

**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE MEETING
3397 WEST THARPE STREET
PURCHASING CONFERENCE ROOM
September 12, 2019, 9:00 AM**

MINUTES

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Scott Hansen, Kathy Sanders, June Kail, Danny Allbritton, Butch Watkins, Alan Cox, Charles Williams (Chair), Doug Cook, Tom Inserra, Pat Weaver, Ricky Bell. (11) Quorum Present. Georgia “Joy” Bowen, came in late after voting.
COMMITTEE NOT PRESENT: Kim Banks.
SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Martha Chauncey, Karen McCurley, Toni Hutto, Remera Jones-Haynes Rod McQueen, James Howcroft, Buddy Tricquet, James Cole, Taneka Forbes, Hallie Dwyer, Carl Green, Kathleen Rodgers, Kim Atkinson, Yolonda Ferris

1. Welcome\Approval of Minutes.....Chair, Charles Williams

Charles Williams called the meeting to order, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Quarterly meeting.

Mr. Williams stated first order of business was to get approval of last meeting minutes as they were presented.

There was a **motion** from June Kail to approve the minutes as presented. The **motion was seconded**, by Kathy Sanders. The April 25, 2019 Capital Outlay meeting minutes were **APPROVED** unanimously.

2. Finance Update.....Kathy Sanders

Ms. Sanders stated that the revenues are coming in as projected with a slight increase in the property taxes. She noted they project a 2% increase from year to year but there was some concern with sales tax revenue due to slump in FSU football; however, all things considered budgets are on track.

3. Title IX Requests.....Kathleen Rodgers

Mr. Williams noted that Dr. Rodgers had not made it to meeting yet so we would move this item further down and move forward with next item.

** Dr. Rodgers stated that it is her understanding that there are questions regarding Title IX. What it entails? How do we determine whether projects that are on the published Capital Outlay list are an issue with Title IX, or not? As she was reviewing the April 25th minutes she noted there were several items that the committee decided were not a Title IX issue.

Dr. Rodgers explained that when she looks at the published Capital Outlay School Request list based on what is captured in the descriptor she determines if it **could possibly be** a Title IX issue. She noted that by the time it is discussed by the committee there may be more facts and/or background information that was not available to her in the beginning. Therefore, to her it appears to be Title IX, but when the Capital Outlay committee meets and discusses it in depth and with more information, it makes sense that at that time it is determined not to be a Title IX issue.

Dr. Rodgers then went on to explain how expansive Title IX actually is. As it pertains to sports, sexual harassment, ESE, not allowing any disparity in regards to gender equity. She recommended that the committee focus on disparity between male and female. She explained for example when one gender group, such as boys' baseball has more provisions/equipment than another gender group such as girls' softball, it is considered a disparity.

There was a discussion regarding this topic with committee members and Dr. Rodgers.

Several key matters were brought to everyone's attention:

- Just because things have been done a certain way doesn't make it right, i.e. using City or County facilities for one gender group and not the other.
- Administrators know that it is the responsibility of the District to be equitable for all groups and that changes/additions to specific groups or projects should be brought to their attention.
- Booster groups and PTO groups need to discuss their proposed projects with Administrators and all involved at the beginning of a project. Just because one group has the money to provide for their project doesn't mean it can be done because it may cause disparity to another group.
- All Principals know that they cannot put anything (garden, shed, lockers, etc.) on their campus without approval and need to contact Facilities & Construction prior to their projects being approved.
- In the future, Dr. Rodgers will be involved at the beginning of the Capital Outlay process and will be included in administrator meetings when items are initially brought to everyone's attention.
- Ricky Bell addressed a Risk Management issue regarding the use of an apartment complex facility to practice for sand volleyball. Dr. Rodgers will research this matter and will get back to Mr. Bell.

4. Maintenance.....Butch Watkins

Mr. Watkins referred to the handout that he had supplied the committee that outlined the major projects for this year so far. These projects included the following:

- Swift Creek- HVAC issues and humidity control and fire alarm upgrades
- Cobb- fire alarm upgrades
- Deerlake- storm water improvements
- Chiles- installation of chiller and upgrade electrical for chiller and girls' softball
- DeSoto Trail, Bucklake and Fort Braden- carpet replacement
- District Wide- Bubbler replacement and filter installation on water coolers- he noted they will spend approximately \$4,000 at each facility
- Mr. Watkins also noted that they have assigned staff to address Capital Outlay School Request list and approximately 80% of those tasks have been completed. Once tasks have been completed he will send out a status report of the remaining items on the list.

***QUESTION:** Mr. Williams asked, if all schools will be carpeted by 2021? Mr. Watkins said no, they have just started budgeting \$500,000 each year for carpet replacement and that only covers 3 schools. Butch said his carpet staff person maintains a schedule and knows which schools are up for replacement. However, if more money becomes available they will be able to do more each year.*

QUESTION: Mr. Inserra asked, if the schools were put on a rotation? Mr. Watkins stated that they had a schedule but that the schedule has been interrupted since 2008 and they are striving to get back on schedule. There was a discussion on carpet and tile.

QUESTION: Ms. June Kail asked, how many bubblers have been replaced so far? If there is a standard and how many more is there to be replaced? Maybe, we can get the costs down. Mr. Watkins said Springwood and Killlearn has been done and that they were trying to replace those that were installed prior to 2014, as that is when the standards changed regarding lead in the water. Mr. Watkins said they did get 3 quotes for bubblers and their cost is \$90 each. There was a discussion regarding the bubblers, sinks, water fountains/coolers. Mr. Rod McQueen clarified the differences and reasons for replacements.

5. Construction.....Danny Allbritton

Mr. Allbritton stated that he wished he could say that the Rickards and Fairview projects were completed but we are not there yet. He said it will probably be a couple more years. However, he provided a slideshow of photos on the current major projects at Fairview and Rickards that are ongoing.

Some of these photos are below:

FAIRVIEW – Renderings of what campus will look like when completed



RICKARDS – Aerial Photo of progression beginning August of 2018



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Rickards High School (Improvements)
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Image # 47
Date 08.31.18

RICKARDS – Aerial Photo of progression July 2019



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Image # 17
Date 07.31.19

Mr. Allbritton went through all of the photos explaining the phases and giving an overview of what has been completed and what is left to be done.

Mr. Allbritton explained to the committee that because of the additional costs associated with the Rickards and Fairview projects due to increased costs associated with construction costs, additional scope and accelerated construction schedules he would like to request that the \$1,000,000 that was initially allocated to W.T. Moore for additional space be moved over to the Rickards project. Danny explained that the W.T. Moore project could be moved back a year or two because they had not seen the growth at the school that was anticipated from the Welaunee neighborhood. Mr. Allbritton also requested that the \$950,000 that was allocated to Conley for correction of plaster material defect be held at the Superintendent's and CFO's discretion to be available, if needed, at Rickards or Fairview.

There was a Motion from Ricky Bell to approve the request of \$1,000,000 of Capital Outlay Funds allocated for W.T Moore be moved to the Rickards project and move \$950,000 from the Conley project, if needed, for Rickards and Fairview projects at the discretion of the Superintendent and CFO.

The Motion was seconded by June Kail.
And was APPROVED unanimously.

**At this point Dr. Kathleen Rodgers entered the meeting and went into her topic of explaining Title IX (see above).

6. Discussion

There was a discussion regarding Rickards High School facilities and upcoming issues that may or may not occur due to the construction process.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:07AM.

Future quarterly meeting dates to be announced.