

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Location: Fort Bend ISD Board Room and Virtual

Members in Attendance:

BOC Members:

Chips Adams
Patrina Carter
J.J. Clemence (via Zoom)
Elena Farah
Joanne Gore (via Zoom)
O. Jones (via Zoom)
Rashid Khokhar
Orjanel Lewis (via Zoom)
Tammy Marino
Stephanie Means-Brown (via Zoom)
Cindy Picazo (via Zoom)
Willie Rainwater (via Zoom)
Kali Shiller
Jeff Wiley

FBISD Staff:

Board of Trustee Rick Garcia
Dr. Christie Whitbeck
Steve Bassett
Beth Martinez
Carolina Fuzetti
Bryan Guinn
Jojo Jacob
Mike Jones
Long Pham
Chief David Rider
Damian Viltz
Sherry Williams
Laura Alvarez (virtual)
Jeanette Boleware
Jeanelle Fisher

Terrilyn Holmes
Kelly Schlacks
Shannon South (virtual)
Nan Stout
Jane Thompson (Jacobs Engineering)
Bobby Bernal (IT Support)
Trkisa Sykes (IT Support)

BOC Chair Rashid Khokhar opened the meeting promptly at 4:00 p.m. Steve Bassett also welcomed attendees.

Carolina Fuzetti with FBISD's Design & Construction presented an update on the 2018 Bond Program. A snippet of the 2018 Bond Program financials was shown and discussed (the dashboard can be found on the FBISD website). It was discussed that program contingency is being used to fund critical projects at this time. The 2018 Bond Program summary was presented which included the breakdown of uncommitted funds from the bond. It was noted that \$2.9 million is now available in the program contingency, but this number fluctuates on a monthly basis as close outs take place and funding shifts. Recently approved projects were discussed. The Board recently approved an LED lighting project utilizing bond contingency funds. This project was going to be included in the upcoming bond, but the need for completion was great and funding was available through 2018 bond contingency. In addition, as the new construction projects (Crawford HS, Bhuchar ES and Ferguson ES) are closed out, unused funds will be transferred into the contingency program.

Steve Bassett presented Bond 2023 strategy. FBISD has hired edVantage, an election consultant, to survey "likely voters" (based on past election voter files) who may vote during the May election. The survey will entail general support of the bond; tolerance for the bond size/amount; inclusion of natatorium, transportation facility, and safety & security; and test tolerance of a possible half penny or one-penny increase. Survey results are due to the district by February 7. The BOC will meet February 9 to discuss survey findings.

Tammy Marino expressed concern about conducting the survey prior to feeder pattern town hall meetings. She said she feels these meetings should be held ASAP. Willie Rainwater confirmed Ms. Marino's comments. He stated he wants fair representation of needs for the eastern side of FBISD and feels the meetings are the best way to achieve this. Stephanie Means-Brown said she would like FBISD to speak with the community and the district needs to be more equitable as well.

Kali Shiller suggested adding feeder patterns to the one-page summaries of bond work. In addition, hard copies should be made available as well as having this information placed on the website. Orjanel Lewis questioned what communication would be utilized to promote the bond election. Sherry Williams explained mailers, magazines, email blasts, media coverage, HOA meetings, civic speaking opportunities, etc. would be used. It was explained the election consultant would assist with the overall strategy for promoting the bond.

The Bond 2023 capital plan was presented. The capital plan addresses construction projects such as rebuilds and new construction as well as addressing facility deficiencies, Safety & Security, transportation, and technology. It was noted a large portion of Safety & Security items would be addressed under Facility Deficiencies & Life Cycle Needs as many items deal with the infrastructure, so these items are not broken down in the listing.

