

Community Meetings Questions & Answers

Below answers per Nederland ISD independent financial advisor Dusty Traylor.

Do the district's independent financial advisors have any concerns with the ability of the district to repay the bond? **No. We do not have any concern with the district to repay these bonds.**

Are the bonds insured through the state of Texas? **Yes. Through the Texas Permanent School Fund provided with a AAA rating.**

Some say PNGISD has the ability to approve school bonds due to their industry. Is the tax base in Nederland ISD only residential, or do we have industry to aid? **There is commercial and industrial within Nederland ISD. If we look at composition, less than 50% is residential. The remaining is commercial, industrial, utilities and alike.**

If the bond passes and the 33 cents is added to the overall tax rate, how will Nederland's school tax rate compare to the rates of surrounding cities? **This 33 cents will put Nederland ISD in line with surrounding districts, within a few cents.**

What impact would the bond market have on the sale of these bonds during the life (amortization) of the bonds? I recognize it is hard to say what will happen in 25 years. **Interest rates we are talking about as it relates to sale of these bonds with a fixed rate of interest. If from now and 15 years from now, the interest rates in the greater bond market increases, it will not impact these bonds. We will sell these bonds with at a fixed rate over the life of the amortization. If the interest rates go down, the district will have a call option to refinance. Nederland ISD has historically done this in previous bonds.**

Can you please explain bond rating? Moody AAA? **The bond rating is basically a corporate entities credit score, just like our personal credit score. A AAA bond rating (from state of Texas) is the highest available bond rating out there. These bonds (NISD's) should have a AAA rating along with NISD rating of AA3 which is very high and in comparison with peer districts.**

The state of Texas sees a lot of bonds passed every year in many cities of all sizes. Knowing the size and industry surrounding Nederland, does the state see a problem with Nederland taking on a bond of \$156mm? **I cannot answer for the state of Texas. However, as it relates to other districts around the state, these dollars, estimates, numbers, facilities, are very much in line with what is commonly seen across the state of Texas. There are guidelines put in place from the state of Texas. In order for this bond to go through the state of Texas has to sign off on the amount. Nothing in this shows that the state of Texas would not sign off on the sale of the bonds.**

Would taxes be cheaper per household if you chose 40 years vs. 25 years? **Only very slightly. However, the difference in the additional compounded interest would amount to many many millions more in interest paid back.**

Is there a maximum tax increase per household? **A projected maximum increase per household of the 33 cents on the value of their home.**

Does the over 65 tax exemption freeze the tax rate or the amount of taxes paid? **No. The over 65+ freeze is for the amount paid not the rate.**

Are school district tax rates any different for apartment/duplexes/townhomes than single dwelling homes? **No. Tax rate of the 33 cent is based upon the appraised property value.**

What about businesses, are their school district taxes any different? **No. The ad valorem tax rate of the 33 cent increase based upon their appraised property value.**

What is the cost of an election held along with the City of Nederland? **Estimated \$15,000-\$16,000**

What is the cost of an election NOT held along with the City of Nederland? **Estimated \$23,000-\$25,000**

Will the traditional revenue sources used to fund the M&O budget be enough going forward given the proposed changes to technology and building structures? Is there a perceived need to increase the M&O tax rate in the future to address any of this? **Yes. The traditional revenue sources used to fund the M&O budget are projected to be enough. No there is not a perceived need to increase the M&O tax rate. The M&O tax rate is projected to be \$1.04/\$100 value.**

What impact would any changes to home values have on the tax rate? For instance, if home values declined would the tax rate need to increase to allow enough repayment ability given the decreased revenues? Subsequently if values rose could future rates be lowered? **If the total appraised property values within the district decline, then yes, a slightly higher tax rate would be needed. Alternatively, if the total appraised property values within the district increased, then the future tax rate needed could be lowered.**

Does the declining demand for fossil fuels and the proliferation of electric vehicles make our are vulnerable in the next 20 years and affect our ability to pay off this bond? **Even with the advent of electrical cars, etc, we are still seeing growing need for petrochemicals. Even with these new technologies, we continue to see the large petrochemical companies making large capital investments for facilities, etc. Petrochemicals are used in a host of products other than just fuel for cars, plastics, etc.**

Can we propose another bond for new schools before this one is paid for? **If the appraised value continues to grow, then the district would be able to do another bond in the future. The amount of that bond would depend on amount of growth and timing, etc. This decision is made by the Board of Trustees.**

What can we expect the economic impact to be on families and small businesses? **A projected maximum increase per household of 33 cents per \$100,000 value which equals \$27.50 per month.**

What bonds and the amount do we still owe?

NEDERLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 2012 Election - Outstanding Annual Debt Service by Principal and Interest

Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	LESS: QSCB Subsidy	Total Net Debt Service
08/31/2020	\$ 1,136,666.67	\$ 767,098.75	\$ (260,914.08)	\$ 1,642,851.34
08/31/2021	1,156,666.67	752,498.75	(260,914.08)	1,648,251.34
08/31/2022	1,181,666.67	737,498.75	(260,914.08)	1,658,251.34
08/31/2023	1,206,666.67	721,998.75	(260,914.08)	1,667,751.34
08/31/2024	1,236,666.67	705,998.75	(260,914.08)	1,677,751.34
08/31/2025	1,256,666.67	689,948.75	(260,914.08)	1,684,801.34
08/31/2026	1,281,666.67	671,186.25	(260,914.08)	1,691,938.84
08/31/2027	1,306,666.67	652,486.25	(260,914.08)	1,698,238.84
08/31/2028	1,336,666.67	630,036.25	(260,914.08)	1,705,788.84
08/31/2029	1,366,666.67	606,186.25	(260,914.08)	1,711,938.84
08/31/2030	1,396,666.67	580,746.25	(260,914.08)	1,716,498.84
08/31/2031	1,426,666.67	553,626.25	(260,914.08)	1,719,378.84
08/31/2032	1,461,666.67	523,801.25	(260,914.08)	1,724,553.84
08/31/2033	1,496,666.67	492,466.25	(260,914.08)	1,728,218.84
08/31/2034	1,531,666.67	459,533.75	(260,914.08)	1,730,686.34
08/31/2035	1,566,666.67	424,891.25	(260,914.08)	1,730,643.84
08/31/2036	1,205,000.00	108,768.75	-	1,313,768.75
08/31/2037	1,243,000.00	68,662.50	-	1,313,662.50
08/31/2038	735,000.00	26,775.00	-	761,775.00
Total	\$ 24,521,666.72	\$ 10,173,628.75	\$ (4,174,625.28)	\$ 30,520,670.19

Note: QSCB subsidy amount reflects a decrease of 6.2% from original issuance, due to the effects of Sequestration. It is possible that further changes to the subsidy amount could be made in the future. Schedule reflects annual deposits of Series 2012 QSCB sinking fund payments.

Two people own a home together. If one is 65 and the other is 63, would they see a tax increase or would they be exempt? **Exempt. Contact the Jefferson Central Appraisal District for more information.**

When the bonds are sold in phases as needed over the design and construction phases does that mean our tax increase will also be in phases? **Yes it could. However, the tax rate is calculated along with change in property values, amount of sale of bonds, number of sales and timing.**

When do you estimate the tax increase will start? **2020.**

If the bond passes, what is the estimated total payout of the entire bond including interest?

The current projected total payout is 245MM. That includes the principal and interest. However, that is based on conservative estimates of interest rates. Currently bond interest rates are approximately 1/2 to 3/4 of 1% lower than the projections. If we are able to sell the bonds at these rates, the total payout could be less. Additionally, in the future, we could refinance the bond to a lower rate and that might allow for a lower total payout. Additionally, it is also possible for the bond to be paid off sooner and that would also allow for a lower total payout.

When was the last bond approved? How much? When is it paid off? **2012. Proposition 1 = \$7,325,000. Proposition 2 = \$21,265,000. Totaling \$28,590,000. Proposition 1 will be paid off in 2035. Proposition 2 will be paid off in 2038.**

What happens with leftover money? **If there is left over funds from either Proposition A or Proposition B, after completing all of the projects in those propositions, then it is within the discretion of the Board what to do with the left over funds**

On the 2012 bond was it 3% interest rate? **The bonds were issued in 4 installments, from 2012 through 2015. The 2012 were QSCBs with a Federal Subsidy so they there was no or little interest costs. The Series 2013 were issued at 2.34%, the Series 2014 at 3.165% and the Series 2015 at 2.675%.**

Did we pay interest for the first 10 years only? **No. The bonds are being paid off with semi-annual payments including interest every year.**

