MEETING
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S
SPLOST OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Sam Moss Center, 1780 Montreal Rd Tucker GA, 30084

October 24, 2013

Paul Baisier called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

Present at the meeting were: Narwanna D. el-Shabazz, Charlie Rogers, Christine Avers, Herman Lorenz, B.R. "Billy Ray" Jones, Kerry Williams, Delilah Wynn-Brown, Wyvern Budram, Paul Baisier, Cathy Blakeney and Kimberly Mitchell.

DCSD staff present: John Jambro, David Lamutt, John Wright, Brian Albanese and Jessica Leterle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda, an addition was suggested for the distribution of the second semi-annual report drafted by Ms. Blakeney which was ready for review. This was added to agenda, for the end of the meeting. Members approved.

Motion to approve July and September minutes, members approved.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT PRESENTATION

By Mr. John Wright, Deputy Program Director

CIP Highlights from MSR presented:
Ribbon cutting at MGHS; Program progress - project phase statuses (SPLOST III and IV); Members suggest that reporting on projects in closeout should be reporting whether projects were finished within the project schedule and budget – URS staff agrees to do this in the future; Large projects still in SPLOST III include Chamblee HS and part of MLK HS.

Highlighted the importance of swing space, which included heavy involvement of school administration to limit disruption (ex. Fernbank ES move to Avondale MS). Ms. Blakeney questioned how the students have been affected by the transition (grades, attendance, etc). Mr. Jambro said that CIP staff will need to work with school curriculum to track any affects here (suggested CRCT). Ms. Wynn-Brown summarized that the Committee recommendation is that CIP Staff take metrics of the relocation to analyze how to best handle the situation.

Procurement summary: A new procurement specialist has recently been hired and DCSD is looking to expand the advertising for procurement; Meet and greet recently hosted for architects, engineers and contractors; Working to improve communication on ribbon cutting and other SPLOST events between DCSD and members.
Prototypical ES Update by Brian Albanese (Project Manager):
Georgia DOE granted preliminary approval in late September, some comments have been made by DOE and have been incorporated by the architects. For an update on individual site, the Fernbank site has reduced the number of trees that will be removed based upon the community input. The schematic design drawings are now on the SPLOST IV website.

CONTRACT AWARD LIST UPDATE
By Mr. John Jambro, DCSD Manager of Design and Construction
Mr. Baisier asked whether all projects on or under budget. Mr Jambro responded that they are, as they cannot move forward otherwise. It's Board Policy to rebid if the project comes in over budget. That is how it is planned and funds are allocated.

INQUIRY OF SPLOST FUND ACCOUNTS
An update on the location of SPLOST Funds is given by Mr. Baisier. The Members still have further questions and would like to extend an invitation to Dr. Bell or a representative to present how the funding works.

NEW MEMBER TO REPLACE KIRK NOOKS
Mr. Drake is interviewing the next candidate, and he/she should be here for the next meeting

SERVER CAPACITY FOR SPLOST DOCUMENTATION ON WEBPAGE
This is in line to be handled by DCSD IT.

ONLINE PRESENCE AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL OUTREACH
There should be an effort made to keep the website updated. It should also be made clear that the Committee’s intent is meant to monitor projects, not advocate or influence community projects. These individuals need to be redirected to school councils, principals, and PTSA.

MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE
There was a discussion to make a revision to the Committee meeting schedule. It will be the third Thursday of every month (as posted on the Committee website) for November and December 2013. Beginning in Jan 2014 it will be moved to the Fourth Thursday. This was approved by members.
CIRCULATION OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

To be circulated electronically by Ms. Blakeney to the Committee Members for review.

ADJOURN

Move to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Members consented and the meeting adjourned.