparing projected versus actual revenues, along with prior year amounts raised and the Project Status Report which provides a snapshot of each project's current status.

With all this information in hand the Committee prepares an Annual Report to address SPLOST expenditures as they relate to the Resolution approved by the voters. The Annual Report has summarized the SPLOST expenditures in the following areas: 1) New/Replacement Facilities, 2) Additions/Modifications, 3) Infrastructure/Individual School Needs (Maintenance/Renovations), 4) Safety, Security & Support, 5) Academic/Technology.

The major goals in SPLOST IV were to: rebuild Brumby ES, Mountain View ES, East Cobb MS, Osborne HS, Walton HS and construct a Career Academy; provide additions/modifications at Campbell HS, Harrison HS, Lassiter HS, North Cobb HS, Pope HS, South Cobb HS, Teasley ES, and Wheeler HS. The major goals in SPLOST V are to: rebuild Eastvalley ES, Harmony Leland ES, King Springs ES, and a Smyrna Area New Middle School; provide additions/modifications to: Campbell HS, Central Office Instructional Support Center, Dickerson MS, Dodgen MS, Hillgrove HS, Lassiter HS, Lovinggood MS, North Cobb HS, Osborne HS, Pebblebrook HS, South Cobb HS, Sprayberry HS, Walton HS, and Wheeler HS.

SPLOST IV RELATED BOARD AGENDA ITEMS JANUARY THRU DECEMBER 2021

The Committee reviewed and affirmed 1 SPLOST IV Agenda item in 2021.

Breakdown of SPLOST IV Proposed Expenditures

Additions/Modifications

\$2,838,000 - Sope Creek Elementary School – PE Building

SPLOST IV Projects Completed During 2021

New/Replacement Facilities

Osborne High School Rebuild

Ongoing SPLOST IV Projects

N/A

The Committee reviewed and affirmed 16 SPLOST V Agenda items in 2021

Breakdown of SPLOST V Proposed Expenditures

New/Replacement Facilities

\$1,156,800 – Cobb Horizon High School – Relocation

\$348,000 – Former East Cobb Middle School Demolition

\$486,768 – Cobb Online Learning Academy (COLA) – Third Floor at Cobb Horizon High School

Additions/Modifications

\$317,265 – Osborne High School – Architect Appointment – Performing Arts Center Facility

\$689,195 – Campbell High School – New Parking Lot

\$248,165 – Hillgrove High School – Architect Appointment – Classroom Addition

\$13,126,000 – Osborne High School – Performing Arts Center

\$22,932,681 – Sprayberry High School Gymnasium and CTAE (Career, Technical, and Agriculture Education) Renovation

Infrastructure/Individual School Needs

\$2,389,950 – Addison Elementary School – HVAC Phase II
\$985,000 – Labelle Elementary School – Roof Phase II
\$2,208,655 – Campbell Middle School – Roof Phase II
\$436,780 – Awtrey Middle School – Cooler Replacement and Generator Upgrade
\$364,402 – Bryant Elementary School – Cooler Replacement and Generator Upgrade
\$678,106 – Dickerson Middle School – Kitchen HVAC and Hood Replacement
\$400,131 – Lost Mountain Middle School – Cooler and Freezer Replacement
\$968,627 – Mt. Bethel Elementary School – Kitchen HVAC, Freezer Replacement and Generator Upgrade
\$425,850 – Belmont Hills Elementary School – Electrical Upgrades
\$490,000 – Hayes Elementary School – Electrical Upgrades

Safety, Security & Support

\$5,788,000 – 52 School Buses Purchased
\$1,439,196 – 12 School Buses Purchased

Academic/Technology

\$307,007 – Walton High School – Robotics Lab
\$377,900 – Wheeler High School – Robotics Lab

SPLOST V Projects Completed During 2021

New/Replacement Facilities

Susan Todd Pearson Middle School
Former East Cobb Middle School Demolition
Cobb Horizon High School
Cobb Online Learning Academy (COLA)

Additions/Modifications

Campbell High School – Parking Lot

Infrastructure/Individual School Needs

Addison Elementary School – HVAC Phase II
Campbell Middle School – Roof Phase II
Labelle Elementary School – Roof Phase II

Safety, Security & Support

Purchase of 52 School Buses
Purchase of 12 School Buses

Academic/Technology

Walton High School – Robotics

Ongoing SPLOST V Projects

New/Replacement Facilities

Eastvalley Elementary School Replacement Facility

Additions/Modifications

Campbell High School – Additional Classroom, PAC, Interior Modifications
Hillgrove High School – Classroom Addition
Osborne High School – Performing Arts Center (PAC)
Pebblebrook High School – Classroom, Gymnasium, and Theater Addition
Sprayberry High School – CTAE Renovations/Modifications and Gym Replacement
Wheeler High School – Robotics Lab

