

## **BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 7, 2019**

### **Minutes**

The meeting began @ 6:08 PM in the Board Room of the Wayne F. Schaper, Sr. Center. Travis Stanford opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda. Lewis Gissel informed the committee of Travis' new position as Associate Superintendent for Operations.

David Bender gave the financial update. He reviewed the expenditures thus far by quarters. He also went through the earnings to date. Finance provided a cost status handout, with data as of June 30, 2019.

Travis Stanford gave the Career & Technology Education update for David Sablatura. The CTE department presented an update to the Board in April, laying the groundwork for implementing the CTE Task Force's vision. The District has contracted with Region 4 to consult on a CTE program evaluation, as well as IBI Architects, to conduct a study of spaces across the district for CTE programs. Both the evaluation and report is expected to be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The district will develop a CTE working group this fall to take the Task Force's recommendations and develop a proposal, which will go to the Board in December 2019. A committee member would like to know how the members of the task force and working group are formed; Travis stated that he would find out.

Travis gave an update for Fine & Performing Arts, which included the following: over \$2M in instruments have been delivered; drill team uniform replacement cycles began last year; high school marching band uniform replacements will begin in 2021; auditorium curtain replacement is set to begin in 2025 (does not include Stratford HS, as they are getting a new auditorium within project scope).

Steven Johnston gave a technology update in the four major areas (Safety & Security, Network & Infrastructure Lifecycle Replacements, Lifecycle Refresh & Technology). Technology is continuing device roll out in secondary schools, as well as elementary campuses and will begin adult devices this fall. Stephen also gave an update on the Extended Network Availability project. Towers have gone up or are in the process of going up at WAIS, Meadow Wood ES, Edgewood ES and Northbrook MS. Currently we have to pay for hot spots for our students without internet access. This project will allow our students to connect to SBISD (filtered) by using routers. The Time Collection Device pilot went well and the new clocks have been installed across the district. The district wide implementation will be this fall.

Sherri Lawson provided an update on transportation. The district has 20 new propane buses with seatbelts. The district received a rebate check for the EPA grant we fulfilled by destroying 19 old buses. SBISD will purchase five buses this school year to fulfill another grant. The transportation department is getting ready for the start of school. With the announcement of Pre-K classes having longer hours, routes had to be adjusted to accommodate this change. The department is short 25 bus drivers. A committee member asked if we enforce students to wear seatbelts. Sherri said the drivers remind everyone to buckle up, but cannot physically check once they are driving. Travis reminded the group that Sherri takes the new buses with seatbelts to the campuses, so the students can become familiar with them.

Travis gave an overview/status update on current projects: Pre-K Centers/Tiger Trail/Wildcat Way, Buffalo Creek ES, Treasure Forest ES, Cedar Brook ES, Hunters Creek ES, Spring Oaks MS, Memorial HS, Northbrook HS, Spring Woods HS and Stratford HS. The following comments or questions were made during these updates:

Students and staff voted on the graphics at Buffalo Creek ES.

Hunters Creek ES will be housed at the South Transition Campus, located at WAIS, during construction.

The replacing/saving of the donated bricks at Hunters Creek ES has already been address with the campus and community.

A committee member asked if the district was behind schedule on Memorial HS. Travis explained that no, we are not behind schedule. The updates given tonight are from the June Board updates. Information is not shared here before it is shown to the Board.

Some committee members wondered if there is an issue with a four-story building going up in a residential area, with regards to Memorial HS. Travis assured there is not a height issue; the district began working with the community & Hedwig Village early on. The portion of the school closest to commercial will be higher than that closer to the residential neighborhoods.

Travis explained that Spring Woods HS would be hit hard during summer of 2020; this has been communicated early on, so that relocation of activities can begin happening early.

A committee member gave Travis & team “kudos” to handling feedback from the Stratford HS PAT. The district is working with the Fine Arts Program on scheduling while the auditorium is offline.

Jennifer Henrikson, with Stantec Architects, gave a presentation on the Landrum MS project. After the presentation, the following questions/comments were addressed:

Does the interior have a wood ceiling? No, it is a wood finish, like Rummel Creek ES.

Jennifer explained to the committee that she, along with campus leaders & staff from Planning & Construction took a tour of Salyards MS in Cy-Fair, in order to get the pros & cons of a 3-story campus.

She assured the committee that the walk time between classes is not an issue.

A committee member noted there were no lockers in the presentation. Jennifer explained that the District was moving away from lockers at campuses.

Jennifer explained that the track & one gym would be lost during construction. Athletics is aware and has been working with campus for a while on an alternative schedule/location.

Travis showed the group the email that is sent to PAT’s welcoming them to the Board Workshop meetings.

Linda Buchman gave a Communications update on groundbreaking ceremonies. The district has not done a secondary campus, which will be on a different scale than elementary. She explained that each campus is different & has a unique culture, in which they try to recognize. Will have groundbreakings and then grand openings; six of them coming up this fall through early spring (Cedar Brook ES, Landrum MS, Hunters Creek ES, Memorial HS, Northbrook HS & Stratford HS). The BOC will be invited. Linda has

reached out to the principals of these six campuses for dates. These will last 30-45 minutes, with student performances. Steve Brunsman will be doing a back to school story, updating the community on the bond program.

Dr. Jennifer Blaine thanked everyone for coming and assured them that she will still be involved with this group, even in her new role as Superintendent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2019