

Minutes

Citizens Oversight Committee

December 2, 2025

DO Board Room

5:30 pm

Present: Karli Vorderstrasse, Bob Archer, Sean Johnson, Jerry Boudreau, Gary Suderman, Marlene Gillis, Angela Munkers, Bill Massi, Matt Woolsey, Micky Garus, Tami Larson, John Hockman, Bethany Henry, Lee Schlenker, Walt Markee.

Absent: Sarah Cruxford, Tara Townley, Candy Posey

Start Time: 5:31 pm

1.0 Welcome

Introductions: Jerry: I have a few little housekeeping chores that would need to do prior to moving into the regular meeting, I'm going to keep it as short as I can. housekeeping, chore number one, there's going to be a change in the minutes. We are we are going as a public meeting and to help Karli out with the project of writing minutes. We are going to a little different system. I want you folks to be in on the ground floor and know what we are doing, they are going to start to look just a little bit different. Karli talked to us about the recording and the translation and the presentation of the minutes.

Karli: Moving forward we are going to be taking minutes in a narrative format to ensure that we are getting all important information down as well as making sure everyone is in the loop moving forward.

2.0 Approval of Minutes:

Discussion of minutes was held. Clarifications, and corrections were made according to discussion

Approval of Nov min: Approval as corrected

3.0 Financial Report

We received another grant allocation from our awesome grant of One million four hundred and five thousand dollars in November. So, it's one of the few months that we've had since we sold the bonds and received those revenues from the issuance, that we have more than just interest to booking into our, um, account. So, we added a one point five million. We still have an additional one point one million to draw down that final amount of that grant. And that deadline is April of 2026. So, we have some additional projects that need to be completed before we can apply

for the remaining balance for reimbursement for those projects, or the matching grant for the projects. Um, overall, we spent three point seven million dollars or excuse me, seven hundred and seventy-nine thousand was a small expenditure month. Big revenue month. Total amount that we spent this fiscal year so far is three point seven million. We have encumbered Point eight additional million dollars for projects that we already have contracts on, and are expecting to spend around seven point six million dollars this year. After we've all said and done through July or through June thirtieth. Sorry, we're still holding because of that influx of money, about fourteen and a half million dollars in our available funds for expenditure over and above those ones that are already, encumbered.

So over and above the seven million, over and above the three point, uh, the encumbered amount, which is three point eight. So, got about eighteen million in the bank.

4.0 Old Business

Steve: The last meeting, we started a conversation about the balance, which now stands at about fourteen and a half million. And the major projects that remain, uh, and then the idea of attempting to prioritize those projects and then attempting to put a pretty close dollar figure on those projects so that we can realistically prioritize something at pretty much what it's going to cost. I want to ask Steve if you have any sense of the district, the community, the board, and so on and so forth about what those priorities might be. As far as we were talking about the multi- use room, we were talking about second gen at, we're talking about stadium upgrades and then a critical facility upgrade CFU's that need to be ongoing and then some sort of a contingency balance. Do you have any sense from the board about where they might be sitting on that, or are they looking to us? Certainly that's what we pulled this together to kind of help take a look at everything back in the district and reprioritize, I guess would be the easiest way to say it. We recognize and know that the initial push is the stadium. That is a that is a facility that we are not going to be able to have anything in until we get it fixed. Um, so that's really where I stop, because I know that's a now, the rest of those are conversations where we're bringing together long-range facility planning, um, trying to be able to identify, um, what those critical infrastructure needs are, recognizing that there are things in high school facilities, for example, with sports programs that are extra full and trying to find ways to accommodate all of those. So, um, I feel like I'm really comfortable saying stadium is priority one. The rest of those, I'm comfortable sitting back and listening and having that as being part of the conversation. Yeah. I think, the other piece of that is, you know, continuing on with our roofing, our roof restorations, um, you know, or any of our building envelope issues that continuing with our metal at the high school to try to just get some of that stuff all sealed up and complete prior to going into another bond.

