



**2021 CITIZEN BOND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS -
3/22/21**

2021 BOND FOR TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2021 Citizens Bond Development Committee

Josh Roby, Chairperson

Subcommittee Chairpersons:

Greg Shaw

Vanessa Rodriguez

Douglas Collins

Misti Ryan

Staff: Jorge Robles, Chris Hudgins, Ellen Duecker

Recommendation from the 2021 Citizen's Bond Development Committee

To authorize the calling and holding of a special election Independent School District Number 1 of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified voters on June 8, 2021, of the Tulsa School District the question of the issuance of bonds in the amounts and for the purposes as follows:

- Proposition 1: Safe learning Environments - \$166,755,000
- Proposition 2: Student and Classroom Technology - \$90,695,000
- Proposition 3: Transportation - \$17,295,000
- Proposition 4: Quality Learning Materials & Programs - \$139,255,000

Total amount for 2021 Bond: \$414M over 5 years

Bonds play a major role in Tulsa Public Schools funding strategy since passage of the 1996 bond

The district relies on approximately \$70 - 80 million in bond funds annually to fund everything from textbooks and learning materials to maintenance and repairs. For example:

- Facilities maintenance for building with an average of 61 years (19% are older than 80 years).
 - All of our technology comes from the bond.
 - Given limited State funding, more than 75% of all curriculum materials & 100% of library materials are covered by bond.
 - Art materials, musical instruments, athletic fields & equipments, etc.
- Bonds from the 2015 election are being sold on the bond market each spring and fall at a rate/amount designed to keep property tax rates level.
 - The final 2015 bond sale will be August of 2021 for approximately \$36M.
 - A June 2021 election will allow us to
 - receive funds October 1, 2021 to help with expenses for the 2021/22 school year,
 - **keep tax rates level**

Citizen Bond Development Committee

- 36 community members recommended by school board members
- Appointed by the superintendent
- TPS staff in advisory roles

CBDC Responsibility

- Serve as a advisory group and voice of the community in reviewing potential projects.
- Provide critical feedback to refine the bond package:
 - Identify perceived gaps or areas of need that are not included
 - Evaluate alignment with district strategic priorities and core values for each project
 - Identify strengths: areas that resonate with the community
 - Identify projects that may need more detailed explanations
 - Provide input on useful information to describe projects and inform the public
- Advise the district on project prioritization to inform decisions on the length of the bond

District Department Teams Responsibility

- Identify and prioritize potential investments for the bond
- Categorize investments into topics to better organize efforts
- Present information to the committees and respond to questions and requests for additional information

Board of Education

- Review recommendations and authorizes whether to go forward with filing for a bond election.

The 2021 Bond development work began 19 months ago

2021 Bond development timeline

- *August, 2019:* District teams began work to assess needs and projects for inclusion in bond
- *February, 2020:* Board members identified community members for the 2021 Citizens Bond Development Committee (CBDC)
- *June, 2020- March '21:* CBDC series of meetings with teams and subject specialists to review requests, make recommendations and prioritize projects.
 - Subcommittees met to dive deeper into each area
 - Committee work resulted in the four bond packages
- *January 11:* Committee presentation to Board of Education
- *Jan 12-15:* Board member district detailed review with each board member
- *April 5:* Board vote on authorization to file for an election
- *June 8, 2021:* 2021 Bond election (pending Board approval)



Important changes since we last reviewed the 2021 Bond packages with the Board

These changes were approved by the Citizen Bond Development Committee

- *American Rescue Plan, CARES Act*, signed by the president, will address \$51.6M in air quality work originally included in the bond package
- This reduction allowed us to reduce the bond and shorten it to a 5 year plan and keep tax rates level.
- The result is a \$414MM bond, slightly less than the amount approved by Tulsa voters in 2015.



**Safety &
Security**

**School
Renovations
& Roofing**

Accessibility

**Multipurpose
Dining &
Kitchen**

HVAC Repair

Safe Learning Environments \$166,755,000

Greg Shaw: Chair

**Lora Boyle, Steve Grantham, Katie Henke, Sally Perez, Whitney Stauffer,
Sharon Voskuhl, Bobby Woodard, Dee Ward**



Student and Staff Technology

School and Classroom Technology & Marquees

Network Infrastructure Upgrades

Web- Based Services

Student and Classroom Technology: \$90,695,000

Vanessa Rodriguez: Chair

Steve Grantham, Niki Grauberger, Kristen Oertel, Elizabeth Osburn

**School Bus
Replacement**

**Type A Student
Transport
Vehicles**

**Bus Replacement
Parts**

**Software &
Services**

**Support Fleet
Vehicles**



Transportation \$17,295,000

Doug Collins: Chair

Becky Gligo, Vanessa McLearn, Greg Shaw

A young girl with short dark hair, wearing a red polo shirt, is smiling broadly at the camera. She is sitting at a desk in a classroom. In the background, other students in red shirts are seated at desks, and the classroom environment is visible with blue chairs and wooden desks.

**Inclusive and
Equitable
Schools**

**High Quality
Instructional
Materials**

**Preparing
Young
Tulsans for
the Future**

**Strengthening
Arts & Athletics**

**Investing in
Tulsa's
Teachers**

**Expanding
Successful
Programs**

Quality Teaching & Learning Materials & Programs

\$139,255,000

Misti Ryan: Chair

Michael Dupont, Niki Grauberger, Steve Grantham, Myrna Jones, Lee Ann Jimenez, Joanna Lein, Anne Mannell, Brian Paschal, Donna Savage, Jesus Villareal, DeArnetta Ward

Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee

A 2021 Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee is formed upon successful passage of the 2021 bond

- 30 to 35 members including appointees from each district and community members at large.
- Serve throughout the full lifetime of the bond (approximately 5 years)
- Monitor progress on all bond projects.
- Approve any recommended changes to the bond projects.
- Recommend any project changes to the school board and superintendent.



Questions