Was it a 20 year bond? **No.**

Series 2012, \$7,320,000 – 23 years

Series 2013, \$9,110,000 – 24 years

Series 2014, \$6,080,000 – 24 years

Series 2015, \$6,080,000 – 23 years

Did we use straight line amortization for 10 years so it is paid for in 20 years (2012 bond)? **No. Amortized over 23 to 24 years.**

That would be a total of 41 million for the 2012? **No. Total bonds issued were \$28,590,000, as authorized in the 2012 election. Total repayment for the bonds will be approximately \$37,150,000**

If the above holds true that means that for a town of 16,000 people they would average \$130.00 per year for 20 years. On the potential 2019 bond it would cost taxpayers about \$240 million over 20 years including interest or about \$750.00 per resident per year. **It is not a per resident cost, it is assessed on property values, which include the residential property, commercial property, inventories, utilities, etc.**

Why was the PowerPoint example changes from \$125,000 home with a taxable value of \$100,000 to a \$100,000 home with a taxable value of \$75,000. **The PowerPoint was not changed. The scenarios are done at \$100,000 for easier math.**

Below answers per Nederland ISD architecture firm IBI.

Does the bond include funds to demo or make alterations to the current high school? **Yes.**

If any projects come in under budget - what will be done with that money? **It is up to the Board of Trustees and stakeholders what is included in the bid alternates.**

What will be done with land that the current high school is built on? **This will be determined during the design phase.**

When will artist renderings of facilities be available? **Per protocols the typical time frame is 2-3 months after the bond election passes.**

Is technology included in equipment? **High school: Smartboards, wiring, infrastructure, etc. are included in a new build. However, things such as computers are included in the technology package.**

What are some of the southeast Texas school districts who have used IBI?
Sabine Pass, Beaumont, Orangefield, Hamshire-Fannett, Deweyville, Newton

Where is the IBI corporate headquarters located? **Toronto, Canada with Texas headquarters in Houston.**

Will local contractors be used? **We are going to invite all educational contractors in this area to bid on this project. All local contractors will have the opportunity to submit bids per standard protocols.**

He said "potentially" keeping dog dome in place. Is it possible that the building will be torn down? **These decisions will be made during the design phase with stakeholder meetings. Stakeholder meetings include: teachers, administrators, community members, students, etc.**

What becomes of current high school? **The bond as called includes building the new high school and demolishing and removing the current high school. However, decisions regarding keeping buildings such as the Dog Dome will be made during stakeholder workshops.**

Will IBI be selecting contractors or will the NISD board of trustees select contractors? **The Nederland ISD Board of Trustees will have sole discretionary on who they hire.**

Will the design of the schools allow the option of expanding on the building, should the need arise in the future? **Absolutely.**

Has the area behind the PAC been tested to find if it will structurally support the new facility? **No.**

Technology changes every 2-3 years, if there an attachment to the tech portion of the account for this? **Yes. That is built into the bid document.**

With no plans drawn for the new school and additional building, how accurate are the estimated costs? **We are very confident that the numbers are going to be relevant at the time the contract is bid.**

What happens if it cost more or less than projected? **Less: the money goes back to the bond money to be decided by the Board of Trustees what happens with it. Over: IBI would be working with the contractor to work to get the numbers back in budget. This rarely happens.**

What percent contingency is built into proposition A? **The matrix used is an estimated bond contingency of 20%.**

Why does the stadium need a new press box? **When you do any renovation to a structure, life safety is a factor. Part of life safety is the American Disabilities Act, which means everything has to be brought up to current ADA code.**

Why the stadium turf? **The CAC suggested turf be added to the bond package.**

If a new high school is built will any of the \$9.5 million that was put in during the 2012 bond be able to be used in the new building? **Yes. That will be accessed.**

If the high school was just renovated, compared to being built new, would the time frame be the same or longer? **Typically renovations take longer.**

If the high school is demolished and rebuilt at the same site, where will the students be located during the process? **The students will remain the current high school during the construction process.**

If 5th grade will be relocated, what will be done with the spare space at middle schools? **The middle schools are currently at capacity. The additional space will be used for expanded programs.**

Were the amounts for each project listed on the survey? **Yes.**

Please explain “flexible teaching & learning” and “individualized learning spaces”. **Individualized learning spaces include: PT, OT, ESL, Dyslexia, RTI, etc. Flexible teaching & learning: extra square footage that is not a classroom that can be used for teachers to share, open to hallway and teachers can use as an educational space for learning opportunities.**

