

**Minutes**  
**Citizens Oversight Committee**  
**August 7, 2023**  
**LaCreole Middle School Library**  
**5:30 pm**

- **Present:** Jerry Boudreaux, Bob Archer, Steve Spencer, Sean Johnson, Tami Montague, Candy Posey, Deena Loughry, Gary Suderman, Jennifer Reinhardt, Marlene Gillis, Clara Woolsey, Natalie Castillo
  
- **Welcome**
  - Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
  - Site survey of LaCreole Middle School completed
  
- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Motion made by Deena Loughry to approve minutes from June 6, 2023 meeting, motion seconded by Candy Posey, motion carried, minutes are approved.
  
- **Financial Update** - Paul from HMK
  - Handed out Bond Program Budget packet. Packet shows the overall budget for the Bond project. LaCreole is currently coming in under the original cost estimates. There is more consistency in the market and it's easier to rely on the estimates and budget.
  
- **Old Business**
  - Construction Excise Tax (CET) – Steve Spencer
    - Rates of CET will be finalized by the School Board and given to the City of Dallas. The rates will be one third the first year, one third the second year and one third the final year until the entire amount is reached. The resolution has been passed for the Construction Excise Tax. The directive to where the revenue sources will go will be decided by School Board and has not yet been discussed. The revenue will be something that will go towards construction projects.
    - Jerry would like the minutes to show that the committee appreciates the commitment and dedication that Steve and Tami have put into the budget and having the best interest of the district at heart.

- **New Business**
  - Seismic Update –
    - DHS gym rehabilitation is starting to wrap up in specific areas. The budget for that has been scaled back to where we most likely won't have to use Bond funding, we will be within the grant, possibly a little under. Will be mostly complete by the end of August; the weight room will be about a week behind. There were more credits than change orders with the project. There were a few aesthetic changes in the gym but not many. There is some plywood that will be painted on two bays and the half wall by the wrestling room has been extended all of the way up to hopefully minimize distractions. We are going to be updating the lighting in the gym and locker rooms with LED lighting.
    - Bond Project Update – Roofing projects at Lyle, Dallas High School and LaCreole Middle School are about done. Plumbing repair at the middle school has started, replacing pieces of the main line. We are planning the Lyle vestibule entry to start this Winter Break. Cameras and other tech upgrades are being worked on throughout the district. About 70 access points have been upgraded through the district.
- **Discussion of Next Meeting**
  - Next Meeting Date – Tuesday September 5, 2023 5:30 pm, tentatively at Dallas High School
- **Public Input**
  - None at this time
- **Adjourn**
  - Motion made by Gary Suderman, motion seconded by Jennifer Reinhardt. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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**Committee Chair**

**Jerry Boudreaux**

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**Date**

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**Committee Secretary**

**Natalie Castillo**

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**Date**