Infrastructure/Individual School Needs

Mobile Modular – Portable Classroom Lease
Awtrey Middle School – Cooler Replacement and Generator Upgrade
Belmont Hills Elementary School – Electrical Upgrades
Bryant Elementary School – Cooler Replacement and Generator Upgrade
Dickerson Middle School – Kitchen HVAC and Hood Replacement
Hayes Elementary School – Electrical Upgrades
Lost Mountain Middle School – Cooler, Freezer Replacement
Mt. Bethel Elementary School – Kitchen HVAC, Freezer Replacement and
Generator Upgrade

Safety, Security, & Support*

Buses, Vehicles, & Equipment
Communication Equipment for Schools and Public Safety
Computer Aided Dispatch Equipment
Expenses Incidental to Capital Projects
Food and Nutrition Services Needs
Growth & Replacement – Furniture, Equipment, & Finishes
Land Acquisition
Program Administration Costs

Safety, Security, & Support* (cont)

Records Management Needs
Safety & Security, Signage, Traffic Control, & Code Compliance
School Security Improvements – Exterior
School Security Improvements – Interior
Surveillance Cameras
Transportation Infrastructure
Undesignated Classrooms
Warehouse Needs

*All district-wide accounts that remain open will continue until all funds budgeted are expended.

Academic/Technology*

ADA Compliance-required and Safety Modifications
Assistive Technology Equipment
Centralized Video System
Data Center Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity
Data Center Equipment Replacement
District Network Enhancement/Maintenance
District Phone System Enhancement/Replacement
District Servers Replacement
Equipment & Software for Students with Disabilities
Equipment to Support Physical Disabilities
Financial Systems Enhancement/Equipment Replacement
Growth, Replacement, & Maintenance of Fine Arts Instruments and Equipment
Human Resources/Payroll Systems Enhancement/Equipment Replacement
Language Systems
Learning Commons
Learning Management System
Learning Resources
Maintenance of Fine Arts Performance Facilities
Network Access Control
Obsolete Audio-Visual Equipment Enhancement/Replacement – Classrooms
Obsolete Computing Device Replacement – District
Obsolete Computing Device Replacement – Teachers & Staff
Obsolete Interactive Classroom Devices Enhancement/Replacement
Obsolete Print/Copy/Duplicate Solution – Replacement/Maintenance
Robotics Lab
Student Information Systems Enhancement/Replacement
Student Learning, STEM, College and Career and/or Innovation Spaces

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SPLOST V Revenue as of January 2, 2022 was \$449,898,320. A breakdown of the revenue budgeted, expended/encumbered and uncommitted is provided below.

Category	Budget	Committed	Uncommitted
NEW/REPL FAC	\$166,602,665	\$129,946,487	\$36,656,178
ADDITIONS/MODS	\$204,197,561	\$176,556,328	\$27,641,233
INFRA/IND SCH NEED	\$97,535,886	\$31,590,312	\$65,945,574
SAFETY/SEC/SUPPORT	\$156,072,479	\$33,761,783	\$122,310,696
ACADEMIC/TECH	\$172,613,409	\$113,627,664	\$58,985,745
TOTALS	\$797,022,000	\$485,482,574	\$311,539,426

Source: Consolidated Management Report as of 01/02/2022

Tax Revenue

SPLOST V sales tax accumulated revenue collections to date have run over projections by 0.5%. For 2021 collections were 9.4% above projections. Projections were increased 10% over the original forecast by the Board of Education.

Account	Budget	Received
SPLOST V Federal Revenue*	\$1,950,720	\$1,950,719
SPLOST V Interest Income	\$1,004,341	\$1,016,025
SPLOST V Revenue	\$790,778,028	\$441,259,170
State Capital Outlay	\$1,847,606	\$4,214,683
Trans. Const. Note Interest	\$1,441,305	\$1,457,723
Totals	\$797,022,000	\$449,898,320

*Money received from FEMA for 2009 Clarkdale ES Flood

Source: Consolidated Management Report as of 01/02/2022

Conclusions

The F&T Committee reviewed and acted upon 17 Board agenda items. The monthly reports, as presented, contained detailed and well-organized information that assisted the Committee in performing due diligence and provided the transparency that is so critical in a SPLOST program with such a wide variety of projects and tasks.

As SPLOST V continues, it is the F&T Committee's belief that the revenues have been expended in accordance with the Resolution that was approved by the voters and authorized by the Board. We appreciate the opportunity to serve our community by providing citizen oversight for this large and very important program for our schools.

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Respectfully submitted,

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