Can you please explain the bond spending, etc. oversight process? Checks & balances? **There are 5 methods for the Board of Trustees to select from: Competitive Bidding, Competitive Sealed Proposals, Request for Proposals (CMAR), Request for Proposals (CMA), Design/Build, Bridging, Job Order Contracting. Before payments are made there are checks and balances in place including: architects, general contractors, project managers, business office and Superintendent. Bond information is reported at monthly Board meetings.**

Please clarify for high school: 272,000 sq ft + PAC + Dog dome = What? **272,000 sqft + PAC (about 60,000 sqft) + Dog dome (about 30,000 sqft) = 365,000. Divided by 1,700 students = about 200 sq feet per student**

Does the \$82.7 include a new basketball facility? **Yes.**

How does IBI get paid? What percentage of bond? **We do not have a completed contract for the bond. In general, architect fees are a percentage of the construction costs.**

What is the expected cost & life of turf? **The expected useful life of turf is 10-12 years with proper maintenance.**

How will replacement turf be paid for? **From the M&O budget.**

Will all four elementary schools construction be done at the same time? **There is a high probability that they will be done at the same time.**

Who will be the stakeholders brought in to help with the design? Or will it continue to be the CAC? **The CAC is no longer a part of this process. The stakeholders include teachers, administrators, parents, community members, students, TXDot, city officials, etc.**

If the soil test comes back showing the proposed site for the new high school won't work, where will the high school be? **I have never encountered a soil test that prevents us from using a piece of property.**

Will the elementary/middle school renovations be started and completed during the summer break? Is there a chance the kids would be displaced during the school year? If so, for how long and would that impact budgets proposed? **No. They would not be completed over one summer break. These will take an estimated 12 months. We think we're in good shape to not have to displace students.**

How long does the district feel the proposed improvements to the elementary school and middle school can last before new propositions are needed to improve or construct new facilities? **The proposed improvements are designed to be incorporated into a new campus if the community decides to address a bond in the future.**

What is the backup plan for if the location of the new high school if the designated area behind the PAC does not prove possible? **There are other possibilities and they will be discussed during stakeholder workshops. There is plenty of land and confident it will work.**

What happens if the bond passes but the school district and IBI are unable to finalize the contract? **That has never happened.**

Can you provide more details about what \$3.4 million for safety & security entails & includes? **Impact resistant glass on doors and windows, card reader hardware, remote control access, additional security cameras, etc. There will be a team of district administrators, local police, fire, EMS, city officials, etc that will work on the safety and security planning.**

Was there a seal competitive bidding process to select the architect? How many bids were received? **No. That is illegal in the State of Texas.**

How are we guaranteed that 75% of the stadium funds are used for ADA needs? **Once we get the final numbers. Everything will be shared transparently.**

Will there be better or additional playground at the elementary schools? **Yes. At all of them.**

Will there be additional track at the new high school? **Additional, no. New, yes.**

What athletic facilities are included with the new high school? Everything you have now outdoors will remain as is. **Except the practice fields will be relocated. A new practice gym and new competition gym are included. If it's chosen to keep the Dog Dome that would be additional space.**

What is the proposed method of delivery from construction? CSP or CMAR? **Nederland ISD Board of Trustees have selected CMAR.**

What is the profit and overhead added by the design and build firm to the overall price of construction? **IBI is not a design/build firm. IBI is only an architect and engineering firm.**

How will change orders be handled? At cost or mark up? **The general contractor will determine how change orders will be handled and that is negotiated when the GM or CM is chosen.**

If bond passes, is NISD obligated to use this same design firm for the design and construction of schools or does NISD have the right to competitively bid the work? **Professional services are not able to be competitively bid.**

Will the general contractor be a preselected company that works closely with existing design firm or competitively bid out to receive the best price? **General contractors are selected by a bidding process and based upon qualifications per RFQ's that is public.**

Will all lower levels of contractors bids be presented to NISD for review without each subsequent level marking up the labor and material prices before adding their own profit and overhead? (This is how we get \$300-\$400 per square foot, when the private sector builds at \$100-\$125 per square foot.) **This depends on the type of construction delivery method the NISD Board of Trustees selects. Until that decision is made, this question cannot be answered.**

Will NISD have option to pay for materials directly without markup from every level of contractor and design build firm? **This depends on the delivery system that the NISD Board of Trustees chooses.**

