

**Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**Time: 4 – 6 p.m.**

**Location: Fort Bend ISD Board Room and Virtual**

**Members in Attendance:**

**BOC Members:**

Chips Adams  
Stephanie Brown  
Patrina Carter  
J.J. Clemence (via Zoom)  
Elena Farah (via Zoom)  
Joanne Gore  
Rashid Khokhar  
Tammy Marino  
Cindy Picazo (via Zoom)  
Kiran Rajaya  
Willie Rainwater (via Zoom)  
Jeff Wiley

**Community Member:**

Adeel Akhtar

**FBISD Staff:**

Dr. Christie Whitbeck  
Beth Martinez  
Carolina Fuzetti  
Bryan Guinn  
Jojo Jacob  
Chris Juntti  
Long Pham  
Chief David Rider  
Sherry Williams  
Laura Alvarez (via Zoom)  
Jeanette Boleware  
Jeanelle Fisher  
Terrilyn Holmes  
Suzanne Owen (via Zoom)

Kelly Schlacks  
Nan Stout  
Jane Thompson (Jacobs Engineering)  
Joaquin Mubarak (IT Support)  
James Waxler (IT Support)

BOC Chair Rashid Khokhar opened the meeting at 4:04 p.m. Deputy Superintendent Beth Martinez also welcomed attendees. She then proceeded to tell the committee FBISD participated in a “Realtors Road Trip” that day and positive feedback was received. Jeff Wiley of the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council spoke on the importance of the bond in supporting facilities and for committee members to promote it.

Carolina Fuzetti provided an update on Bond 2018 including the program financials, Small Business Initiative and program summary. Tammy Marino stated someone on social media who said they found \$48M in wasteful Bond 2018 spending contacted her. Carolina explained that the reporting is very transparent on the Bond 2018 online dashboard and FBISD has much more robust reporting than any neighboring school district.

Long Pham discussed the 2018 Bond smartboard purchase. His department is getting very good reports on usage and they are well received by teachers and students.

Sherry Williams said the Communications Department is being intentional about getting word out about the bond without social overload. Earlier that day (April 22), 29 realtors participated in a “Realtors Road Trip” in which they boarded buses and were transported to various FBISD campuses to discuss issues and showcase new campuses. In addition, there was a lot of interest in the future plans for Clements HS and there was great Q&A. Tammy Marino stated a participant of this event posted on social media about how the CHS rebuild is needed. Ms. Williams also said an eight-page FBISD piece will be going out on Monday, April 24 and the bond will be highlighted in the center spread. Postcards will also be mailed out very soon. More details regarding bond communication efforts are provided on slides nine and 10 of the BOC presentation.

Carolina Fuzetti then presented the next steps for Bond 2023. FBISD has made great progress on bond implementation and efficiency since Bond 2014. Bond 2023 will be implemented with as much lead-time as possible by planning activities now so FBISD will be able to move quickly and create efficiency once the bond passes.

Information Technology provided an update on recent events within the Administration Building. Long Pham informed everyone that on Sunday, April 9, a water leak caused flooding on the second floor (Chief Operations Office and HR affected) that affected the IT Data Center on the first floor. He explained the implications of this event. While some equipment was permanently damaged, it was fortunate more was not lost. Final cost numbers on replacing and repairing the building, equipment, etc. is not yet available.

Bryan Guinn presented bond financials. Please see slides 17-22 of the presentation for details.

Chips Adams stated she feels like attendance at BOC meetings is low and she does not feel like there is adequate representation in each feeder pattern. Rashid Khokhar suggested that in the future, one individual from each feeder pattern should be encouraged as with the new bond, the committee must be diligent at overseeing bond activities.

Tammy Marino asked that once the bond passes how much “wobble room” is provided to add or revise projects. Ms. Fuzetti stated that FBISD must stay true to what is communicated to voters. If changes are absolutely needed, it must go before the Board of Trustees for approval. Ms. Marino then questioned why the Bond 2018 rebuild of the Ronnie Davis Agriculture Barn moved from Hightower HS to Marshall HS. In response, it was clarified that code did not allow for a rebuild at Hightower HS due to odor restriction in the area.

Stephanie Means-Brown inquired about moving the new natatorium to Marshall HS vs. the property adjacent to MS16 or the possibility of relocating it elsewhere in eastern FBISD if property is available. It was stated that delivery of this build in the best place to serve the entire district is the goal. The location of the natatorium adjacent to MS 16 meets this goal. Five of six high schools will benefit from this location. FBISD does own property adjacent to HS12 (Almeta Crawford HS), but it is much farther than the MS16 location. Transportation options can be reviewed for MHS student to utilize the new natatorium, but these need to be discussed with the Department of School Leadership and the Athletic Department.

Elena Farah asked for more information regarding Clements HS rebuild vs. renovation. She did ask why the rebuild cost is much higher than that of the HS12 build since the rebuild will share similar floorplan. It was explained that this cost includes asbestos abatement, demolition and clearing the site for rebuild. Slides presented during a previous BOC meeting detailing this will be provided which cover this (these were sent via email on Friday, April 21).

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for the following:

MAY 2023

- **6th – Election Day**

JUNE 2023

- 22nd – Quarterly Meeting