

Half-Cent Oversight Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
September 19, 2022 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.

Members present: Chairman Karl Smith, Karen Alford, Jennifer Boe, Margaret Loy, Karen McCann, Rik McNeill, Brian Scarborough, Steven Vann and Jeanna Mastrodicasa

Members absent: Tom Mason, Dean Cheshire and Jason Haesler

District members present:

Alex Rella, Chief of Finance

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

Jamarr Akins, Community Engagement Coordinator

Patty Underwood, Communication/Community Initiatives

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion by Brian Scarborough Seconded by Karen McCann
to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 as written.

Upon Vote: Motion Passed

SUPERINTENDENT

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

- Construction projects completed that were and were not Half Cent-related includes Idylwild Elementary, (Half-Cent) HVAC at Gainesville High Food Service, Buchholz High track, Eastside High band & choral, Citizen’s Field structure. (Half-Cent) Oak View Middle is in progress.
- Hard bids are opening tomorrow (9/20/22) for Westwood Middle.
- Projects underway are Sidney Lanier food service & HVAC, Lincoln Middle, Eastside High #9 roof, Buchholz High classrooms 8 & 9 roofs and HVAC. Hawthorne Middle/High track, Eastside High locker rooms, Lincoln Middle art & technical, Buchholz High drainage, Lofton High parking lot.
- We are still needing teacher and we are still hiring.
- Bargaining got wrapped up with the \$15 per hour requirement.
- Looking at ways to support School Improvement.
- Trying to reach out to 3-4 year-olds.
- Student population is up a little this year by 700-800 students. Alex Rella added that Metcalfe and Bishop has exploded in population.

There were comments on the safety of the structure at Citizen’s Field – The actual structures has been assessed for safety reasons. Don’t know at this time what will be happening to this facility but the separation in the stands is not a safety issue.

FACILITIES UPDATE:

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

- Oak View’s expected completion is December 2022.
- Construction costs are going up.
- Mentioned the hard bid that is happening on 9/20/22. We should receive four bids.
- There is a Sales Tax Update Board Workshop on October 12 for those interested.

- Mentioned monies that the schools had to spend or lose and the deadline that is coming up in December to get their plans in.

It was asked about a communication plan to inform the public of all the accomplishments.

FINANCE UPDATE:

Chief of Finance, Alex Rella, went over the financial updates and highlighted some numbers and projections. Finances continue to be positive

Discuss general funds, what was unspent vs. what is on schedule to be spent.

DISCUSSION:

In general:

- Thank you from a lot to everybody for all they are doing.
- Election of officers – It was decided to postpone electing new officers until new Board Members chose their representatives to the committee.

NEXT MEETING:

November 21, at 4 p.m., in the District's Boardroom.

MEETING

ADJOURNED:

Adjourned at 5:23 p.m.