5.0 New Business

Committee members stated that the stadium is our priority and we need to get that dialed down. That needs to be maintained and be what the mission is until the constructions is started. We have had to be creative in the past as far as graduation is concerned, Covid and such. I think it would be a mistake to stop construction to just try to restart again. I think if we have the funding and its all been approved then we let them start and rock and roll on it until its done.

Marlene discusses the scope this aligns with the budget information that you have. So, you can disregard the middle school and fieldhouse. Just look at the drawings of the stadium. One request was to try and get an accessible ramp on the interior and we just had to demonstrate it. It wipes out that entire center seating section because you need to ramp almost the size of this. You would have to replace that. Ironically, it takes out the ADA seating in order to get that in so the backside does need some rework to get a level accessible path.

The other option that we looked at the lower plan is adding a bathroom closer to that ramp. We could also do that too. There's utility cost and it's not as convenient. There are some issues with that. SO right now, we're proposing to still keep the bathroom. Here we can look at continuing adding that remote bathroom on that far NW corner of the building with the proposed knowing that will have increased utility cost to extend the plumbing over.

Another COC member had additional thoughts that with the way things are currently under contract and with a contractor that's doing the CTE demo building. Which allows us to roll them into the next phase, essentially if we are going to build the gym or we were going to do a multi-use facility, we could take this same approach. My thought with the stadium project is since we have them on board we just need to modify the contract and they can come in on the front end and do some investigation.

I feel that the contractor we have right now we have a very good working relationship with and I have worked with them in the past. This is the first time with this current job superintendent and project manager. They are very responsive they are good about going through change order logs and I have them to a point where they are not charging us a markup for change orders to 10%. I think my recommendation would be to roll over with Kirby for the stadium project.

Another committee member shared Bob and Him had a conversation regarding his understanding was he thought that we would do the four projects and have enough money left over from the 14 million. I think we could do a smaller version like a wrestling room or mat room and the stadium.

Steve said dept of education has done a facility assessment to kind of rank our facilities condition wise. We think potentially some issues that might come up in that assessment, but we are looking at that as a long-range facility planning group for future planning projects. If we have any critical ones that show up we don't know yet. We together we want to make sure we are committing to this group that we know we will run all of these ideas through bond council.

6.0 Public Input

They are wondering if there's any sentiment towards the fact we are spending a lot of money on the stadium project as needed. It feels like these bathrooms are centrally located. Is that satisfying the requirements of everyone of the bathrooms? As long as theirs access I don't feel like it's such a burden to go from the softball fields another member commented. As long as there's access at the stadium to use the restroom there so I feel like were kind of killing two birds with one stone. If we invest in enough infrastructure, its centrally located enough that's superior to the porta potties. That is my thought, we don't really need to discuss laving an extra facility. Is there enough bathrooms built into this that satisfies those requirements and Luckily not all are used at the same time that is I my comment and question?

Jerry: for the good of the order any last-minute comments?

One of the members asked about numbers, and the optics of building a new building. If the numbers are declining and we are down the road looking at closing a school, what is the time line like and how close are we to that decision? Is it something where we can expedite it and combine two schools and have an empty facility and have extra money? If we are running two schools at meek numbers and we can combine them now and have a facility that we can put thousands of dollars into right now we keep talking about community centers and others options that would open the door to all kinds of stuff that could generate money.

Steve said the finance and long-range facility planning was given a charge specifically to come up with a recommendation that he cannot remember the exact date but possibly April timeline to make a recommendation towards wither closure or consolidation on all those types of things. I know the next meeting will be a big one in terms of identifying some ed specs for what each building needs for students. I don't want to rush that too fast. We need it to be through works and we will have a better idea in February-ish of where that is directionally headed on this bond. We have to go out for another bond until 2028-2029 to address additional expenditures. So we have a year right now.

7.0 Next Meeting Jan 6 2025 5:30 District Office Board Room

Adjourn 7:40pm

Jerry Boudreaux Committee Chair

Date

Karli Vorderstrasse Committee Secretary

Date

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