

MINUTES

Project Oversight Committee Meeting

7/16/2020 4:00 PM

TEAMs Virtual Meeting

In Attendance

Committee Members: Sandy Burke Bishop, Ben Flowers, Jake Lammers, Jim Mather

District Staff: Deb Muller, Greg Akin, Nadine Stephens, Dolly Viderman, Tom Brown, Clint Griffin, Andy Ward, R.T. Myers

Welcome

Ms. Muller welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 4:10 pm. She informed the committee that the Ortona/Osceola presentation had been postponed to the August 4th board meeting. Tentative capital budget and tentative operating budget will be held on July 28, 2020. At this meeting, there will be a public hearing for Ortona/Osceola elementary schools to be presented as a K-8 with the \$20 million bond.

Half-cent Project and Budget Update

Tom Brown provided an update on:

- Major Projects:
 - **Chisholm Elementary:** is in the second phase of that project. Temporary certificate of occupancy was received on July 10, 2020 for the new classroom building, playground, and the new parking.
 - **George Marks:** started receiving furniture this week which is ahead of schedule. They are going through some of the final inspections now.
 - **Westside Elementary:** The new food service building is almost completed. Renovations of the existing spaces continue.
 - **Deltona Middle:** Site work and underground utilities are ongoing. Some building foundations are in.
- 27 additional projects under contract with a value of about \$15 million.
- Other major projects under contract or agreement:
 - New Smyrna Beach Middle campus-wide HVAC, ceilings, lighting, flooring, and a few other renovations.
- Ms. Muller shared that the Facilities team was able to move or postpone projects to help restore technology to \$9m each year (previously \$7m).
- The district also included \$2m in CARES Act application for additional student technology.
- The board has approved the purchase of teacher laptops for high schools.

Mr. Griffin – Technology Update:

- The district is currently leaning towards getting secondary devices for all students and teachers.
- The goal is that by this time next year, our entire district should be a one-to-one district.

Questions

1. *How is the turning in of the devices handled?*

Currently, it is unknown due to ongoing summer school students that are still using the devices. Some devices were not returned, and the district is working on getting them back. With the quick turnaround time to give out the devices due to COVID, some loss was expected. The district is expecting to have the devices before school starts for one-to-one technology.

2. *What about the internet in the neighborhoods?*

The district has bought some hot spots and plans to work with spectrum. There are communications with other districts trying to talk to spectrum to build this network. There are also some areas where there are a lot of T-Mobile hotspots (approximately 750) and about 200 Horizon hotspots.

3. *What about students who sat in the parking lot for connectivity at Pierson Elementary school? How is the district addressing those neighborhoods?*

A student's full day must mimic identically with what a brick-and-mortar schedule would be to qualify. Some hotspots and infrastructure have been included in the CARES Act. We are solidifying and hardening the networks and upgrading all that's 10 years old, to be able to create the bandwidth needed to facilitate the one to one.

Annual POC Report

The committee and district staff reviewed and discussed the draft Annual POC report. The committee agreed to send all changes back by the end of the month, July 31. Edited draft will be shared with the committee by August 14th to give them time to review it before the next POC meeting, scheduled for August 20th. Submission of the final report is on September 22, 2020 after the final budget has been shared on the September 8th board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept the June 18, 2020 meeting minutes with the capacity charts attached was made by Ms. Burke Bishop and seconded by Mr. Lammers. The motion passes with 5-0. Mr. Mathis (left early) and Mr. Aten were absent for this voting.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.