

# **FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

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 monthly reports, including the SPLOST Sales Tax Revenues comparing projected versus actual revenues and the Project Status Report which provides a snapshot of each project's current status, 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 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 2020**

The Committee reviewed and affirmed 1 SPLOST IV Agenda items in 2020.

### **Breakdown of SPLOST IV Proposed Expenditures**

#### **New/Replacement Facilities**

\$1,760,252 – Osborne High School – Rock Removal

#### **Additions/Modifications**

N/A

### **SPLOST IV Projects Completed During 2020**

#### **New/Replacement Facilities**

Career Academy

#### **Additions/Modifications**

N/A

### **Ongoing SPLOST IV Projects**

#### **New/Replacement Facilities**

Osborne High School Rebuild

The Committee reviewed and affirmed 17 SPLOST V Agenda items in 2020

## **Breakdown of SPLOST V Proposed Expenditures**

### **New/Replacement Facilities**

**\$1,583,987** – Eastvalley Elementary School – Architect

**\$TBD** – Susan Todd Pearson Middle School – CM@Risk

**\$14,258,537** – Susan Todd Pearson Middle School – Guaranteed Maximum Price - Sitework

**\$25,092,272** – Susan Todd Pearson Middle School – Guaranteed Maximum Price – Building Package

### **Additions/Modifications**

**\$1,634,000** – Pebblebrook High School – Fieldhouse

**\$39,952,000** – Campbell High School – Additional Classroom, PAC, Interior Modifications

**\$48,552,000** – Pebblebrook High School – Classroom, Gymnasium, and Theater Addition

### **Infrastructure/Individual School Needs**

**\$303,000** – Shallowford Falls Elementary School – Kitchen HVAC

**\$444,000** – Harrison High School – Food Court Renovation

**\$1,851,200** – Portable Classrooms

**\$725,000** – Baker Elementary School, Addison Elementary School – Freezer and Cooler Replacement

**\$1,479,934** – Lassiter High School, Sprayberry High School – Cooling Tower Replacement

**\$2,757,740** – Keheley Elementary School, Kincaid Elementary School, Riverside Primary School, Campbell Middle School, Lindley 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, Palmer Middle School – Flooring Replacement

**\$9,403,995** – Allatoona High School, Campbell High School, Harrison High School, Hillgrove High School, Kell High School, Kennesaw Mountain High School, Lassiter High School, McEachern High School, North Cobb High School, Osborne High School, Pebblebrook High School, Pope High School, South Cobb High School, Sprayberry High School, Walton High School, Wheeler High School – Turf Replacement

**\$4,608,715** – Dowell Elementary School, Labelle Elementary School, Campbell Middle School, Griffin Middle School – Roof Replacement

**\$215,000** – Cobb Horizon High School – Vertical Demolition

**\$1,005,000** – Addison Elementary School – Phase 1 HVAC Upgrades

## **Safety, Security & Support**

N/A

## **SPLOST V Projects Completed During 2020**

### **New/Replacement Facilities**

Clay-Harmony Leland Elementary School  
King Springs Elementary School

### **Additions/Modifications**

Pebblebrook High School – Fieldhouse  
Secondary Data Center

### **Infrastructure/Individual School Needs**

Mobile Modular – Portable Classroom Lease  
Shallowford Falls Elementary School – Kitchen HVAC  
Harrison High School – Food Court Renovation  
Baker Elementary School, Addison Elementary School – Freezer Cooler Replacement  
Lassiter High School, Sprayberry High School – Cooling Tower Replacement  
Keheley Elementary School, Kincaid Elementary School, Riverside Primary School, Campbell Middle School, Lindley 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, Palmer Middle School – Flooring Replacement  
Dowell Elementary School, Labelle Elementary School, Campbell Middle School, Griffin Middle School – Roof Replacement  
Cobb Horizon High School – Vertical Demolition  
Addison Elementary School – Phase 1 HVAC Upgrades

## **Safety, Security & Support**

Purchase of School Buses

## **Ongoing SPLOST V Projects**

### **New/Replacement Facilities**

Eastvalley Elementary School Replacement Facility  
Susan Todd Pearson Middle School

### **Additions/Modifications**

Campbell High School – Additional Classroom, PAC, Interior Modifications  
Pebblebrook High School – Classroom, Gymnasium, and Theater Addition  
Central Office Instructional Support Center  
Sprayberry High School – CTAE Renovations/Modifications and Gym Replacement

### **Infrastructure/Individual School Needs**

Mobile Modular – Portable Classroom Lease  
Harrison High School (Practice Field), Kell High School, Lassiter High School,  
McEachern High School (Practice Field), Osborne High School, Pope High School,  
Walton High School – Turf Replacement

### **Safety, Security & Support**

N/A

### **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  
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

**Academic/Technology Cont.**

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 December 31, 2020 was \$286,859,467. A breakdown of the revenue budgeted, expended/encumbered and uncommitted is provided below.

Category	Budget	Committed	Uncommitted
NEW/REPL FAC	\$166,602,665	\$119,498,479	\$47,104,186
ADDITIONS/MODS	\$203,425,561	\$129,369,847	\$74,055,714
INFRA/IND SCH NEED	\$98,325,936	\$22,011,971	\$76,313,965
SAFETY/SEC/SUPPORT	\$156,054,429	\$20,272,278	\$135,782,151
ACADEMIC/TECH	\$172,613,409	\$91,988,094	\$80,625,315
TOTALS	\$797,022,000	\$383,140,669	\$413,881,331

Source: Consolidated Management Report as of 01/07/2021

### **Tax Revenue**

SPLOST V sales tax revenue collections have run under projections. For 2020 collections were 4.5% below 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	\$983,941	\$983,941
SPLOST V Revenue	\$792,918,743	\$282,756,210
State Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0
Trans. Const. Note Interest	\$1,168,596	\$1,168,597
Totals	\$797,022,000	\$286,859,467

\* Money received from FEMA for 2009 Clarkdale ES Flood

Source: Consolidated Management Report as of 01/07/2021

## **Conclusions**

The F&T Committee reviewed and acted upon 18 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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