

Minutes

Citizens Oversight Committee

Sept 9, 2025

DO Board Room

5:30 pm

Present: Karli Vorderstrasse, Lee Schlenker, Bob Archer, Jerry Boudreaux, Steve Spencer, John Hockman, Tami Larson, Candy Posey, Gary Suderman

Absent: Tara Townley, Bill Masei, Pam Lybarger, Sara Leroy, Mickey Garus, Marlene Gillis

1.0 Welcome- Meeting called to order at 5:36

2.0 Approval of Min

Tabled until the next meeting as well as July's meeting minutes.

3.0 Financial Update

- August, we brought in \$ 186,000.
- We are matching grants.
- An extra \$4 million above bond submitted for reimbursement.
- \$ 1.1 million spent on projects.
- \$14,813.000 is left over from current projects.
- Running on time for projects.
- Spent the entire amount of 1st proceeds.

4.0 Old Business: N/A

5.0 New Business

5.1 Summer Project Summary

- Bob: Last Spring and through this summer 35 projects were completed using bond dollars.
- District now has 100% LED fixtures district wide and we are a head of other schools in the state.
- Energy Trust covers 100%
- Small areas are not covered such as closets but all major areas of buildings have them.
- This will cause the lighting bills to level out 15-20% in savings.
- This has taken 2 years for this project.
- We are currently in the process for creating graphs and tracking info for all utilities in the schools.
- New lighting is motion activated which will save money.
- Roofs replaced on portables and Post High.
- Athletic Entrance roof replaced.
- Whitworth and Lyle plumbing done.
- Exterior painting completed district wide.
- New siding and paint on the District Office.

- Extensive dry rot taken care of and replaced on the District Office as well.
- DHS metal siding around the theater and science wing replaced.
- DHS metal siding replaced where the foods room is with hardy board.
- We had only two change orders with our contractors Gelco and they did great.
- Worked with Michael Pierce with the city for the sidewalk project at the schools.
- Sealed gym walls at the middle school to mitigate water issues and vents.
- Locker room ceilings at the Middle school were also completed.
- Gypsum (Sheetrock) lid ceilings and FRP (Fiberglass reinforced Plastic) in both locker rooms.
- Had no bad contractors this summer they were on sched and on time.
- Jerry Boudreaux: Said its been great that we have brought project management in house kudos to Bob Archer.
- Two projects that didn't get completed due to time was carpet at Lyle and exterior painting at Whitworth.
- Exterior painting at Whitworth is deferred to next Spring tentatively.
- Athletic Vestibule was also completed at the high school.

5.2 Ongoing Bond Projects

- Fire Alarm upgrade at District Office and Morrison.
- Tiles dropped as well.
- CTE building underway with framing, roof and car decking replaced. Exterior will be done prior to rain season.
- We have had 7 change orders from Kirby Nagelhout and 5 of those are credits.
- The CTE project is slated to be done at the end of December but electrical switch gear issues could push it out.

6.0 Long Range Planning

6.1 Future District Projects

- **Bob:** DHS Theater Rigging over winter break.
- Tennis courts at the high school.
- Security fencing district wide at entries.
- Metal on Southside of high school.
- Restroom partition upgrade district wide.
- Oakdale exterior soffit drywall cost to replace with metal panel.
- Parking areas, resurfacing to reseal areas.
- Carpet at Lyle and middle school over spring break and or summer.
- HVAC upgrades district wide.
- District painting.
- Restroom upgrade at stadium replacing porta potties.
- Stadium bleachers at the high school. Annual inspections cannot be maintained because they will not inspect them.

Steve Spencer: Long Range Facility planning and other groups

- New member on committees and applications.
- In the last month sent out an email to 4,000 people asking if they were interested and had background for serving on any of these four committees.
- 10-12 people responded and applied.
- Merging together these 4 different committees.
- Asked Christy Perry to come back and Chair the Finance Committee.
- For Long range facility planning what big projects do we tackle?
- Budget Committee, look at all and create a budget making sure we know what we want to spend our money on.
- Look at things that have not been done and make recommendations on what to do.
- Getting a diverse group of people to serve on these committees.
- **Gary Suderman:** I would like to be on the long-range Facility Planning committee.
- Bob plans on having the long-range facility planning group meet sometime in October.
- **John Hockman:** asked how many years until possible school closure.
- **Steve Spencer:** Stated that this is something that he never wants to see and that's why these groups are so important to facilitate making sure that doesn't happen and keeping an eye on enrollment numbers.

7.0 Public Input

- **Gary Suderman:** Said he is passionate about being on committees and with diverse opinions. Said the town is growing but the kids aren't and wants to be a part of decision making with these groups.

8.0 Next Meeting: 10/7/25 at 5:30 pm DO Board Room

9.0 Adjourn 6:48 pm

Committee Chair Jerry Boudreaux

Date

Committee Secretary Karli Vorderstrasse

Date