

The KISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, November 30, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at Roy J. Smith Middle School.

Members present:

Corbett Lawler, President
Minerva Trujillo, Vice President
Shelley Wells
JoAnn Purser

Members absent:

Susan Jones, Secretary
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 fourth 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
STEERING
COMMITTEE
DISCUSSION -
MEETING #4

At this time, three members of the KISD Board of Trustees were present: Corbett Lawler, Minerva Trujillo, and JoAnn Purser; therefore, a quorum was not present and the Special Board Meeting was not called to order.

Dr. Craft provided background information on this evening's meeting place, Roy J. Smith Middle School, which opened this school year. The former Smith Middle School located on Fort Hood closed on June 1, 2016 after 40 years and now houses freshmen and sophomores of the Killeen ISD Early College High School.

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At this time, KISD board member Shelley Wells arrived; therefore, at 6:05 p.m., Mr. Lawler called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order. As well as himself, KISD board members present were: Minerva Trujillo, Vice President; Shelley Wells, and JoAnn Purser. Absent were: Susan Jones, Secretary; Marvin Rainwater, and Carlyle Walton.

Dr. Craft began a slide presentation, beginning with the Bond Steering Committee meeting agenda for this evening. He provided a recap of the three meetings to date: November 2, November 9, and November 16, that included potential projects that had been ranked by the committee (from high to low) based on the five categories that were given weighted values (benefit to students, urgency/need, align with KISD mission, benefit to community, and equity of facilities). Cost estimates had been added by the administration to each of the projects.

Matt Gamble, a representative from Basalice & Associates, Inc., reviewed results of a telephone voter survey the company conducted from November 16-26, 2017. The survey objectives were to gauge levels of support and opposition to a \$500 million bond proposal, measure the impact of the tax increase associated with a \$500 million bond, and measure support of various, potential elements of a bond proposal. Key findings of the survey indicated that: 1) two-thirds of respondents (68%) believed the district needs more schools and classrooms to meet the needs over the next five to ten years, while 20% believed the district has enough; 2) If an election were held today, 53% would vote for, and 38% would vote against, a bond of \$500 million dollars while 10% were unsure; and 3) After respondents heard about the tax impact and about potential bond projects, 57% would vote for, and 38% would vote against, the bond proposal. Questions were entertained from committee members.

Large Group discussion focused on building capacity (square footage) to accommodate both current and future enrollment. JoAnn Purser, KISD board member, was interested in how the committee envisioned the next high school. For example, would that be an academy or a comprehensive high school? Bond Committee Co-Chair, Hal Schiffman, asked the group, as a whole, to consider three points in determining the amount of a possible bond proposal: 1) As a committee, what can we support; 2) As a community, what can we support; and 3) As a taxpayer, what is feasible and reasonable. He opened the floor to discussion which provided many beneficial questions.

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At approximately 7:45 p.m., Shelley Wells departed the meeting for a previous commitment; therefore, a quorum of the KISD Board of Trustees was no longer present and was adjourned.

In Small Group discussion, the committee worked to finalize which projects would fall within the established bonding threshold and should move forward in a recommendation to the KISD Board of Trustees. Table spokespersons shared their recommended bond amount and rationale for their particular recommendation.

Committee Co-Chairman Hal Schiffman asked the group, as a whole, to vote on a bond amount that they would endorse. TaNeika Driver-Moultrie stated that she agreed with fellow committee member Jim Anderson to include bond projects with 85% or more support of the total committee, equating to a bond amount of \$426 million. She moved to recommend a \$426 million bond issue be brought to the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded. Mr. Schiffman called for a voice vote that was unanimous. Mr. Kliewer stated that the Bond Committee Co-Chairs (Kliewer, Schiffman, and Coley) would present the committee's recommendation to the Board of Trustees on December 12 and invited as many members of the committee to attend as possible.

Dr. Craft thanked the committee for their commitment to this important process, stating that the District would be good stewards of school district funds. Mr. Lawler expressed his sincerest appreciation for the work of the committee and conveyed the idea that the goal of the committee could be an economic driver in the community. He reminded the committee members that their work was on behalf of the students of Killeen ISD.

President

Secretary