



Welcome and Good Things

Superintendent Dr. Belding welcomed the committee, thanked them for all their time and how hard they have been working. He led them in a round of applause for their efforts. Shelle Blaylock facilitated “Good Things,” hearing positive stories from committee members. Dr. Belding reviewed the committee norms, the committee charge, and reminded the committee of their role and the Board’s role.

Bond Amount

Dr. Belding also reminded the committee of three things to keep in mind as they work to determine the right bond amount: 1 – the charge was to bring forward a fiscally responsible recommendation, 2 – the district’s bonding capacity (based on historical Taxable Assessed Values) allows the district to issue \$421 million while maintaining the current I&S tax rate, and 3 – consider the survey results that showed community support is higher when the total bond amount was below \$400 million.

Committee members then discussed the bond amount at their tables and shared out from their groups. Some agreed that it was important to stay below \$400 million. Others said it was hard to include everything that’s needed at each school and keep the recommendation below \$400 million. Some said it needs to be a small amount to be successful. Reasons included the last bond results, survey results, and the state of the economy. One committee member spoke in favor of renovations for the “sister schools” based on the needs at those campuses.

Review Round 1 Build-A-Bond Results

Committee members reviewed projects that had more than 75% consensus based on their work at Meeting 5, projects that had more than 50% consensus, and how 100% of the groups agreed that Midlothian High School (MHS) needed some type of renovation. The support for the projects at MHS was split. Some tables were in favor of including a

new addition to MHS and others were in favor of capital improvements and renovations over a new addition.

Review MHS Options

Dr. Belding and the committee reviewed where the committee left off on the Build-A-Bond activity from Meeting #5. He also gave an overview of adjustments and project scope for the proposed projects at Midlothian High School. The “addition” the committee is considering would be a multi-story addition with approximately 60,000 square feet. A question was asked about whether the addition would add capacity for more students. The architect clarified that the budget currently shown includes demolition of 56,000 square feet and adding 60,000 square feet. This would add 4,000 square feet to the school but wouldn’t necessarily add significant new capacity to the building. Committee members continued to ask clarifying questions while providing their perspectives and thoughts.

Continuation of Build-A-Bond

The committee worked at their tables to finalize their Build-A-Bond and projects that would be included in their recommendation.

Committee comments included:

- To make the math work with all the big things we need, renovations at MHS would be more palatable than the addition.
- We want to advocate for the transportation center.
- Our table added everything that had 75% from the last meeting, added the MHS renovation, and were able to stay under \$400 million. The math works.
- We felt it was important to build the addition and sacrifice some of the other projects.
- Everyone in Midlothian has seen social media videos of water flowing in the halls. They know that some of our schools are old and need repairs.

After this discussion, the committee worked at their tables to finalize their selections on the Build-A-Bond worksheet. At this point, the committee’s consensus was to address capital improvements and renovations at MHS versus an addition at MHS.

Voting on Recommendation

The committee was asked to cast an individual vote on each of the projects that required more conversation and debate. The vote on the Transportation Center reached consensus. Renovations to the “sister schools” and land did not reach the 75% consensus threshold.

This brought the committee’s final recommendation to \$383,215,139 for the projects listed below. The total recommendation was approved with 79% consensus.

- New Elementary School #9
- New CTE Center (Phase 1 Only) and Repurpose The MILE
- Agriculture Facility Additions
- Technology Infrastructure
- Technology Devices
- Capital Improvements at Existing Facilities
- Frank Seale Middle School Capital Improvements
- Frank Seale Middle School Renovations
- Midlothian High School Capital Improvements
- Midlothian High School Renovations
- Longbranch, Vitovsky and Mt. Peak Elementary School Capital Improvements
- Transportation Facility Addition and Renovation
- Buses

Conclusion

Dr. Belding announced that committee members Amy Brown, Brad Golden, Scott Klor, Jennifer Knight, Richard Reno, and Gabriel Vargas will present the recommendation to the Board of Trustees on Monday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting concluded with remarks and thanks from MISD School Board President Ryan Timm and board members Tami Tobey and Ed Harrison.

Committee members posed for a group photo and were presented with Certificates of Appreciation from Midlothian ISD as they left.