Will NISD hire a consultant to administrate the bond and ensure the taxpayers are getting what we pay for? (Paying someone qualified a salary of \$100k a year could save many times that when you are spending 156 million) 5% savings would be 7.8 million. **It has not yet been determined which construction management method the district will use. That will be determined by the Board of Trustees.**

Who will oversee the day to day operations of the design build firm? **The Board of Trustees has chosen the Construction Manager at Risk method.**

Who will ensure that at each stage of completion the correct amount of money is paid in relationship to the work completed by design build firm? **It has not yet been determined which construction management method the district will use. That will be determined by the Board of Trustees.**

If the bond was to fail, could a new bond be created for a November election from current information? **Yes. However, The current dollars that are included in the package were developed last year and "escalated" for the current year prices. If there was a bond in November, we would have to adjust those number with essentially a 6% increase due to escalation.**

If bond was to fail, do we have a list of needs for high school for repairs and expansion that could quickly be priced and added to the existing elementary school and middle school totals for a new bond? **No. We only have what the CAC looked at during their process. The costs are only based upon a cost per square foot basis for remodel of the main building, not upon a detailed list of repairs and expansion. A full engineering assessment of all building assemblies might be needed in the scenario described in the question.**

If the high school is torn down, it will also need to be remediated for asbestos and properly disposed of. The removal of all concrete and utility lines and soil prepared for future use will also need to be completed. Has this been accounted for? **Yes.**

Will existing furniture and supplies that are in the high school be saved for use in the new building? **No. There may be things that can be kept to use in other facilities.**

How is the middle school repairs so small compared to other grades? **Due to the scope of work included in each project.**

What is the square footage of the 4 elementary schools additions? **Approximately 24,000 square feet per campus.**

The state average for a high school is \$173.00 per square foot. Why is this one \$304 per square foot? **\$304 includes walk out price: fees, permits, contingencies, furniture, etc. It is an all-in price. The state average compares the smallest district to the largest school districts and usually does not include a total package number.**

Before the bond is brought to a vote can a third party group or person be identified as someone to oversee construction and spending for each phase of construction? **The board has selected the Construction Manager at Risk method. This includes having a CM over the projects.**

Why was the turf included in Prop B despite the fact that numerous studies have shown that playing on artificial fields lead to more injuries and infections? **The CAC included this in the stadium proposal. There is no definitive data that supports turf versus grass.**

Does it not seem irresponsible to approve a bond for a new school without any plans drawn or even a “for sure” location that the school can be built? **Below is the timeline. We are currently in the “Pre-Bond” phase.**

- Pre Bond 6 - 8 Months
- Bond Election May 4, 2019
- Schematic Design 2+ Months
- Design Development 3+ Months
- Construction Documents 3 - 4 Months
- Bidding/Negotiations 30 - 60 Days
- Construction 12 - 24 Months
- Commissioning 2 - 4 Weeks
- Warranty Period 1 Year

Were “unknowns” such as if soil must be remediated due to being unable to sustain new school structures included? **Yes.**

Does the labor used on this project require the prevailing wage? (David Bacon Act) **Yes.**

Will this project all go to one contractor? **Very unlikely.**

In regards to technology, will all teachers get box lights to replace smartboards? **Yes. There is a plan for that moving forward.**

Drainage for stadium turf upgraded? **Drainage for the turf could need to be updated. This will be discussed in the design phase.**

On proposition B will there be a new field house? **No.**

Is CMAR a negotiated contract? **Yes.**

What will the impact be for current students throughout the construction process? **High school - students will continue school as normal in the current high school. Middle school & elementary school campuses - during the design phase, methods and plans will be developed to minimize the impact on classroom disruption.**

What other buildings will be remodeled? Admin, maintenance, bus barn, etc? **None of these listed are included in this bond package.**

How will pick up/ drop off and general traffic be affected? **There will be temporary adjustments made during the construction process.**

How much of this money will be put into vocational programs? **IBI believes the CTE building at the high school is an estimated 20-25% of the total cost.**

With an excess of \$30M in contingency will the surplus be returned to taxpayers or spend on projects not presented to voters? **Premise is false. There is not an excess of \$30M in contingency.**

Will the flat roof be fixed? **In regards to the high school, there are a number of methods architect and engineering firms use in order to increase roof efficiency.**

What is the expected life of the new high school build? **Approximately 50 years.**

