



BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Dan A Sims, Superintendent

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

To: Bibb County Board of Education

From: Sam Kitchens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Subject: ESPLOST Advisory Committee Summary Report

Background:

As part of Policy BBF, the regulation provides for summaries of the ESPLOST Advisory Committee. The following is a summary report from the Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on October 7, 2024, and First Quarterly Meeting held on February 3, 2025.

Summary:

Summary of Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on October 7, 2024:

- Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Sam Kitchens called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.
- No action items were submitted by the Committee for review.
- Provided updates on the following projects, to include timeline photographs, construction schedule progress and any outstanding items to address:
 - New Springdale Elementary School
 - Thompson Stadium, PH 3
 - Preliminary plans for Thompson PH 4
 - Rutland Middle and High Schools' Renovations
 - Howard Middle and High Schools' Renovations

Conclusion and Comments:

- Mr. Kitchens reminded committee members to submit any proposed agenda items, questions or concerns to the Committee Chair to have them placed on the agenda.
- Mr. Kitchens asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.



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Summary of First Quarterly Meeting held on February 3, 2025:

- Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Sam Kitchens called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.
- No action items were submitted by the Committee for review.
- Provided updates on the following projects:
 - Thompson Stadium, PH 3 & PH 4
 - Rutland Middle and High Schools' Renovations completed summer 2024.
 - Howard Middle and High Schools' Renovations to begin in summer 2025.
 - Athletics - Turf Fields
 - Bernd Elementary School Modernization
 - Northwoods Academy Gymnasium
 - Fine Arts Center
- Mr. Kitchens explained that we are getting close to the end of the 2021 ESPLOST. While ESPLOST revenues have increased from projections, those increased revenues have been offset by the continued increases in construction costs. We will begin preparing preliminary cost estimates and timelines for projects that were planned as contingency projects. We are not anticipating pushing anything from 2021 to 2026 ESPLOST except the Fine Arts Center (previously approved by the Board of Education, due to construction cost and needs assessments). The athletics project list will be completed with the completion of turf fields at Ed DeFore Sports Complex. Bernd Elementary School Secured Vestibule and the addition of a gymnasium at Northwoods Academy are potential contingency projects. We plan to add the 2026 ESPLOST referendum to the November 2025 ballot and currently finalizing the project list and proposed budget.
- Member Review: Committee Members' terms are for two years. Officers' terms are for one year. Mr. Kitchens informed the committee that new Board Members, Dr. Henry Ficklin and Mr. Barney Hester, have respectfully requested that George Thomas, Jr. and Andrea Cooke continue to serve on the ESPLOST Advisory Committee. Both Mr. Thomas and Ms. Cooke accepted and will continue to serve on the committee.
- Mr. Kitchens explained that the current Chairperson, George Thomas Jr., current Co-Chairperson, Andrea Cooke, and current Secretary, Patricia Ballard, will continue to serve for the year 2025 per regulation.
 - Elections for the 2026 calendar year were heard. Ms. Ballard nominated Mr. George Thomas as Chairperson; Mr. Thomas accepted, and was approved by a unanimous vote, Mr. Thomas will be the Committee Chair for 2026; Ms. Ballard nominated Mr. Jack Nichols as Co-Chair. Mr. Nichols had left the meeting early but was subsequently reached for acceptance of the nomination and the committee voted unanimously to approve. Mr. Nichols

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will serve as the Committee Co-Chair for 2026. Ms. Ballard nominated Ms. Tonya Raines for the position of secretary; Ms. Raines accepted, and was approved by unanimous vote, Ms. Raines will be the Committee Secretary for 2026.

- Lori Wall will send out the Bibb County School District's policy and regulation for officer positions to the newly elected officers.
- Mrs. Wall reminded the committee that all agendas, minutes and recordings are located on Teams.

Conclusion and Comments:

- On behalf of the Board Members, Capital Programs and the stakeholders of the Bibb School District, Mr. Kitchens thanked each of the Committee Members for their commitment to serving in this capacity. He reminded Committee Members that the public entrusted us with the stewardship of these funds, and the legal responsibility to fulfill the referendum requirements as voted upon, and this Committee plays a vital part ensuring those responsibilities are carried out.
- Mr. Kitchens reminded committee members to submit any proposed agenda items, questions or concerns to the Committee Chair to have them placed on the agenda.
- Mr. Kitchens asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Next Steps:

Next quarterly meeting shall be held on May 5, 2025. The information memo will then be presented to the board.