

## **Citizen - Led Oversight Committee (CLOC)**

### **Talking Points – 2020 Third Quarter School Board Update – September 15, 2020 via ZOOM**

#### **Role of Committee**

- Assurance that the School District has the processes, procedures and people in place to adequately and properly administer and oversee the School Bond Referendum Projects
- Review progress of all projects in regard to schedule and cost
- Communicate our findings to the Beaufort County School Board quarterly.
- Provide written updates quarterly to the General Public posted via the CLOC web area on the Beaufort County Schools website. Provide a press release of the quarterly update.

#### **Third Quarter Report**

The Committee has reviewed the processes, procedures and the administration of the Bond Referendum Projects to date and reports the following:

- The May River and River Ridge projects are on time and under budget. Our traffic light monitoring process would code these projects as green. Both sites were visited by the Project Sub -Committee and the sites represent the project status as reported. Construction quality at each site is excellent. River Ridge and May River projects when completed, will be over \$1.00 MM under the proposed budgets. This demonstrates the effectiveness of the Construction Management at Risk Model for projects as a sound approach on delivering proposed referendum projects.
- A review of the summer work projects included a visit to Beaufort High School to review the status of progress on athletic facilities. The turf upgrade to the football stadium has progress nicely and the project is first class in all aspects. One area of summer work that has shown improvement since our last Board update is the technology/infrastructure projects. Although improved, a few sites are still behind schedule due to scope clarifications. A schedule recovery is expected by the end of September.
- The processes in place regarding budgeting, contracts, procurement and pay application for projects are sound and continues to provide adequate independence and proper chart of authority review. The Finance Sub-Committee conducts reviews to validate these processes.

## **Cash Flow versus Actual Expenses**

Cash Flow Projections versus Actual Expenses for all of the referendum projects are behind schedule, however an improvement in catch up has been seen this quarter. This can be expected as final project planning is implemented and construction contracts agreed during the initial phase of such a large scope referendum. Corrective actions are in place to ramp up spending to assure completion of the proposed projects within the 4-year time frame.

Our Finance Sub-Committee has verified the current spending status with \$15.92 MM spent to date with \$66.0 MM encumbered but not spent. With the total referendum of \$344.6 MM, \$262.6 MM remains to be spent. Through August 2020, approximately 9.5% of the referendum work has been completed with 4.6% of the total referendum funds paid to date.

## **Design Projects**

The next large-scale projects in the design process are the Robert Smalls International Academy replacement school and the Battery Creek High School extensive renovation. Agreements between the District and the architects have been fully executed and construction management at risk proposals for each school have been received with award of the contracts expected September 15. With Board approval of the final proposals in Executive Session, these two extensive projects will move from the current design phase to implementation.

## **Community Outreach**

The Communications Sub-committee working with the Districts communication office, updates the CLOC website monthly with our meeting presentations, reports and meeting minutes. The sub-committee is working with the District on the planned ribbon cutting on September 23 for River Ridge Academy, as well as, the Community input meetings for the design of Robert Smalls International Academy and Battery Creek High School.

The Committee is honored to serve the public.

## **Questions for the Committee**