

**Half-Cent Oversight Committee Meeting**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**February 5, 2024 at 4 p.m. (District Office – Boardroom)**

**WELCOME**

Chairman Brian Scarborough called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members Present: Jennifer Boe, Tom Mason, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Karen McCann, Brian Scarborough, Steven Vann

Members absent: Karen Alford, Dean Cheshire, John Roberts, Karl Smith, Carolyn Webber

District members present:

Shane Andrew, Superintendent

Maria Eunice, Chief of Operations

Suzanne Wynn, Director, Community Planning, Concurrency & Major Construction

Keith Birkett, Interim Chief of Finance

Deborah Parrish, Finance

Jackie Johnson, Director, Communications/Community Initiatives

Patty Underwood, Communications Office

Board members present:

Tina Certain, Board Member

**FACILITIES UPDATE:**

Suzanne Wynn presented the current Facilities Update.

Westwood Middle construction is on target for students/staff to move back to the Westwood campus during the summer of 2024. Preparations are also being made for Littlewood move to the transition school during this same time. Some work (where possible) has already begun in order to convert the transition school from a middle to an elementary school (for example, new restrooms)

There is an August 2025 projection date for Littlewood to be completed and revitalized campus to reopen.

A Board workshop will be held on February 7 at 10 a.m. This workshop will cover the Half-Cent, Capital Improvements and Five-Year Plan Updates. Committee members' attendance is welcome.

Additional information was given by Shane Andrew concerning other projects that are underway or have been completed. They include schools that are not on the Half-Cent list, such as Hawthorne, Sidney Lanier, Gainesville, Buchholz, Rawlings, Bishop, Norton, Wiles, Talbot, Lincoln, Newberry High and the Manning Center. These included HVAC and roofing projects, painting, and more. He stressed that there were much more projects that Facilities was involved in over and above the Half-Cent projects.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Jeanna Mastrodicasa

Seconded by Jennifer Boe

To approve the minutes with one correction – “The project of turning Prairie View into a magnet school would be budgeted from the 1½ mill instead of Half-Cent revenues.

Upon Vote: Motion Passed

**FINANCE UPDATE:** Keith Birkett introduced Deborah Parrish, also from the Finance Department. He then went on to review the Financial Update Report.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Suzanne Wynn mentioned the Board Workshop again. The handouts previously emailed to the committee members will be presented at the workshop.

Shane Andrews was asked about rezoning. He shared that work on developing proposed plans is continuing.

The potential impact of year-round schools, particularly on transportation, was also discussed.

Suzanne Wynn mentioned that under a proposed state law, surplus land and facilities that are not currently in use could possibly be turned over to the state to be used by charter schools if a district sees even a slight (1%) reduction in overall attendance in a given year. There is also a proposal to convert a traditional public school to a charter school based on a 'yes' vote by a minority of parents at the school (25% +1). Current law requires approval by a majority of teachers as well as parents before a school can be converted to a charter.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Adjourned at 4:59 p.m. Next meeting will be April 1, 2024 @ 4 p.m.