

The KISD Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the KISD Career Center.

Members present:

Corbett Lawler, President
Minerva Trujillo, Vice President
Susan Jones, Secretary
Shelley Wells

Members absent:

JoAnn Purser
Marvin Rainwater
Carlyle Walton

Also attending:

Dr. John Craft, Superintendent
Dr. DesMontes Stewart, Deputy Superintendent
Diana Miller, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Robin Champagne, Assistant Superintendent
Ramona Bellard, Executive Officer
Diana Kaye, Superintendent's Office
Manager/Board Clerk

Dr. Craft welcomed everyone to the third meeting of the KISD Bond Steering Committee, comprised of a diverse cross-section of the community. The Committee has been charged with assessing and prioritizing the District's current and long-term facility needs and bringing forward recommendations to the KISD Board of Trustees, along with a recommended amount of money to be requested in a possible bond election.

SPECIAL MEETING
REGARDING BOND
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DISCUSSION -
MEETING #3

At this time, two members of the KISD Board of Trustees were present: Corbett Lawler and Shelley Wells; therefore, a quorum was not present and the Special Board Meeting was not called to order.

Dr. Craft encouraged anyone interested to tour the KISD Career Center, following the committee meeting this evening. He gave a brief overview of the Career Center, noting that it was 10 years in the planning and opened in 2012.

Committee Co-Chair, Bill Kliewer, provided a recap of Meeting #2 (how school finance works, bonding capacity & tax impact scenarios, future new facility needs, and existing facility needs).

Also at Meeting #2, the committee completed preliminary work in order to prioritize and analyze potential projects this evening.

Tonight, Megan Bradley, Chief Financial Officer, provided information on how the District builds a project budget, noting that the total construction cost includes inflation, if the project is in the future.

To begin an overview of potential projects and cost analysis, Dr. Craft stressed that the District is still growing; enrollment peaked just yesterday, again. A one-percent growth rate was used in the presentation this evening. He gave several examples of how the Board of Trustees and the administration have been good stewards of public funds and noted that all comparable school districts have had a bond issue or are considering a bond issue.

At this time, Mr. Lawler stated that two additional KISD board members had arrived; therefore, at 6:23 p.m., he called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order. As well as himself, KISD board members present were: Minerva Trujillo, Vice President; Susan Jones, Secretary; and Shelley Wells. Absent were: JoAnn Purser, Marvin Rainwater, and Carlyle Walton.

Dr. Craft continued his remarks regarding growth and student capacity. Looking to the future, he reviewed potential projects that included: High School #6, Middle School #15, and Elementary Schools #36, #37, and 38. Also tonight, the committee would explore potential solutions for the aging and inequity of the District's oldest campuses. Dr. Craft noted that, at some point, the community would also be engaged in the design process of High School #6, since it may not be the traditional model, depending on the programs offered.

Adam Rich, Executive Director for Facilities Services, provided information comparing renovation and new construction factors. He reviewed some of the items considered including maintenance costs, operational efficiency, current building code regulations and TEA standards, ability for expansion to accommodate growth, infrastructure, structural and site constraints. General upgrades would also include compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and security issues.

Dr. Craft reviewed potential options presented at the last committee meeting in regard to campuses 50 or more years old. These included: 1) East Ward & West Ward elementary schools - consolidation, new construction option, renovation option; 2) Pershing Park, Sugar Loaf, Bellaire elementary schools - consolidation, new construction option, renovation option; 3) Clifton Park - renovation, new construction for expansion option; 4) Peebles - renovation, new construction for expansion option; 5) Harker Heights Elementary - renovation, new construction for expansion option; 6) Nolan Middle School - rezone current students to Rancier, Manor, Live Oak Ridge and Palo Alto Middle Schools leveraging greater efficiencies; use Nolan as "swing" campus during construction phases of consolidated or renovated elementary schools (Bellaire, Sugar Loaf, Pershing Park); utilize the campus as potential District facility in the future; 7) Killeen High School - renovate existing facility; 8) Gateway HS and Gateway MS - renovate existing facility.

Following a question and answer period, the committee worked in small groups to prioritize potential projects based on the five categories that were ranked at the last meeting (benefit to students, urgency/need, align with KISD mission, benefit to community, and equity of facilities). Results were reviewed during large group discussion and would be uploaded to the KISD Bond Steering Committee website.

Minerva Trujillo departed at approximately 8:05 p.m.; therefore, a quorum of the KISD Board of Trustees was no longer present.

Dr. Craft recapped the results of the committee's work to prioritize potential projects as follows: 1) ADA/Security, 2) High School #6, 3) East Ward/West Ward consolidation and new construction, 4) Pershing Park, Sugar Loaf consolidation and new construction; tied for 5) Elementary School #36 and Clifton park renovation and new construction. He stated that elementary School #37 and #38 were high in priority, but the urgency factor took them out of the top 5. The committee favored consolidate/new construction rather than renovation, and renovation was not as popular as renovation/new construction. Also suggested by the committee was to consider consolidating East Ward and West Ward in the Killeen Learning Support Services (KLSS) building on Ranicer Avenue.

The next committee meeting would be held on November 30, 2017 at Roy J. Smith Middle School. Prioritization results would be further discussed, ultimately leading to a recommendation to the KISD Board of Trustees. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

President

Secretary

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