

Facility Planning Task Force

Meeting 2 Summary

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, the Facility Planning Task Force met at L.D. Bell High School where they heard presentations on several topics: facility assessments, safety and security, and school finance. They also saw the list of project considerations and the District's current project recommendations. More details of the recommended projects will be shared in upcoming meetings, allowing the task force to make informed decisions on which projects to recommend to the school board.

The facility assessment completed by VLK Architects in 2020 and 2021 evaluated the educational adequacy, campus capacities, and facility conditions of all elementary and high school campuses. The junior high campuses were not included because they were all undergoing significant additions and renovations as part of the 2018 bond program. The findings of the assessment recommended the replacement of four elementary campuses: Midway Park, Hurst Hills, Bell Manor, and Wilshire. The largest factors in this recommendation stem from structural limitations that prevent the buildings from being modified to meet today's educational standards or handicap accessibility standards. All these campuses would also require significant additions and reconfiguration to provide secure vestibules.

LD Bell, Trinity, and KEYS High Schools are all aging facilities with numerous facility updates needed. Beyond that, there are significant educational adequacy, handicap accessibility, and security deficiencies that make renovation impractical. These campuses are also recommended for replacement. These projects will be discussed in greater detail in Meeting 3.

HEB ISD also presented new and anticipated state-mandated safety and security requirements and the improvements being made across the district including exterior and interior door updates such as new locksets and upgraded access control, window safety film, perimeter fencing, and technology and communication updates.

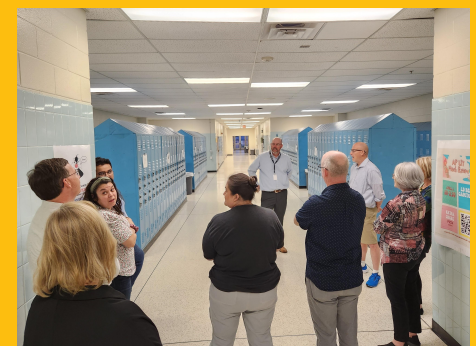
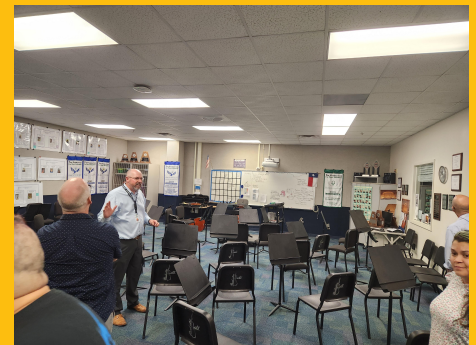
Finally, HEB ISD and their financial advisor shared information about school finance, the district's current tax rate, and various scenarios of what a potential bond election could look like and the tax impact it could have. In summation, the district's current tax rate has dropped \$0.27 in the last decade and is well below the median rate of the area's comparable districts. A bond election of \$799 million would bring the district up to the median tax rate.

Meeting 3

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 @ Trinity High School

The task force will hear presentations on the plans for the future of L.D. Bell High School and Trinity High School.

Consensus: In the first meeting, the task force was asked which level of consensus should be required in later meetings when they make decisions related to the recommendation they will deliver to the school board. The average value given in that meeting was 71%. When asked in Meeting 2 if they could support that level of agreement, **the task force decided that 71% is an acceptable level of consensus.**



LD Bell High School Tour: Orchestra space is insufficient, meeting in two converted classrooms. Auditorium stage is not suited for modern theatrical performances. Competition gym is undersized. Cafeteria is inadequate to serve campus capacity. Classrooms are undersized and inflexible, unable to be reconfigured due to load bearing walls. Multiple areas in the building cannot be reached by a person in a wheelchair.