Minutes

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Bond Development Committee (BDC) - Meeting Minutes

Meeting #4 – October 30, 2025

Welcome & Recap

Consultant Evan welcomed attendees and provided a recap of the committee's purpose and its work outcomes.

- PURPOSE:
  - The purpose of the committee is to develop the capital needs of the District, informed by the Long-Range Facility Plan, and to establish consensus recommendations for community input. Final recommendations will be presented to the School Board as part of a Strategic Capital Investments Plan for a possible upcoming bond in the November 2026 election.
- OUTCOME:
  - The committee will provide recommendations for District capital needs informed by data, educational programming, and community input, culminating in a Strategic Capital Investments Plan.

Additionally, there was a recap of the third BDC meeting, as well as a representation of the "consensus" the BDC has demonstrated with each of the core discussion areas, thus far. It was shared that there has been strong alignment between what has been presented and what the BDC has discussed and shared as recommended priorities. There were a couple key areas highlighted as areas that were still in agreement by the BDC, but had some questions or thoughts that they may not be top priority depending on what else is included in the final recommendation package.

Overview of This Evening's Meeting

An overview of the meeting was provided, whereby it was shared that the BDC would hear from district personnel and experts connected to the following strategic areas of consideration for a 2026 bond:

- Extracurriculars and Athletics
- Other Needed Projects:
    - Nutrition Services
    - Transportation

It was then shared that there would be an opportunity for group discussion for sharing initial priorities within each of the strategic areas.

Extracurriculars and Athletics

Rian Petrick, the District's Director of Extracurricular Services & Athletics, introduced himself and began by giving an overview of Extracurriculars & Athletics at Hillsboro School District (HSD), as well as how programs have grown in response to ever-increasing demand by HSD students, as well as Washington County community members and youth. Extracurriculars at HSD operate with a firm belief that accessing positive afterschool programs shouldn't be determined by a student's address, family's finances or their demographic profile.

The 2017 bond and the roughly $48M invested at that time were shared to yield 8 immediate occupancy Elementary gymnasiums, as well as 4 turf fields with lights. These were shared as a point of momentum yielding the roughly $43M investment that would be requested as a result of this presentation.

Key priorities for Extracurriculars & Athletics within the potential upcoming bond were then shared. Examples shared included:

- *Additional Turf Fields with Lights* to ensure more access and the usability of a large sports field and complex within each feeder group
- *Bleacher Enhancements to meet ADA needs*
- *Restrooms at Venues* to decrease reliance on portable restrooms
- *Key Projects related to Title IX compliance*
- *Auditorium A/V and Safety*
- *Scoreboards and Equipment*

Some further explanations and illustrations were then shared for each of the above areas along with a recap of the context of these asks.

Rian addressed some additional questions shared by the group. Questions raised included:

- Could funds support additional coaches to increase participation by HSD kids?
- How will these efforts increase the percentage of participation of kids in programs?
- What are the actual cost savings for turf fields?
- There is a focus on fields and enhancements for High Schools – why not more for Elementary Schools at this time?

- Why would we seek to increase the capacity of Extracurriculars & Athletics during a time when enrollment is projected to decline?
- Are there efforts to enhance coaches' offices and workspaces included in these components or other components that have already been presented?
- What about secure and adequate storage facilities?
- Are there plans for a dedicated space for cheer and dance?
- Within the auditorium work, is there consideration for enhanced sound systems for Performing Arts?
- Does the school district get any income by renting out these Extracurricular and Athletic spaces? If so, how much?
- Are there plans for a swimming pool and water sports?

Nutrition Services

Whitney Ellersick, HSD's Executive Director – Nutrition Services, introduced herself to the committee. She then provided an overview of Nutrition Services at HSD.

It was shared that the 2017 bond amounted to roughly $1.6M in investments that focused on warehouse freezer expansion, as well as modular kitchen/cafeteria construction at Reedville.

The bond support needed for the district's Nutrition Services was then highlighted and further contextualized. It was shared that the requests would aim to meet student and community demand by increasing capacity both within school site kitchens and the district's central warehouse, while also increasing efficiency and improving workplace safety.

More specifically, the potential 2026 bond projects under consideration are:

- Equip and upgrade school-site kitchens that currently have reach-in refrigerators only with walk-in units
- Increase storage capacity
- Service line reconfiguration and upgrades for ADA and plumbing, and electrical
- Glencoe kitchen upgrade to support fire code safety needs
- Generator needs for the warehouse as well as South Meadows and Glencoe (the larger production kitchens)

These would support the department to better provide consistent access to food and nutrition that ensures that students are able to learn and achieve their best, thereby fully supporting each of the district's priorities.

Whitney then addressed some questions raised by the group:

- Can you clarify what semi-scratch mad foods are and how these will correlate to the intended outcomes shared?

- Would the possibility of microwaves be considered as part of these efforts, as well, or where would that fall under?
- Are there any anticipated changes given current federal funding movements that might shift these needs or that are not yet considered in the above?
- Is there involvement with/are there partnerships with food pantries?
- Do you see a future of more localized storage at schools that may make the centralized warehouse obsolete?

Break

There was a 7-minute break for the BDC

Transportation

Rusty Bingham, HSD's Executive Director – Transportation, introduced himself to the committee. He then provided an overview of Transportation at HSD.

It was shared that the 2017 bond amounted to over $17M in investments that focused on cameras and GPS on all buses and a satellite transportation facility. There was no fleet investment within that bond.

The potential 2026 bond support needed for HSD Transportation was then shared:

- Purchase 10-12 additional new school buses annually throughout the bond period to maintain a reliable and efficient fleet that meets district needs
- Transition to a web-based routing system with driver tablets and real-time student tracking to enhance safety and operational efficiency

Rusty then addressed some questions raised by the group:

- Roughly how much longer would it take to fill up a bus with kids using scanners?
- Would there be an additional cost to retrofitting new buses with the web-based routing system and hardware, as they are added over the course of the bond, or is that already factored into the cost of the new bus?
- What if my kid loses their pass or scannable ID for their bus?

Additional Needs

Saideh Haghighi Khochkhou and Scott Harrison then presented on some additional projects for consideration for the upcoming bond.

The projects shared for consideration were:

- Facilities Fleet Replacement: funds to support the replacement of transit working vans, pick-up trucks, moving trucks, and more
- Safety Fleet Replacement: Roughly 3 vehicles

- Print Shop Expansion: This would include equipment to scale current production and services. Ultimately, this would deliver cost savings in government and non-profit sectors and the equipment tied to HSD CTE programs would be paid back through profits over time

Saideh and Scott then addressed some questions raised by the group:

- How long might it take to repay the cost of the print shop?
- What is the lifespan of the equipment needed?
- Would there be any added benefit of a reduction of in-district or other district costs?

Small Group Discussion:

Each small group then had about 15 minutes to discuss the following questions:

- Based on what you heard regarding Extracurriculars & Athletics and Other Needed Projects (Nutrition Services, Transportation, and Additional Projects):
    - What are the top 3-5 things in each strategic area that you feel are most urgent/highest priority? Why?
    - Is there anything else you did not hear regarding these strategic areas that you would like to be considered? Why?

Closing and Wrap-up

Evan shared that a synopsis of the key areas of focus within these categories, as well as the previous meeting categories, would be more explicitly shared and brought forward to the group at the next meeting for review, questions, and reactions. This would take place after getting an in-depth presentation on projected/forecasted financial impacts and other financial information.

The meeting was then ended with a reminder of the next Bond Development Committee meeting and what to expect following tonight's meeting.

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 13 2025 | 4 – 6 pm | District Office

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