

February 1, 2017

Ford School Council Minutes

In Attendance:

Jami Frost
Meredith Clinton
Mary Garrett
Sherrill Hayes
Natalie Rutledge
Tracy Zoblisein

New Business:

Nick Parker, Senior Executive Director of SPLOST for Cobb County School System spoke at a joint School Council meeting held at Cheatham Hill Elementary school.

1. Cobb County residents will vote on Ed-SPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) on March, 21, 2017. Ed-SPLOST is different than a county SPLOST as the proceeds go to education.
2. This is the 5th Ed-SPLOT since 1999 and will run for five years. The current Ed-SPLOST expires in 2018 and the future Ed-SPLOST will run from 2019-2023 generating an estimated \$797 million dollars.
3. Spending:
 - a. \$165 million on one new middle school in Smyrna and three replacement schools (East Valley, Harmony Leland, and King Springs) adding 210 new classrooms.
 - b. \$206 million on additions and modifications to schools. Thirteen schools will have building additions with 137 new classrooms.
 - c. \$100 million on infrastructure repairs (roof, HVAC, artificial turf).
 - d. \$150 million on safety, security and support. Examples include security fencing, rekeying all schools (potential for electronic capability), upgrade/replace security cameras.
 - e. \$173 million on academic improvement and technology. Examples include additional STEM labs, returning media centers to learning commons and adding robotic labs.