

**FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Facilities and Technology Citizens Oversight Committee (Committee) was established and authorized to specifically provide oversight for any Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) project by performing an analytical 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 15-member 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 analytical and logistical reviews of all proposed facility and technology expenditures by visiting schools to verify that proposed SPLOST projects are true needs and are included in the SPLOST notebook. Each Board Agenda Item is then reviewed for accuracy ensuring that money is being spent wisely and efficiently. The Committee provides advice and makes recommendations related to items presented at its meetings by the CCSD Administration.

This year Chris Ragsdale was appointed Superintendent of Cobb County Schools and John Adams was appointed as the Deputy Superintendent. At each meeting the monthly reports, including the SPLOST IV Sales Tax Revenues comparing projected versus actual revenues, the Milestone Report which provides a snapshot of each project's current status, the Consolidated Management Report which tracks expenditures in great detail, and Current Solicitations covering Construction Solicitations, Non-Construction Invitations for Bids, Non-Construction Requests for Proposals, and Non-Construction Requests for Quotes, were reviewed and discussed.

With all this information in hand the Committee prepares an Annual Report to address SPLOST expenditures as they relate to the Notebooks approved by the voters. The Annual Report has summarized the expenditures in the following areas: SPLOST III & IV; 1) New/Replacement Facilities; 2) Land; 3) Additions/Modifications; 4) Infrastructure/Individual School Needs (Maintenance/Renovations); 5) Safety and Support; 6) Curriculum/Instruction/Technology; 7) Tax Agency Issues.

The only remaining major Project in SPLOST III is Mabry MS Music Classrooms. Construction start date for this project is slated for 2016.

The goals in SPLOST IV are 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, Kincaid ES, Lassiter HS, Mount Bethel ES, North Cobb HS, Pope HS, Sope Creek ES, South Cobb HS, Tapp MS, Teasley ES, Tritt ES, and Wheeler HS.

SPLOST III and SPLOST IV RELATED BOARD AGENDA ITEMS JANUARY THRU DECEMBER 2015

The Committee has reviewed and acted on 5 SPLOST III and 19 SPLOST IV Board Agenda items in 2015. F&T recommendations were sent to the Board for their formal action.

BREAKDOWN OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

RENOVATIONS

SPLOST III

- Baker Road Bus Shop Site Work-Asphalt-Pave Bus and Auto Parking

SPLOST III & SPLOST IV

- Powder Springs Elementary School:
HVAC-Replace all HVAC and Install Controls
Electrical System Upgrade-Replace and Upgrade Main Electrical Switchgear. Install new Electrical Panels in each hallway with two 1 ¼ inch Conduits for additional power.
- Smitha Middle School:
HVAC-Replace all HVAC and Install Controls
Electrical System Upgrade-Replace and Upgrade Electrical Switchgear and Panel
Install New Electrical Panels in each hallway with two 1 ¼ inch Conduits for additional Power
Gymnasium Electrical-Replace Gym Lights with High Bay Fluorescent Fixtures
Replace Basketball Goal Supports, Motor and Cable

- McEachern High School:
 - Doors-Exterior-Replacement-Replace exterior doors in Macland Hall, Career Technology Building, Russell Hall, Jr/Sr Building and Lovinggood Gymnasium
 - Flooring-Flooring Replacement in Jr\Sr Building and Business Technology Building
 - HVAC Replace HVAC in Russell Hall, Career Technology, Gym/Gym Lobby and add Controls throughout School
 - Clock-Clock System Replacement with GPS Technology System
 - Fire Alarm-Fire Alarm System Replacement
 - Lighting-Retrofit- Replace T-12 Lamps and Ballasts with T-8 Lamps and High Efficiency Electronic Ballast, Fixture Replacement
 - HVAC HI to ALC Control System Conversion-Replace HI Controls
 - HVAC System Replacement-Replace HVAC in Jr/Sr/Dobbs Hall/BT/CT/Macland Hall/Book Room/Theater and Controls, Cooling Tower, Valves, Boiler, Heat Exchanger, Pumps
 - Athletic Field Electrical-Install Emergency Lights at Football, Baseball and Softball Bleachers. Replace Soccer and Softball Field Lights
 - Modify/Renovate Jr/Sr Buildings
 - Athletic Standards-Restroom Improvements, Concession Improvements, Stadium Improvements

