



Welcome and Meeting 3 Recap

Superintendent Dr. Belding welcomed the committee, and Shelle Blaylock led the group in "Good Things," hearing positive stories from committee members, including Midlothian High School earning 17th place in the Lone Star Cup standings that recognize the highest achieving high schools across the state in UIL competitive events. Dr. Belding reminded the committee about their charge and gave a brief recap of meeting #3. He summarized feedback about facility conditions and comments that committee members submitted during their Exit Ticket at the end of Meeting 3. He also reviewed results from the initial prioritization activity that showed the committee's top four priorities: Midlothian High School updates and renovations, a new elementary school, Frank Seale Middle School updates, and capital improvements at existing facilities. He reminded committee members to trust the process, answered questions about how the district will communicate about a future bond election, and showed a map identifying school sites owned by MISD.

Define Consensus

A video was introduced to help committee members better understand the purpose of defining consensus and how it will be achieved as a group. After group discussions among their tables, committee members voted on the following threshold percentages: 65, 67, 70, 75, and 80. Through this process, the committee reached a consensus to set the threshold at 75%. This means a project must receive support from at least 75% of the committee in order to be included.

Understanding Project Budgets and School Construction Costs

The committee viewed a video explaining the complexities of school construction costs. Dr. Belding introduced Paul Thompson, an architect with Huckabee & Associates. Thompson showed how construction costs have escalated over the last few years by examining the costs of building Irving Elementary (2019), Coleman

Elementary (2021), and the proposed Elementary #9 from the 2023 bond package, contrasting each with current market estimates.

Panel Discussion

A panel of contractors answered questions from the committee, explaining challenges in construction, inflation, tariffs, materials, schedules, the labor market, etc. The panel included Brooks Stoy from Authers Building Group, Koby Lawson from CORE Construction, Ty Parsons from Lee Lewis Construction, and Roby Bledsoe from Pogue Construction. Panelists all talked about being better at predicting costs since all of the lessons learned in the industry during COVID.

Budgets for Potential Bond Projects

A handout was shared with committee members that outlined all-in project budgets, which include estimated construction costs, soft costs (fees, permits, etc.), escalation, and FFE (furniture, fixtures, and equipment).

Round Two Prioritization Discussion and Activity

Committee members were then tasked with prioritizing projects based on criteria such as learning, urgency, community, experience, and growth. Members were encouraged to complete the worksheet independently and then come together as a table to assign ratings to each project. Dr. Belding explained that we would resume this activity at the beginning of Meeting #5 to give committee members more time.