

Half-Cent Oversight Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
January 23, 2023 at 4 p.m. (District Office – Boardroom)

**WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Karl Smith called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman went over the guidelines and reinforced that this was an information-sharing meeting.

Members present: Chairman Karl Smith, Jennifer Boe, Scott Costello, Tom Mason, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Karen McCann, John Roberts, Steven Vann,

Members absent: Karen Alford, Dean Cheshire, Brian Scarborough, Carolyn Webber

District members present:

Shane Andrew, Superintendent

Alex Rella, Chief of Finance

Suzanne Wynn, Dir. Community Planning, Concurrency and Major Construction

Jamarr Akins, Community Engagement Coordinator

Patty Underwood, Communication/Community Initiatives

Not members anymore – Rik McNeill – Margaret Loy – Jason Haesler

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion by Jeanna Mastrodicasa

Seconded by Jennifer Boe

to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022, with a correction of replacing the words “One Mill” with “Half-Cent” under Superintendent’s remarks.

Upon Vote: Motion Passed

SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Shane Andrew gave an overview of recent activities which included:

- Oak View Middle School: Construction projects have been completed and school is in use. They had a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on January 10.
- Westwood Middle School: Construction is well under way. A ground breaking was planned but had to be cancelled due to weather. A “wall-raising” event will be held later on. They received a hard bid for this construction and plan to reopen at the beginning of the 2024/25 school year.
- Littlewood Elementary School: Is in process and is ongoing. It has been approved before the break. And a selection for an architectural firm is in process.

FACILITIES UPDATE:

Suzanne Wynn reviewed with everyone the Capital Improvements Projects Update presentation:

- We had the opening at Oak View Middle School.
- Westwood Middle School is under active demolition at this time and is pretty close to completion. Taking in hard bids for this project has worked out well.
- In answer to a question about Littlewood’s hard bid process – which worked out well. They are being frugal with purchases and they did buy laptops.
- The plan is to move Westwood back to Westwood for the 2024/25 school year and move Littlewood to the transition school.
- We’ve been instructed by the board to do hard bids for future construction and we will do a hard bid for Littlewood.

- At Westwood – we will eliminate some portables when Littlewood moves into the transition school and also be removing portables as they are no longer being used.

FINANCE UPDATE:

Chief of Finance, Alex Rella, went over the financial update report handout.

- Will provide a cash flow report and a counter analysis at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION:

In general:

- Zoning was mentioned – since Buchholz High School is overcrowded could zoning be changed to take some students from Gainesville High School. What are some of the plans for rezoning?
- Hawthorne Middle/High is needing emergency repairs.
- Can we look ahead at some of these projects? Are they going to get funding? What is the plan?
- Alex Rella answered on future plans that there is a lot to be determined in the next few years in regards to school needs, zoning changes, enrollment changes.
- A revised timeline will be worked on for the next meeting.
- There is a need for marketing – in letting the public know of the accomplishments and what their half-cent sales tax money is being spent on.

**ELECTION OF
NEW OFFICERS**

Motion by Jeanna Mastrodicsa Seconded by Steven Vamm
to nominate Brian Scarborough as the new chair.

Upon Vote: Motion Passed

Motion by Jeanna Mastrodicsa Seconded by Jennifer Boe
to nominate Jennifer Boe as the new vice-chair.

Upon Vote: Motion Passed

MEETING ADJOURNED: Adjourned at 5:06 p.m.