



Little Elm ISD Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee

Post Election Meeting: Thursday, July 7, 2022

Little Elm ISD Administration Building

MEETING NOTES

Safety & Security Briefing and Proposal – Ross Roberts, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Roberts reviewed the Comprehensive Safety Plan and reminded the committee that this plan is available to public on the LEISD Web site. There are elements of the safety plan that are kept private.

Physical Security of Campuses

- Security cameras inside and outside schools provide live access to office staff and police
- School Resource Officer (SRO) coverage
- Controlled access with one point of entry for visitors during the school day
- Criminal background checks on all employees, volunteers, and contractors who work on District property

Collaborative Safety And Security Culture

- Crisis management plans and teams at each campus
- Wide-area and local-area networks allow radio communication between staff in the event of an emergency
- Anonymous Alerts tip line for students, parents, teachers, and community members to share concerns
- Free lunch provided to police officers in school cafeterias to increase visibility
- Police officers encouraged to use school grounds to complete routine paperwork
- Monthly meetings between police, fire, Little Elm, and the District

Emergency Management

- District-wide Emergency Operations Plan
- Frequent safety audits

Mr. Roberts introduced three potential safety and security projects that the committee may consider putting into the bond. The total amount of the projects is \$13M.

- \$900,000 to add Impact Film. Impact Film is a material applied to glass that is designed to slow and prevent entry due to impact. The proposal would add film to entrance areas and to all where learning takes place. Impact film would also be added to all interior classroom door windows.
- \$630,000 to purchase 40 Weapons Detection Units and support and training for the use of these units. The units are movable and could be placed and moved throughout the district. The units are designed to detect weapons, not metal.

- \$8,400,000 to install electric locks on all classroom doors.
- \$3,000,000 to add fencing and other materials to strengthen perimeters where students may be vulnerable.

Q: Do the new schools that would be built if the bond passes have these safety items included?

A: No, they would need to be added in but could likely be accommodated in this proposal.

Q: When would these items be completed?

A: As soon as possible as supplies and schedules allow.

Q: Has the committee discussed proposing a bond that only includes schools and nothing more? Eliminating orchestra, technology, playgrounds, safety proposals to appease voters?

A: Technology proposal is critical to learning. Recall that the STAAR test will be all on line. LEISD must complete technology upgrades to accommodate this mandate.

The committee discussed cost of adding the middle school back into the proposal. And due to the rising costs and rising interest rates it is projected that adding a middle school at \$10M would not be agreeable to voters. The consensus from the last meeting was to go out for a bond in November 2022 and to lower the amount.

Bonding Capacity Considerations – Shay Adams, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance

Shay Adams reviewed two Bonding Capacity scenarios:

1. \$276M
2. \$389M

Both scenarios could issue bonds over the next five years and leave room for bonding capacity that may be needed for an election in May 2027.

The Committee was polled on their views and impressions of the current projects under consideration.

Next meeting

- Build-a-Bond Activity that includes escalated amounts for all projects under consideration.
- Review of Survey Results
- August 4 at 6pm at the Administration Building