- Freezer/Cooler Replacements:
 - Dowell Elementary School
 - Floyd Middle School
 - Kennesaw Elementary School
 - LaBelle Elementary School
 - Powder Springs Elementary School
 - Timber Ridge Elementary School

SPLOST IV

Architect Appointments

- Mountain View Elementary School-Replacement School
- Pope High School-Addition and Renovations
- Tapp Middle School-Renovations
- Brumby Elementary School-Replacement School
- Campbell Middle School-HVAC and Electrical Upgrades
- East Cobb Middle School-Replacement School
- North Cobb High School-Addition and Renovations
- Campbell High School-Gymnasium Replacement

Replacement Schools

- Brumby Elementary School-Replacement-Construction Manager at Risk
- East Cobb Middle School-Replacement-Construction Manager at Risk
- Walton High School-Replacement-GMP Amendment #1

Modifications

- Hightower Trail Middle School
Paving-Bus, Car, Drive, Fire Lane, add separate Drive, Speed Humps
Paving-Inter-Governmental Agreement Between Cobb County Board of Commissioners and Cobb County School District for Roadway Improvements along Post Oak Tritt Road and Hightower Trail Middle School
- Lost Mountain Middle School
Roof & Skylight Replacement-Roof on Building 4200-1990
HVAC-HVAC System Replacement-Replace all HVAC, Boiler and Building Pumps and Controls
Electrical System Upgrade-Replace and Upgrade Electrical Switchgear, install new Electrical Panels in each hallway with two 1 ¼ Conduits for additional Power
Gymnasium Electrical-Replace Gym Lights with High Bay Fluorescent Fixtures
Gym-Replace Basketball Goal Supports, Motors and Cable

Additions

- Pitts Transportation Center Bus Shop
Addition-Enclose and Create additional Bays at Body Shop
- Pope High School
Addition-Theater and Main Gymnasium-Construction Manager at Risk
Tennis/PE-Resurfacing-Tennis Court and Track
Athletic Field Electrical-Install Emergency Lights at Bleachers for Football, Baseball and Softball. Upgrade Electrical in Football, Softball and Baseball Concessions Stands
Flooring-New Flooring throughout building
Athletic Standards-Restroom Improvements, Concession Improvements, Stadium Improvements

Vehicles

- Support Vehicles

SPLOST III and SPLOST IV PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING 2015

6 SPLOST III Projects and 7 SPLOST IV Projects were completed in 2015 and are listed below:

Renovations

SPLOST III

- Baker Road Bus Shop-Paving Improvement
- Powder Springs Elementary-Replace HVAC
- Smitha Middle School-HVAC Replacement
- Teasley Elementary School-Classroom Renovations
- Freezer/Cooler Replacement-Floyd Middle School, Kennesaw Elementary School

SPLOST IV

- Freezer/Cooler Replacement-Dowell Elementary School, LaBelle Elementary School, Powder Springs Elementary School, Timber Ridge Elementary School
- Hightower Trail Middle School-Roof Replacement
- Teasley Elementary School-Classroom Additions

Safety / Support

SPLOST IV

- Hightower Trail Middle School-Paving-Bus, Car, Drive and Fire Lane

Ongoing SPLOST Projects

SPLOST IV

Additions / Modifications

- Wheeler High School-Theater, Replacement of Main Gym
- Walton High School-Rebuild