An overview of the Facility Condition Assessment process was provided. This process started in fall 2020 with the idea of this being addressed during a 2021 Bond. However, it was postponed to 2022 with it being put off again until 2023. Bonds ideally are passed every 3 years or so to address facility conditions, construction, etc. With the last bond being passed in 2018 and it now being 2023, the five years is well past the ideal timeline of three years. Facility conditions continue to deteriorate and addressing these issues has become even more critical. The Facility Condition Assessment process consists of four areas: 1) project initiation/discovery of deficiencies (meet with campus leaders); 2) data collection/assessment (walk campuses, collect information from employees); 3) data validation/analyzing (lengthy process includes meeting with departments to determine alignment and equity); and 4) master planning/adapting. A team of architects, engineers and subject matter experts (roofing consultants, athletic consultants, etc.) conducted the facilities assessment with the assistance of FBISD staff. At the conclusion of the Facility Condition Assessment, items needing to be addressed are prioritized 1 (most critical) – 4 (least critical). Ideally, a bond covers Priority 1 and 2. However, due to budgetary restrictions, FBISD must focus on Priority 1 issues only.

The facility assessment utilizes the Facility Condition Index (FCI) that is used throughout the facility assessment industry to indicate the general building health. It is calculated as a ratio between the repair cost vs. replacement cost (higher the ratio/percentage, the poorer the condition). The assessment is used to evaluate adequacy and equity, determine future program feasibility, identify need, make informed decisions on facility replacement and/or reinvestment and develop budgets and capital improvement plans.

Pros and cons of rebuilds (new construction) and renovations (existing buildings) was presented. Discussion regarding rebuilding Clements HS took place. Financials were presented and cost comparisons between HS 12 and Clements HS (rebuild) were shown as both schools would utilize the same floorplan (with the exception of the auditorium – the current auditorium will be assessed to determine if it is more cost effective to demolish the structure in the event the foundation is bad). The current capacity of Clements HS is 2,635 with a rebuild having a capacity of 2,800 (3,000 core).

Life Cycle & Deficiency items were discussed. At this time, only Priority 1 would be addressed. The capital plan history (Bond 2014 & 2018) as well as the future Bond 2023 amounts were presented as well as the unfunded amounts (as need always exceeds actual budget amount).

Transportation Executive Director Mike Jones presented information concerning SMART Tag, a transportation safety measure that ensures ridership accountability. Through the SMART Tag program, students utilize a badge and bus drivers use a tablet to authorize student loading/unloading; ensure students are released to authorized guardians; can relay mechanical

issues to maintenance directly; and more. The program can also be used to generate SpEd monthly reports; provides the Transportation department and campus a portal to show students onboard as well as bus locations; parent notifications; and student data such as assigned route, riding history and more. Parents can also visit a website either by phone or by computer to find out student rider information, track buses, etc. This program can also be used for evacuation and reunification purposes in the event of emergency.

Long Pham and Jojo Jacob updated everyone on Bond 2018 technology purchases. A classroom audio/visual refresh has been in process district-wide with smart panels replacing projectors. It was mentioned that due to the timing of when the technology was delivered, there is some confusion on this being a Bond 2018 purchase. It was noted some individuals may think this has been purchased using general funds which would not be good given the district is in a budget crisis and this could affect the outcome of the upcoming bond election. It would be worthwhile to communicate the smart panels were purchased using Bond 2018 funds.

The Bond 2023 IT capital plan was presented. The original budget was \$138,553,000 but with careful planning and IT purchases being made under the Bond 2018 Contingency, the amount was lowered to \$119,376,000. The BOC inquired as to why IT purchases cannot be made using general funds. The general fund cannot afford IT investments of this magnitude. FBISD, along with the vast majority of districts across the state, are using bond funds to fund IT investments.

Safety & Security was discussed by Chief David Rider. The current ScholarChip badge system used in FBISD was purchased with Bond 2018 funds. It was implemented during the 2018-2019 school year, but during the pandemic closure, utilization stopped on campuses. FBISD staff continued using it for identification purposes, accessing buildings and signing into Kronos clocks. After challenges such as supply chain issues and a change in company ownership, the program has been relaunched for student IDs on campuses. Project successes and project challenges were discussed.

Bryan Guinn presented the debt per student financials. This does not include the recently passed LCISD bond. The summary of outstanding debt and debt capacity were discussed as well.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for the following:

FEBRUARY 2023

- 9nd – BOC Meeting – Survey discussion
- **13th – Board of Trustees Approval**

APRIL 2023

- 20th – BOC Meeting

MAY 2023

- **6th – Election Day**