

FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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). The committee's purpose is to strengthen accountability and transparency through review of all proposed facility and technology expenditures and then affirm the expenditures.

At each meeting, the 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 Procurement Report covering Construction Solicitations 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 Resolution approved by the voters. The Annual Report has summarized the SPLOST III and IV expenditures in the following areas: 1) New/Replacement Facilities, 2) Land, 3) Additions and Modifications, 4) Infrastructure/Individual School Needs (Maintenance/Renovations), 5) Safety and Support, 6) Curriculum/Instruction/Technology and 7) Tax Agency Issues. The report also notes approval of Architects for major projects in the first year of SPLOST V (2019), using General Funds (to be reimbursed with SPLOST V Funds).

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, SPLOST IV AND SPLOST V RELATED BOARD AGENDA ITEMS
JANUARY THRU DECEMBER 2017**

The Committee reviewed and acted on 1 SPLOST III, 16 SPLOST IV and 1 SPLOST V Agenda items in 2017. Recommendations from the F&T committee were provided to the Board for their consideration and formal action.

Breakdown of Proposed Expenditures

SPLOST III

Addition/Modifications

\$1,105,000 – King Springs Elementary School K-1 @Brown Elementary School and H.A.V.E.N. @Skyview

SPLOST IV

Architectural and Engineering Services

\$540,800 – Lassiter High School Gymnasium Replacement

\$847,736 – Harrison High School Gym and Theater Replacement

New/Replacement Facilities

\$2,405,427 – Osborne High School Stadium Improvements

\$3,584,622 – Walton High School Demolition

Addition/Renovations

\$9,415,000 – South Cobb High School - theater addition, interior and exterior painting-halls, classrooms, and offices of older section of school, halls, offices and exterior of buildings

Renovations

\$856,000 – Cooler/Freezer Replacement - replace Cooler/Freezer at Birney Elementary School, Davis Elementary School, Garrison Mill Elementary School, Keheley Elementary School

\$514,000 – Hendricks Elementary School – replace flooring in all interior areas (except gym)

\$2,083,000 – Dodgen Middle School – Roof and Skylight replacement – replace roof on building 4140-1975

\$668,560 – Green Acres Elementary School – New Roof

\$1,075,892 – Hayes Elementary School – Roof and Skylight Replacement – replace roof on buildings 2670-1993 and 2A7A-1996

\$1,154,116 – Cheatham Hill Elementary School - New Roof

\$1,430,000 – McCleskey Middle School – Roof and Skylight Replacement – replace roof on buildings 4180-1980 and 418A-1989

\$1,269,000 – Sanders Road Bus Shop – Upgrade fueling station

Learning Resources

\$9,529,690 – 3 - 12 English Language Arts

\$748,544 - K-12 ESOL

Easements

N/A

Safety/Security

\$23,989 – Cheatham Hill Elementary School Inter-Governmental Agreement Between Cobb County Board of Commissioners and Cobb County School District – Roadway Improvements

\$18,268 - North Cobb High School Inter-Governmental Agreement Between Cobb County Board of Commissioners and Cobb County School District – Roadway Improvements

Vehicles

N/A

SPLOST V

Architectural and Engineering Services

\$1,413,710 – Campbell High School Addition/Modifications*

\$2,175,873 – Pebblebrook High School Addition/Modifications*

\$1,368,180 – King Springs Elementary School Replacement*

\$646,797 – Instructional Support Center Addition/Modifications*

*Above SPLOST V Architectural appointments will be paid out of the General Fund and reimbursed from SPLOST V once collections begin.

SPLOST III PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING 2017

Renovations

King Springs Elementary K-1 at Brown Elementary School fire sprinkler installation and H.A.V.E.N @Skyview sprinkler and fire alarm installation

38 SPLOST IV PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING 2017

Architectural and Engineering Services

Lassiter High School
Harrison High School

Maintenance/Renovations

Birney Elementary School – cooler/freezer replacement
Davis Elementary School – cooler/freezer replacement
Garrison Mill Elementary School – cooler/freezer replacement
Keheley Elementary School – cooler/freezer replacement

Hendricks Elementary School – flooring replacement

Dodgen Middle School – roof replacement
Green Acres Elementary School – roof replacement
Hayes Elementary School – roof replacement
Cheatham Hill Elementary School – roof replacement
McCleskey Middle School – roof replacement

Sanders Road Bus Facility – fueling station upgrade

Easements

N/A

Safety/Support

Cheatham Hill Elementary School and North Cobb High School Inter-Governmental Agreement for roadway improvements

Vehicles

N/A

ONGOING SPLOST IV PROJECTS

New/Replacement Facilities

Brumby Elementary School
East Cobb Middle School
Osborne High School
Walton High School Rebuild

Curriculum / Instruction / Technology*

Replacements:

Obsolete computing devices for District
Obsolete computing devices for teachers
Virtual Library - barcode scanners
Musical instruments and equipment
General/choral musical instruments and equipment
District Servers
Data Center Equipment

Enhancement/Replacement:

District Phone System
Obsolete Print/Copy/Duplicate Solution
Obsolete Audio Visual equipment in classrooms
Obsolete interactive classroom devices
Update library automation systems - replace servers for Destiny and Cobb
Student Information Systems
Human Resources/Payroll Systems Equipment
Financial Systems Equipment
District Network Enhancement/Maintenance
Data Center Disaster Recover/Business Continuity
Learning Management System

Classroom Equipment:

Equipment and software purchase for students who are deaf or hard of hearing,
students with visual impairment, and students with other disabilities
Handheld graphing calculating device for Middle Schools

*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, 2017 was \$504,014,339. A breakdown of the revenue collected, expended and, uncommitted is provided below.

Category	Budget	Committed	Available
NEW FACILITIES	\$209,531,170	\$148,150,624	\$61,380,546
LAND	\$10,000,000	\$9,999,980	\$21
ADDITIONS	\$159,454,412	\$104,706,036	\$54,748,376
INFRASTRUCTURE	\$99,608,998	\$51,282,347	\$48,326,651
SAFETY/SUPPORT	\$87,126,991	\$70,726,725	\$16,400,266
INST/TECHNOLOGY	\$128,050,743	\$116,030,689	\$12,020,053
PROGRAM MGMT	\$8,469,956	\$6,472,810	\$1,997,146
CONTINGENCY	\$15,602,437		\$15,602,437
TOTALS	\$717,844,707	\$507,369,211	\$210,475,496

* Source: Consolidated Management Report as of 01/08/2018

TAX REVENUE

As of December 2017 Sales Tax Revenues are running below projections. As noted in the chart below the actual revenue collections have been consistently under projections ranging from -13.2% to 1.3%.

Account	Budget	Received
SPLOST IV Revenue	\$681,951,682	\$504,014,339
SPLOST IV Interest Income	\$1,093,798	\$1,240,466
State Capital Outlay	\$34,799,227	\$28,839,810
Totals	\$717,844,707	\$534,094,615

* Source: Consolidated Management Report as of 01/08/2018

Conclusions

The F&T Committee reviewed and acted upon 18 Board agenda items. For those items that were significantly over or under the initial cost estimate, 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 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.

Acknowledgements

The F&T Committee extends its gratitude to Scott Sweeney for his assistance as the Board Liaison in 2017, 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 the meetings. They each provided a wealth of knowledge that assisted the committee in our deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

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