Curriculum / Instruction / Technology

- Obsolete Computing Device Replacement-District *
- Obsolete Computing Device Replacement-Teachers *
- District Network Enhancement/Maintenance *
- District Servers Replacement *
- Data Center Equipment Replacement *
- Data Center Disaster Recover/Business Continuity *
- District Phone System Enhancement/Replacement *
- Obsolete Print/Copy/Duplicate Solution Replacement/Maintenance *
- Obsolete Audio Visual Equipment Enhancement/Replacement-Classroom *
- Obsolete Interactive Classroom Devices Enhancement/Replacement *
- Student Information Systems Enhancement/Replacement *
- Human Resources/Payroll Systems Enhancement/Equipment Replacement *
- Financial Systems Enhancement/Equipment Replacement *
- Equipment and software purchase for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, students with visual impairment, and students with other disabilities *
- Learning Management System *
- Handheld Graphing Calculating Device for Middle Schools *
- Update Library Automation Systems: Replacement Servers for Destiny and Cobb Virtual Library, Replacement Barcode Scanners *
- Music Instruments and Equipment *
- General/Choral Music Instruments and Equipment

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

Safety / Support

- Radio Broadcast System *
- Bus Shop Upgrades *
- Buses, Vehicles, Equipment *
- Furniture/Equipment Replacement *
- Access Controls *
- Security Fencing/Signage/Traffic Control *
- Surveillance Cameras *
- Food Services Upgrades *
- Incident Expenses/Capital Projects *
- Modifications/Renovations/Facility Upgrades *
- Textbooks/Instructional Materials *
- Program Administrative Costs *
- Communications Radios *

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SPLOST IV Revenue as of December 31, 2015 was \$240,331,217. A breakdown of the revenue collected, expended and, uncommitted is provided below.

Category	Budget	Committed	Available
NEW FACILITIES	\$186,516,652	\$54,142,155	\$132,374,497
LAND	\$10,000,000	\$9,999,980	\$20
ADDITIONS	\$147,211,975	\$33,858,580	\$113,353,395
INFRASTRUCTURE	\$142,864,421	\$23,500,481	\$119,363,940
SAFETY/SUPPORT	\$97,615,928	\$23,882,823	\$73,733,105
TECHNOLOGY	\$125,050,835	\$76,011,646	\$49,039,189
PROGRAM MGMT	\$8,469,956	\$2,858,185	\$5,611,771
CONTINGENCY	\$114,940		\$114,940
TOTALS	\$717,844,707	\$224,253,850	\$493,590,857

* Source Consolidated Management Report as of 01/06/2016

TAX AGENCY ISSUES

As of December 2015 Sales Tax Revenues are running below projections. As noted in the chart below the actual revenue collections have been consistently under projections ranging from 1.7% to 13.3%. May, 2015 showed an increase of 4.6%.

Account	Budget	Received
SPLOST IV Revenue	\$695,467,813	\$240,331,217
SPLOST IV Interest Income	\$181,124	\$206,687
State Capital Outlay	\$22,195,770	\$2,233,006
Totals	\$717,844,707	\$242,770,910

* Source Consolidated Management Report as of 01/06/2016

Conclusions

The F&T Committee reviewed and acted upon 24 Board agenda items regardless of whether the bids were over or under the budgeted amount. For those items that were significantly over or under the budgeted amount, staff provided details outlining the reason or reasons for the variance.

The monthly reports, as presented, contained detailed and well-organized information that assisted the Committee in performing our 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 III comes to a close and SPLOST IV continues, it is the F&T Committee's belief that the revenues have been expended in accordance with the Notebook plans that were 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.

Acknowledgements

The F&T Committee extends its gratitude to Randy Scamihorn for his assistance as the Board Liaison in 2015, providing his insight and serving as the Committee's connection to the other Board members. John Adams and Nick Parker always provided pertinent details on the Board agenda items and also on other topics that the Committee discussed during our meetings. They each provided a wealth of knowledge that assisted the committee in our deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

Facilities and Technology Committee Appointees

Post 1 – Randy Scamihorn – Don Hill, JoEllen Smith-Secretary

Post 2 – Susan Thayer – Curtis Johnston, Susan Pearson

Post 3 – David Morgan – Lisa Arnold, Patrick Stafford

Post 4 – David Chastain – Wayne Brown, Thea Powell

Post 5 – David Banks – Dr. John Crooks, Pete Cummings –Vice Chair

Post 6 – Scott Sweeney – Roger Phelps, Karen Hallacy

Post 7 – Brad Wheeler – John Stooksbury, Larry Darnell-Chair

Superintendent – Chris Ragsdale - Chuck Casto