

Bond Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018

Committee Members:

Present (all):	Hillary Calavitta	Erik Eff	Tom Shea
	Ray Clayton	Virgil Flathouse	Wendy Smiley
	Mike Dansby	Greg Greeson	Matthew Wernli
	Dina Dreifuerst	Kim McMath	

EISD Staff:

Jeremy Trimble, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations
Chris Scott, Executive Director of Business Services
Laura Santos-Farry, Director of Safety & Risk Management
Eric Wright, Director of Technology Services
Chris Miller, Assistant Director of Technology Services
Cindy Weeks, Accounting Manager

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Virgil Flathouse, BAC Chair.

Committee members and District staff introduced themselves. Dr. Flathouse described how the 2015 Bond Oversight Committee transitioned into the Bond Advisory Committee.

Chris Scott provided a brief explanation of different School Bonds: Major Campus Construction and Program Maintenance & Efficiency. For example, Lake Travis' \$250 Million Bond will build new schools for a growing district. Eanes is not growing, so the current focus is instead on maintaining current facilities and programs. Brief overview of timeline for the proposed 2019 Bond, including BAC & Board review of project proposals.

Discussion of four main Topics under consideration for the proposed Bond: Safety & Security, Student Programs & Support, Energy Efficiency & Conservation, and Facilities. Within each Topic, every proposed Bond project will be assigned to Category 1, 2, or 3. Category 1 Projects are considered immediate priorities that must be addressed even if no Bond is passed. Category 2 Projects will very likely need to be funded in the next few years. Category 3 Projects would be beneficial to the District if included in a Bond.

Brief discussion of the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rates, how each fund can be used, and how the State's Recapture program affects the District's annual budget. The current I&S tax rate could support an \$80-85 Million Bond. The cost of all proposed Bond Projects would exceed \$85 Million.

Overview of Proposed Safety & Security Bond Projects:

Chris Scott presented proposed projects related to Safety & Security:

Add Perimeter Fencing/Barriers (District Wide)

Many campuses are adjacent to undeveloped land and greenbelts, and lack fencing to secure student areas. For example, community members run on the HCMS track during school hours. This Project would close gaps where possible and direct all foot traffic to the main building entrances. The BAC assigned this Project to **Category 1**.

Upgrade Emergency Medical Equipment (District Wide) *(was Replace Automated External Defibrillators)*

Current devices (54 in district), which were purchased in 2014, are growing obsolete; some have been recalled. Newer models have lower maintenance costs. The BAC broadened the Project description and assigned it to **Category 1**.

Enhance Cyber Security Infrastructure (District Wide) *(was Cyber Security Infrastructure)*

This Project would employ new security technology to upgrade and expand protections for district network resources. The BAC assigned this Project to **Category 2**.

Facility Safety & Security Improvements *(was Upgrade barriers at 2nd floor commons area (CCE) and Construct Westlake HS Chap Court Entry Secured Vestibule)*

Preventing unsafe access to the CCE balcony is an immediate need. At WHS, the plan is to create a double-door entry to the Chap Court to better control building access, and add office space for use by law enforcement personnel. The BAC combined two proposed Projects, added funds, and assigned the redefined Project to **Category 1**.

Update Wayfinding/Signage (District Wide)

Project would standardize signage across the District, for room numbers and directional guidance. The BAC requested a project breakdown between external signage needed to facilitate emergency access, and signage for standardization and aesthetics. The BAC assigned this Project to **Category 3**.

Add/Update Security Cameras, Access Control, & Emergency Communication Systems

This Project covers multiple smaller improvements, including emergency notification systems, security camera systems, and classroom door locks. It would also fund the Special Education cameras mandated by Senate Bill 507. The BAC assigned this Project to **Category 1**.

Add/Update Pedestrian Access

Improve walkways at several campuses, including curb cuts and other accessibility modifications. The BAC assigned this Project to **Category 1**.

Digital Standardized Campus Marquees (District Wide)

Install digital marquees near the main entrance to each campus, to aid emergency responders and improve community messaging. The BAC assigned this Project to **Category 3**.

Open Forum:

KJ Stanley spoke to the BAC about the need for dedicated practice space for the District's wrestling program.

Other Business:

The next meeting of the Bond Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, in the EISD Central Administration Board Room at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dina Dreifuerst, BAC Secretary.