



Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Location: FBISD Board Room and Virtual

Members in Attendance:

BOC Members:

Chips Adams
Rashid Khokhar
Brian Malone
Tammy Marino
Kali Shiller
Elena Farah (virtual)
Joanne Gore (virtual)
Orjanel Lewis (virtual)
Stephanie Means-Brown (virtual)
Cindy Picazo (virtual)
Geraldyn Prince-Semien (virtual)
Kiran Rajaya (virtual)

FBISD Employees:

Steve Bassett
Carolina Fuzetti
Oscar Perez
Long Pham
Bart Rosebure
Veronica Sopher
Sherry Williams
Damian Viltz
Jeanette Boleware
Jeanelle Fisher
Terrilyn Holmes
Jane Thompson (Jacobs Engineering)
Laura Alvarez (virtual)
Kelly Schlacks (virtual)

BOC Chair Rashid Khokhar opened the meeting with a welcome promptly at 4 p.m. and presided over the meeting.

Carolina Fuzetti from Design and Construction presented an overview of campus construction and rebuild proposals should Bond 2022 be approved.

- New ES 56 vs. Classroom Additions at Ferndell Henry
 - New construction (option #1):
 - A new elementary school (capacity 1,000) is needed in the Sienna area
 - Average cost is \$46M
 - Projected to open 2025
 - Convert Ferndell Henry to elementary school (option #2):
 - In Sienna area
 - Currently underused as an alternative school. Would like a more centrally-located location for the alternative school (ex. M.R. Wood)
 - Significant cost savings as cost is \$10M-\$18M
 - Open a full year earlier (in 2024)
 - No determination of name change. If name changed, cost will be included in the bond (ex. Marquee, building signage, etc.).
 - Capacity not yet determined for the building.
 - If renovated, steps will be taken to make the building look as good as possible.
 - Ferndell Henry and Heritage Rose Elementary are less than one mile apart, but community growth is increasing south of Ferndell Henry, so this area would be well served.
 - The committee feels it would be beneficial to have community feedback from the areas affected by construction or a renovation to determine their thoughts on these options.
 - Option #2 is preferred by the BOC.
- Clements High School Re-build
 - Two options were presented for this project. Option #1 is the design cost only being included in Bond 2022 with a future bond (2025) funding the construction. Option #2 would be to fund the entire project through Bond 2022.
 - Option #1 was done to try to reduce the bond number, but as it is done in two parts (design through Bond 2022 and construction through Bond 2025), there is no guarantee construction will be funded.
 - The cost on Option #1 is also \$44 million more than Option #2. This cost difference is due to possible inflation of costs associated with construction.
 - Option #2 secures the funds for the entire project.
 - This will be the first time FBISD will rebuild a high school. Other districts have successfully done this. It is not a new concept, but it is new to FBISD.
 - If the school were rebuilt, only critical items on the FCI would be addressed (minimal investment). CHS will not carry a rebuild and a renovation. It was pointed out it is extremely necessary to communicate to voters the importance

of a rebuild. It is important the public know the true condition of the campus. It was also noted that CHS is safe per an engineer.

- The rebuild will take place in phases, so activity can be seen immediately.
- During the rebuild, CHS will utilize neighboring athletic facilities (Mercer Stadium, nearby middle schools, etc.). At the completion of the rebuild, CHS will now have its own baseball field which they do not currently have (use Frankie Field).
- Concern was expressed that the individuals affected by the rebuild will not still attend CHS by the time it is completed.
- The cost was questioned, but it was noted that better builds and advances in construction results in increased costs.
- It was questioned why an additional high school is not being added, especially in the northwest portion of the district as this area is experiencing explosive growth. Overall, the 12 high schools serving FBISD have enough utilization to serve the district through 2030, but may have to rezone.
- There are no plans to expand Travis HS at this time as utilizing portables on the campus meet this need. It was suggested that expansion take place as a goodwill effort as voters will be more likely to vote for the bond if their area benefits.
- Option #2 is preferred by the BOC.
- Feeder Patterns – Willowridge HS/Bush HS (Proposed Re-Builds)
 - These two feeder patterns are experiencing student loss to charter schools. There is an incredible amount of competition from charter schools.
 - Three elementary schools within the WHS feeder fall within the “poor condition category” for FCI. One elementary within the BHS’s condition is considered poor while two others are considered fair.
 - Current schools are built for standard K-5, but rebuilds will be designed for a PreK-5 utilization. Schools will be built for a standard 1,000 enrollment.
 - Facility construction is very different between charter schools and FBISD schools as charter schools do not have to meet the same building standards as public schools. FBISD buildings are constructed to last at least 40 years. Charter schools are constructed to last 20, if that; typically metal buildings; lots of color; quickly built to make tear down easy if the charter school is not successful; want to get students in the door ASAP; and construction is funded by placing a grant application with the state of Texas, so it does not have to go before voters.
 - There was great discussion on if new facilities are needed to bring students into FBISD. The rebuilds at Lakeview ES and Meadows ES are so new; there is insufficient data to support an increase in enrollment at these schools. It was further discussed that what is going on in the building (academics, etc.) is just as important as the building itself. Too much focus on the facilities themselves vs. programming and curriculum was cautioned.
 - FCI is the biggest factor for rebuilds. It is sometimes more sensible to rebuild instead of renovate.
- 2022 Capital Plan

- A summary of projects should be presented July 26, 2022 during the BOC meeting. A list of projects should be provided listing all projects and indicate what is completed vs. what is proposed.
- It was discussed to present all option to see what will be in Bond 2022. What is changing in this bond? A detailed list with line items broken down to determine bond needs is desired.

Director of Strategic Communications Sherry Williams presented an update regarding communications efforts. There is a portion of the Communications portion of the website dedicated to bond efforts and individuals can sign up to receive their periodic newsletter. At this time, "Let's Talk" chatter is primarily about security and fencing on campuses, not about the proposed bond.

The Zoom call dropped at 6:09 p.m. due to internet issues.

FBISD Emergency Management Coordinator Bart Rosebure presented Safety and Security purchases for proposed Bond 2022. FBISD currently has 6,000 security cameras around the district and approximately 3,000 need to be replaced. Other needs include replacing approximately 20 police vehicles; adding RhinoWare floor mounted door locks to campuses; providing rifles and life-saving equipment; and adding an ALERTUS Emergency Notification System to each campus office (alerts emergencies to the police department directly from the campus). In addition, the Scholarchip student tracking system was discussed. A student tracking system is being evaluated for bus transport.

As discussed, a list of major projects will be provided as well as the M&O presentation.

It was determined an additional BOC meeting would be beneficial within the next few weeks. Therefore, the next meeting is Thursday, June 30, 2022 from 4-6 p.m. at Lakeview Elementary School (314 Lakeview Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77498). It will be held either in-person or virtually depending upon attendee preference.

The meeting concluded at 6:24 p.m.