

ECISD Bond Committee Meeting #5

October 21, 2021 – Q & A and Takeaways

1. Explain FCI – Facility Condition Index.

The Facility Condition Index (FCI) of a building (or campus) is calculated by dividing the anticipated total maintenance repair/replacement costs by the estimated replacement value of the facility.

- An industry-standard measure used to compare the relative condition of a group of facilities intended for use as a tool and not the sole determining factor in the decision-making process
- 1:1 Replacement (like-kind replacement; does not take into account the cost to build a new/larger, modern-day facility)
- The lower the FCI, the better the condition of the building (less funding will be required relative to the value of the facility)
- FCI of **60%** or above is considered high (facilities with a higher FCI should be further evaluated; these facilities may be candidates for replacement in the future)

$$\text{FCI} = \frac{\text{total cost of existing deficiencies}}{\text{current replacement value}}$$

2. Did we give any consideration to safety and security in the technology requests?

The technology requests in this particular bond mainly focus on upgrading and improving technology infrastructure, cabling, network equipment, upgrading security cameras/systems, and classroom AV/multimedia. All campuses were equipped with controlled access upgrades with the passage of the 2018 TRE.

3. Do we currently have the ability to send mass texts to parents?

Yes, we currently have this capability through our Blackboard platform.

4. Is it possible to use the Sewell Auto Tech Shop to service our buses?

This facility was not designed to service district buses on this large of a scale.

5. Would a centrally located transportation facility help with the efficiency of routes?

Yes, a new facility as centralized as possible would improve efficiency.

6. Does the dollar amount of district/department needs include building new schools?

It does not. This dollar amount reflects only the respective departmental needs – new facilities are not included.

7. Does our Fine Arts department provide all of the instruments that our students use?

No, it does not. We provide the larger instruments and students lease the smaller ones.

8. Have we done an assessment on the safety of Ratliff Stadium structurally?

This has not been done in the last several years.

9. What items need to be pulled out of a major bond package and must stand alone?

School bonds can only include school facilities or school upgrades. Other items/requests have to stand alone in their bond package i.e. transportation facilities, certain technology student devices, and standalone athletic facilities.

10. Would we have to come back to the voters and reallocate funds if/when the bonds mature?

Said bonds will mature when we pay them off. If funds are leftover because something costs less, then no, we would not have to go back to the voters. We would however have to spend funds on like items and obtain approval from the Board of Trustees.

11. Are there any items that the district can pursue with tax money if the bond does not pass? What requests would be required to be included in a bond?

We can continue to maintain facilities as best as possible, invest in instruments, etc. but the district cannot fund the larger needs such as new facilities.

12. If we build a standalone CTE facility, would we no longer have a need for a third high school?

Our proposed CTE facility will have the capacity to hold 1000 students and will allow for growth. Odessa and Permian High Schools will still be over capacity with the construction of a new CTE facility.

Meeting #5 Key Takeaways

- There is support for a K-12 village within the district
- There is support for smaller learning environments for high school students
- There is major support for a Choice CTE campus
- No support for expanding our current high schools at their current locations
- There is support for building another one, or two, comprehensive high schools
- There was a proposal to consider building an entirely new Odessa High School and Permian High School at new locations. The buildings will be built large enough to accommodate current enrollment and allow for growth of our students' populations.
- The majority of our dropout students are not in extracurricular activities, CTE, or Fine Arts programs. There is hope from the committee that the tendency is for us to expand extracurricular activities to keep kids in school and increase the number of said activities.
- Encourage the option of leasing buses as opposed to purchasing them
- There is support from the committee to move forward with a bond plan. This would mean going back to the community every 5 years with a bond package to improve the district for students.