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Project Oversight Committee

February 22, 2024

Agenda

3750 Olson Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida – Workroom 37 and [Teams](#)

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| I. Call to Order | Dr. Rachel Hazel |
| II. Approval of January 25, 2024, Minutes | Committee Members |
| III. STEM Bus | Dr. Rachel Hazel |
| IV. Committee Meeting Norms and Procedures | Dr. Rachel Hazel |
| V. Next Meeting | |



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Project Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: 3750 Olson Drive, Daytona Beach, FL, and TEAMs

PRESENT -

Committee Members

Ms. Sandy Burke Bishop
Mr. Jake Lammers
Dr. Rachel Hazel
Mr. Mitch Aten
M. Jayson Meyer

District Staff

Ms. Dolly Viderman
Mr. Ron Young
Mr. Tom Brown
Dr. Matt Kuhn
Ms. Melissa Alderman

Guests

Ms. Adriana Bartolani
Ms. Jennifer Marinaccio
Ms. Krista Goodrich

GREETINGS – DR. RACHEL HAZEL

At 4:07 PM, Dr. Hazel opened the meeting and greeted everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DR. RACHEL HAZEL

- The minutes from the last meeting were approved by the committee.
- Motion: Approve the minutes
 - Made by: Mr. Mitch Aten
 - Seconded by: Ms. Sandy Burke-Bishop
 - Motion passed with all **Ayes** (5-0).

HALF CENT SALES TAX REVENUE COLLECTION MONTHLY REPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 – MS. MELISSA ALDERMAN

- **Total collection:** \$ 4,098,136.49

HALF CENT SALES TAX EXPENDITURES FROM INCEPTION THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2023, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 – MS. MELISSA ALDERMAN

- **Total sales tax collected to date:** \$344,323,932.
Remaining estimated revenue to collect: \$135,676,068.
- **Total expenditures through November:** \$321,836,003.
Remaining balance to be collected: \$158,163,997.

**HALF CENT SALES TAX FUNDS - CONSOLIDATED - MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2023, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 – MS. MELISSA ALDERMAN**

- Everything is moving smoothly.
- Deposits are being monitored due to high interest yields this year.
- Any deficiencies in revenues compared to the district’s estimation for the year in regular sales tax funds will likely be made up for with interest revenue.

UPDATE ON THE SALES TAX, NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PROJECT, INCLUDING AN OVERVIEW OF OTHER NON-SALES TAX CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – Mr. RON YOUNG AND MR. TOM BROWN

- **Turie T. Small Elementary School**
 - Construction is ongoing.
 - About 50% complete.
 - Still on track for opening in August 2024.
- **Tomoka Elementary School**
 - About 60% completion.
 - On track to open in August 2024.
- **Starke Elementary School**
 - Analyzing the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) and it might be taken to the board next month.
 - Opening August of 2025.
- **Orange City Elementary School**
 - Finalizing GMP.
 - Estimated ground-breaking is beginning of March.
 - Temporary portable classrooms to house all the student during construction are being set up.
 - Opening August of 2025.

Question from Mr. M. Jason Myer:

- Are the portables being leased for Orange City Elementary not an expenditure but just a lease while under construction?
- Mr. Tom Brown:
 - Yes that is correct.

FOLLOW UP FROM THE LAST MEETING

- **HB 1 Follow up – Report on Scholarship programs and its effects – Ms. Melissa Brown**
 - Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) is the primary mechanism for funding the operating costs of Florida school districts.
 - Students fall under one of the following categories:
 - Traditional schools, including virtual.
 - Charter schools.
 - Scholarship programs; or
 - Undistributed. (Undistributed students are those which the district is unsure of which category they will be placed under.)
 - Volusia County School District budgets the traditional and virtual schools.
 - A plan for charter schools with their estimated yearly expense and scholarships is set aside.
 - The school district collaborates with all departments to determine the expected number of students in scholarship programs.

- The state manages the scholarships. They send the money to the scholarship schools directly. We are not entitled to that money.
- If the scholarships go up and traditional remains the same, the district is already budgeting for it. The school district remains status quo. It does not affect the budget.

- **Science Classroom Update – Mr. Ron Young**

- Mr. Ron Young shared pictures of several science classrooms from Deland Middle School. He also shared pictures of modified science classrooms.
- They are very crowded workstations and they are very old with lots of issues.
- Ms. Taylor identified that the biggest need for science classrooms is in Deland Middle School.

Question from Mr. M. Jason Myer:

- Do we have a line item budget for replacing the units and are we already contemplating this expense?
 - Mr. Ron Young: Yes, a line item in the referendum.
- Can you tell us how old those stations are in the pictures? I find it odd that the teacher is requesting a station where they are not collaborating together.
 - Mr. Ron Young: The stations are original to the school.
- Is there a typical product or configuration that we've found to be more conducive for teaching just across the whole district?
 - Mr. Ron Young: The three teachers that we talked to preferred to have their collaborative spaces on the perimeter. This allows them more control when they come back to the seated workstations.
- You said \$350,000 to \$500,000 per classroom. How does it compare to some of the other schools that we build and outfit?
 - Mr. Ron Young: The renovations cost is about \$395 a square foot per a 1,000 square foot classroom.

Comments from Ms. Sandy Burke-Bishop:

It appears these teachers are asking for two types of workstations. They want perimeter for experiments and then rows for talking. Per the referendum, the water was being added to the science classrooms.

Ms. Burke-Bishop requested to put this item on a board meeting or a board workshop. The board should make the decision on the referendum category.

Ms. Rachel Hazel shared that she would convey the message to the board that the committee is asking to speak to the board. The board agenda items are set by the board chair.

Mr. Meyer: There should be minimum standard specifications template or model for what a middle school science classroom should look like with standard types of furniture that can be used in all those classrooms.

Ms. Hazel: The middle schools were all built at different times. Since then, what was originally a science classroom might not be the science classroom anymore, it might be a different kind of a classroom. Now the district is trying to retrofit classrooms that were designed to be regular classrooms into science classrooms. A school may have started out with one science classroom but are now in need of 4-5 science classrooms. And so these classrooms might not have water. Ms. Hazel asked if the committee would like to tell us what the

science classroom retrofit should be like or should the district ask the curriculum department to provide that information?

Ms. Burke-Bishop: Requested a list of classrooms building by building, of rooms that are existing science rooms with water. Are they being used for science classrooms or being abandoned to another subject, like English room, that doesn't require water?

Comment from Dr. Matt Kuhn:

Based on his education and experience of teaching at the secondary level:

- **Sinks:** Useful for Chemistry and Biology classes.
- **Physics and Geology:** Don't necessarily need a wet lab.
- **Water:** Not required in every science classroom.
- **Chemical Resistant Countertops:** Essential.
- **Collaborative Spaces:** Needed.
- **Separate Spaces:** Science teachers prefer separate areas for experiments and class work, especially when experiments span multiple days.

PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Mitch Aten:

- No comments.

Ms. Sandy Burke-Bishop:

- Orange City School: Is there any update on the old building at Orange City elementary school? Mr. Ron Young shared that the district was just told by the state that it is a contributing resource to the historical district of Orange City. The district will update the committee after discussion with the school district attorney.

Mr. Jake Lammers:

- No comments

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.