Will you increase parking at C.O. Wilson? **Yes.**

When was ADA passed? A person in a wheelchair has a very difficult time getting around in NISD. **Early 1990's.**

What is the plan for the chiller at the high school? I am sure another could be added to meet the load versus demo and replacing what is there. Any thoughts on VRF? **One of the things we will task our MEP with is determining if the current chiller/system is reusable in the new construction. The type of system chosen will be determined by district administrators based upon facility needs.**

There has been mention of certain areas like the gym, cafe, science labs, etc that will be addressed to house 5th grade. Does the library need to be addressed also? **Yes. This will be a part of the design phase.**

What are ADA deadlines? **The law for change in ADA requirements happened in the early 1990's.**

At Langham, will the auditorium be renovated? **That is not included in this bond proposal.**

Would it be possible to enclose walkways for safety and prevent students from being locked out? **Yes. That will be a part of the design phase.**

What has been decided about the Langham K-1 building? **No decisions have been made at this time.**

How many handicap spaces will be on the home side of the stadium? **The exact number is not determined at this time. However, the estimated number for a 10,000 seating capacity is 35.**

Does the new wing have to be for 5th grade? **It has not been determined at this time who or what will be housed in the new wings at the elementary school campuses.**

Below answers per Nederland ISD or CAC.

Why in the survey, were not the questions more simplistic? Meaning why not ask if they simply support a new high school or upgrade high school? Who structured the questions on the survey? **The CAC constructed the survey questions based upon the meeting discussions and the needs for the district.**

What process was used to evaluate and qualify architectural firms for this work and were any local Golden Triangle firms considered during this process? **Yes. A local firm was considered in the process. The Board of Trustees provided an opportunity for presentations by each firm.**

Can you give examples of security improvements? Are there plans to reduce risk, or lower fatalities in an active shooter situation? **Yes. We continually assess our security risks, have drills with our faculty and students, we have added fencing to reduce public access. IBI will use newer standards for safety and security at all campuses.**

What dollar amount for this bond will go towards previous bonds? **Zero.**

Are you using IBI for rebuilding or will you shop around to get best company and/or better prices? **IBI is the pre-bond architect. The construction management method will be selected by the Nederland ISD Board of Trustees.**

If it's best educationally for 5th grade to be at elementary schools, why isn't that done first? **We currently do not have the space for 5th grade at the elementary campuses. The order of projects will be determined after stakeholder meetings.**

What protocols are in place to assure taxpayers of financial transparency during construction? **Before payments are made there are checks and balances in place including: architects, general contractors, project managers, business office and Superintendent. Bond information is reported at monthly Board meetings.**

Who are you accountable to, to see that our money is spent properly? **The Superintendent is accountable to the Board of Trustees and community.**

Why is it ok to renovate 70-90 year old buildings, but not a 50 year old building? **The CAC made this decision including long hours of discussion. Due to bond capacity there was not an option to construct all new schools. They felt the decision to build a new high school at this time was the best decision financially.**

Why would you have any leftover money to throw at the football field? **The CAC made the recommendation based upon the needs of students and community members that use Bulldog Stadium. (A CAC member in attendance helped answer this question.)**

Do you intend to use fences that lock at the new school? **Yes.**

Why was the option of new high school and the upgrades of elementary school not broken into separate options? **At the February 13, 2019 special Board meeting, the NISD Board of Trustees made the decision based on a presentation by bond counsel Mr. Lance Fox. He explained the different bond scenarios that could be placed on the bond election order.**

Bond seems to be structured in an all or nothing fashion with only athletic improvements broken out. Why wasn't the community given more options to vote on? In 2012 I believe two passed and two failed. Wouldn't more options have been beneficial to express the intent of the voter? **At the February 13, 2019 special Board meeting, the NISD Board of Trustees made the decision based on a presentation by**

bond counsel Mr. Lance Fox. He explained the different bond scenarios that could be placed on the bond election order.

