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Bond Development Committee (BDC) - Meeting Minutes

Meeting #6 – December 6, 2025

Welcome & Recap

Consultant, Evan Mirolla, welcomed committee members and kicked-off the meeting by providing context and purpose for tonight's time.

- **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.

Overview of This Evening's Meeting

An overview of the meeting was provided, whereby it was shared that the BDC would hear updates regarding target figures, work that has been done by the Steering Committee since the last meeting, and some guiding principles to support group collaboration and deliberation to formulate potential bolt-on packages for community input and feedback January-February 2026.

More specifically, it was shared that the meeting would be about:

- A chance to dive into key data regarding core and potential projects for a 2026 bond
- Create recommended bond packages – within groups – to go with the essential work to be done by a potential 2026 bond (aka the immutable core)
- See next steps, as well as a scope and sequence for the next two BDC meetings in Spring 2026

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Notes were then shared regarding the BDC journey to this evening's meeting:

- An essential aspect to school bond planning – especially for the BDC – is truly understanding the detailed needs of the district
- BDC brings invaluable experience to hear and grapple with those needs through critical engagement and consensus and then utilizes all available information to make informed recommendations
- Tonight, the work gets a bit harder as we begin to consider projects to build bond packages for the community's consideration
- Therefore, there will be critical conversations about hopes, trade offs, etc., to strike a key balance of personal experience, district needs (including staff and students), and community needs, and what will appeal to voters, among other things

Context Building

Jeremy Wright from Wright Public Affairs provided some context to support the group work for the BDC this evening. More specifically:

- The concept of a sweet spot for a winning bond was presented as the intersection of three key components:
 - What the District needs
 - Community priorities
 - What voters want to pay
- Key voter information to consider from the 2017 bond and projections for the 2026 bond broken down by:
 - Sex
 - Age
 - Party Registration
 - Race & Ethnicity

This data was presented as a preface to key ideas to keep in mind for a potential 2026 Bond campaign.

Beth Graser then walked through guiding principles with explanations for each for the BDC to keep in mind as they begin to deliberate on potential projects to include as “bolt-on’s” to the core of the potential 2026 bond. These principles included:

- Prioritize safety, comfort, and reliability
- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and community stewardship
- Advance equity across all schools
- Ensure districtwide benefit
- Avoid novelty bias
- Support student learning and the District's Portrait of a Graduate
- Leverage partnerships and additional funding
- Deliver positive impacts for students and the community

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- Aim for long-term sustainability

Beth then shared some information regarding what the Bond Steering Committee (BSC) did since the last meeting. Specifically, efforts to dwindle down the core of projects from approximately \$380M to \$344M was done by reducing some projects within core scopes so that the BDC could more directly weigh-in on potential packages with a ceiling of \$411M for a potential 2026 Bond.

Group Work Time Framing

The BDC was then reminded of pre-work they had reviewed regarding the core list of projects and associated projected costs, a breakdown of core projects by feeder pattern. This pre-work was highlighted to come alongside 2 new pieces of data for this evening, including the guiding principles and a menu of potential additional projects aligned to the various scopes and their projected costs.

Individual Think Time

Participants were then given 5 minutes to collect their own thoughts with the information from this evening and their pre-work to prepare for group discussions and worktime.

Group Package Development

Groups then had 40 minutes to develop 1-3 potential packages with their group to be captured within the Bond Packages Planning Tool. Group members were encouraged to use the guiding principles as a way to check rationale and to directly discuss trade-offs while noting points of difficulty and/or tension.

Group Share-Out

Groups then selected one group member to share an example of their brainstormed package (what is included and why).

Overwhelmingly, all groups sought to restore the full critical scope or projects into the bond with some overlap and variance about additional projects the groups.

Community Engagement Overview

The BDC then got a high-level overview of the community feedback and input process to take place over the course of January and February, including:

- Community Open Houses
- Community Poll
- Solicitation of feedback from Hillsboro students, parents, and staff

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Subsequent BDC Meetings

An overview of the scope and sequence for the next two BDC meetings was provided leading to a target Board Presentation in May for Board Approval by June:

- BDC Meeting #7 (March)
 - Engage with preliminary community and HSD feedback, as well as polling results
 - Move toward a single bond package recommendation
- BDC Meeting #8 (April)
 - Finalize a single bond package recommendation
 - Review DRAFT Board presentation
 - Determine who from BDC will present the recommendation to the School Board with support from BSC, as well as the team of consultants

Next Steps

Next steps were shared regarding what the BDC could expect from the BSC before the holiday break, then after the new year ahead of the next set of BDC meetings in March and April:

- By Dec 9:
 - Update to the HSD School Board
- By Dec 19:
 - BSC review and synthesis of group packages for additional feedback and input from BDC
 - Additional information regarding community engagement plan
- Late January:
 - BDC newsletter #1 sharing any updates
- Late February:
 - BDC newsletter #2 sharing any updates and pre-work for the next sequence of BDC meetings

Q&A and Closing

BDC had a chance to share any questions and to close out.