

**Half-Cent Oversight Committee Meeting**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**May 22, 2023 at 4 p.m. (District Office – Boardroom)**

**WELCOME**

Chairman Brian Scarborough called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members Present: Jennifer Boe, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Karen McCann, John Roberts, Brian Scarborough, Karl Smith, Steven Vann, Carolyn Webber,

Members absent: Karen Alford, Tom Mason

District members present:

Shane Andrew, Superintendent

Keith Birkett, Incoming Chief of Finance

Alex Rella, Chief of Finance

Jackie Johnson, Director, Communications/Community Initiatives

Jamarr Akins, Community Engagement Coordinator

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Motion by Karl Smith

Seconded by Jeanna Mastrodicasa

to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023, meeting.

Upon Vote: Motion Passed

**SUPERINTENDENT  
UPDATE:**

Moving along with Westwood project. In previous meetings we discussed the contamination issue. That has been resolved and we are still on track for the proposed completion date. On April 24 we did the wall-raising and we're still on target for opening in August of the 2024/25 school year.

At Littlewood Elementary, Harvard Jolly was selected for the project. Last week we had a design input meeting with stakeholders and we're on schedule for that also. Littlewood students will be moving to the transition campus.

The cost Aldi for the old Terwilliger site is in process and we'll hear more on this from Suzanne Wynn at the next meeting. In question is whether to demolish everything and begin again.

Changed spot rezoning to comprehensive rezoning and this should take effect August 2024 for the 2024/25 school year and this will effect K-12 students and schools. We will hear more on this from Jackie Johnson.

We've kicked off the Strategic planning project, hoping to wrap up the envisioning phase by June 26 or 27 and the next phase by this fall. We hope to start implementing the plan by the end of year and going into January, 2024.

**REZONING UPDATE:**

The last time this county had comprehensive rezoning was in 1983. Jackie Johnson showed a PowerPoint concerning rezoning and the student enrollment numbers by location, along with current zoning maps and projected populations. To see this you may watch the YouTube meeting video or go to the Half-Cent website to access.

Some highlights were emphasized such as school choice, more students, population movement, current over-enrolled and under-enrolled schools, along with Magnet programs. It was brought out that new construction is expensive and portable were also expensive while funding was limited.

The most frequently asked questions are located on the Rezoning website along with a timeline, meeting dates and other information. This site is being updated continually.

Proposed maps and zone lines will be presented on August 16 at the School Board workshop and these will be shared at the following community input sessions. All meetings are open and public input is welcome.

There was some discussion on school choice and vouchers. Along with the initial 10-days counts at the beginning of the school year. The cap of a new charter is 400 while Santa Fe has 75 next year with 150 the following year.

Specialty centers will not be impacted since those are unique schools. At this time there is no talk of switching Sidney Lanier or A. Q. Jones with the Duval campus.

**FINANCE UPDATE:**

Alex Rella, Chief of Finance, went over the financial update report handout. Since last meeting we've received the December tax deposit and with the economy, we are meeting our projections so far.

Westwood's actual cost of the buried fuel tank and removing contaminates with the shipping is unknown at this moment. We haven't received the total cost but it will probably be close to 1,000,000.

Due to inflation, the pandemic and other issues, we need to reprioritize the project list that was originally created years ago.

And the 50,000 school funds have mostly been closed or the funds are now encumbered.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Adjourned at 5 p.m.      Next meeting is August 28