

**Half-Cent Oversight Committee Meeting**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**September 18, 2023 at 4 p.m. (District Office – Boardroom)**

**WELCOME**

Chairman Brian Scarborough called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members Present: Karen Alford, Tom Mason, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Karen McCann, John Roberts, Brian Scarborough, Steven Vann,

Members absent: Dean Cheshire, Scott Costello, Jennifer Boe, Carolyn Webber, Karl Smith

District members present:

Shane Andrew, Superintendent

Keith Birkett, Interim Chief of Finance

Maria Eunice, Chief of Operations

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

Jackie Johnson, Director, Communications/Community Initiatives

Board members present:

Tina Certain, Board Chair

Leannetta McNealy, Board Member

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Motion by Jeanna Mastrodicasa                      Seconded by Karen Alford  
to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023, meeting.

Upon Vote: Motion Passed

**SUPERINTENDENT  
UPDATE:**

Reviewed the updates on Rezoning with rescheduled meetings. Revised schedule, including rescheduled meetings are:

October 2 – Input Session at the SWAG Family Resource Center

October 2 – Input Session Kanapaha Middle

October 5 – Input Session at Newberry High

October 10 – Input Session at Gainesville High

October 12 – Input Session at Santa Fe High

October 17 – First Reading

November 14 – Board Meeting Hearing

December 5 – Second Reading / Vote

The district is looking at magnet schools, courtesy bus routes, computer lab space vs. classroom space, and a host of other items that may increase school capacity and/or save on busing costs/routes. The district is also involved in the Strategic Planning process, which could affect facilities issues.

Reintroduced Keith Birkett as the Interim Chief of Finance and also welcomed Maria Eunice, Chief of Operations.

**FACILITIES UPDATE:** Suzanne Wynn went over the Capital Improvements list and noted that we were still ahead by around \$400,000 on the Westwood project. We are on track at about 50% completion and the plan is to move Westwood from the Transition campus over the summer of 2024 and start the 2024/25 school year at the Westwood campus.

Also, during the summer of 2024, Littlewood will be moving to the Transition school so work can be on the Littlewood campus.

The individual school funds provided through the half-cent revenues (\$50,000 per school) have been fully spent with the exception of Littlewood Elementary and Hawthorne Middle/High, which is planning to use its funds for a down payment on rubberizing the track.

Discussion on the differences between hard bids and GMPs (Guaranteed Maximum Price).

**FINANCE UPDATE:** Keith Birkett went over the Financial Update Report. Discussion was held on expenditures and the payment schedule for the half-cent funds.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** It was requested that a breakdown on the Littlewood renovations might be helpful.

The issue of busing costs, courtesy routes and how the district would review each of the routes was again discussed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Adjourned at 5:07 p.m. Next meeting is December 11, 2023.