

ECISD Bond Committee Meeting #1

July 15, 2021

Q&A

Question	Answer
How many portable buildings are there in the district? How are we handling food and restrooms?	165 portables across the district. Everyone has to come indoors to use the restroom at Buice Elementary. Some do have plumbing
Has the district been able to implement the technology used with CARES to improve the schools and set us ahead in the future?	Yes. CARES was part of the federal assistance program and used about 6 mill. City council also used their CARES to fund along with County to provide technology to our students in ECISD as well as increase Broadband
Will virtual provide any relief to overcrowding?	Texas legislature decided not to fund virtual learning this next year. We cannot provide that option since there is no funding; however it is up to us to figure out how to create that opportunity (politically as well)
Estimate for vacancies staffing.	200 right now but will be less than that at the start of the year. Opportunity Culture is a creative staffing model we are using to provide a great education to more children with fewer adults. There is a need for larger spaces
How much money is spent to maintain and purchase new portables?	<p>It is much more expensive to do school out there than it is to do school in here. We move portables every year. Buice continues to receive portables due to increased enrollment. This also includes ADA ramps, sidewalks, and other infrastructure that costs money.</p> <p>A new 24' x 64' portable has a cost of \$75,000 to the district. ADA Ramps for each portable are \$6,500. Concrete for sidewalks has a cost of roughly \$7.50/sq.ft. The cost to move a portable is \$5,000 - \$7,000 depending on the location and the portable itself.</p>

<p>Configuration of district (number of Elem/MS/HS) Have we looked at what we need and has that already been looked at? Small is better.</p>	<p>Everything is on the table. Our MS are very large and very crowded. Opportunity exists to create options for students at that level.</p>
<p>What about schools that don't have room to expand or spread out?</p>	<p>The goal is not to have any portables. Many of our schools have additional land available. There comes a point where there is no room and we have to move students to other campuses.</p>
<p>What can we look at in our Bond and what is off limits?</p>	<p>We will talk more specifically, but facilities are the primary responsibility in a Bond. Buses and Technology and Maintenance can be in a Bond. Typically high dollar items that last for many years. Supplies are not Bond eligible.</p> <p>School districts may issue bonds for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction, acquisition, and equipment of school buildings • Acquisition or refinancing of property • Purchase of necessary sites for school buildings • Purchase of new school buses. <p>-TASB – Info on School Bonds</p>
<p>Was there any research and data regarding student performance in a smaller environment vs. larger environment? Minority student's performance in those environments? Discipline data vs. school size/class size?</p>	<p>We did not get that far. As we move forward, that is something to look at. There is a weighted balance between cost and performance. We will work on getting that data.</p> <p>Chris Cole - this is an issue across the country and the data is available.</p> <p>Substantial research has been conducted in the U.S. on class size. Although most of the studies have attempted simply to use test results as a measure of the effectiveness of class size, there does appear to be some consensus on the following three points:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• smaller class sizes result in higher achievement among students who are economically disadvantaged• smaller class sizes result in students with lower academic ability doing better• class size might affect student attitudes more significantly than it affects achievement.
What are we currently looking at in terms of cost of growth needs and what will the community accept?	This is the exact work of this committee. We will show you what that looks like today because the need has not gone away; however, TRE has helped decrease the cost of the need.