Does the district have a 10 year plan? Why or why not? **Nederland ISD uses a strategic planning process to develop the goals for the district including a preventative maintenance plan.**

How do you guarantee all 1,700 high school students are housed in Nederland? **Nederland ISD has policies and procedures in place to verify attendance.**

Why not make C.O. the 5th-6th grade campus & Central the 7th-8th grade campus? With the schools being interchangeable. **Those were discussion during the CAC process. The less number of transitions for a child during their academic career the better.**

NISD gets their demographic update from PASA? **No. Templeton was used for demographic studies.**

Will there be a rezoning? If so, when? If not, why? **We look at capacity and rezoning on an annual basis. A timeframe has not been determined at this time.**

Can you further explain being grandfathered in the district? **We are not sure what is meant by “grandfathered” means in this question. If this is in regards to intra-district transfers. NISD follows district policies and processes.**

If I work in the district and live outside can my child still attend NISD? **Yes. This is a benefit that the Board of Trustees has supported. It is a decision they make.**

What will happen when all the schools that are being renovated need to finally be rebuilt? **Construction of expansion will be built in a way that can be added onto in the future.**

Has the district considered fewer campuses? **Yes. However, the CAC believed that the smaller middle school and elementary school campuses were more effective for our community.**

Will anything be done at the alternative campus? **No.**

After looking at the survey and strong support for new ES as well, was there any consideration given to going ahead & building new as well since you are already spending ½ of the amount needed for new schools? **The bond capacity does not allow for constructing all new campuses.**

Are there any significant problems/issues at elementary schools and middle school campuses that are not addressed with this bond and what is the plan to cover those costs? District money or additional bond money in future years? **Currently this bond will address capacity issues and continue to meet program needs, technology advancements and safety and security.**

If turf is installed in the stadium will the district close the track to the citizens who walk and play in and around the field when it is not in use? **No. However, there will be a time that it will need to be closed for the construction.**

Can you please explain the current maintenance schedule of our campuses and stadium? How will it change once the bond passes? **Currently we have a maintenance program with scheduled maintenance program through work orders and specialized craftsman. We don't see anything changing with the maintenance schedule if the bond passes.**

The portable buildings we have now, what will be done with them? Can they be used at the alternative campus? **The bond will allow for the removal of portable buildings. The buildings will have to be**

assessed. The alternative campus has enough capacity to host the number of students serviced there without portable buildings.

Can a copy of the contract between NISD and architectural design firm be made public? **Yes. You can do a public information request for that contract.**

Will details of each school's modifications be posted to the NISD website? **If the bond passes, details and updates are provided on a monthly basis.**

If the new High School is going to be built behind PAC center, where will students that are in football, band, soccer, etc practice while new school is being built? **The district has enough fields that can be used. Students may be bussed to other locations. It will be up to the Athletic Director to make those decisions.**

Has the design firm that specializes in building school or the NISD school board commissioned or can site a study of what the economic impact would be of such a large bond on a community of our size and our tax base with the absence of heavy industry? **No. That was beyond the scope of work for the CAC. The effect on the taxpayer is A projected maximum increase per household of 33 cents per \$100,000 value which equals \$27.50 per month per \$100,000 value.**

Why was the option for upgrades not asked alongside the option for new schools in the survey? **The survey was designed by the CAC. The questions were based upon their six months of facilities studies.**

How do we validate the success of the bond if it passes? **Success of the bond is validated with transparency and accuracy on all levels. Including: A/E firm, CM, contractors, sub-contractors, district administrators and board of trustees.**

Why were the middle school and elementary school upgrades not a separate issue from the new high school? **The CAC felt the recommendation to include all educational needs of every campus in one package was the best decision.**

Did the CAC participate in the survey? If they did, wouldn't that skew results? **There were over 1,000 respondents to the survey. There were over 100 members of the CAC. There is no way to determine the number of CAC members who actually completed the survey. The CAC did participate in the development of the survey.**

Can more improvements be made than what was mentioned tonight? For example, the girls gym at CO Wilson is not regulation size. Girls & boys share the boys gym rotating each day. This means they only get to run a "full" practice 2-3 times per week. Can the girls gym be expanded so that they no longer share with boys? **This is not part of this bond package. However, moving forward this would depend on bid alternates of this bond and the future M&O budget.**

How will football season ticket holders be affected? **We do not foresee this affecting season ticket holders.**

Will visiting football teams still use girls locker rooms? **Yes.**

On Proposition B - will there be a new field house. **No.**

Any improvements to the band facilities? **The band facilities that are currently in the PAC will not be changed. The elementary schools will have program needs for band with 5th grade moving down.**

Since our facilities, particularly the high school are in such poor condition, why would we continue to expose those students to that environment for another 2-2 ½ years? Why not portables now? **Portable buildings are not ideal to a learning environment. This bond addresses all of those needs. Meaning that if the bond passes, after construction is complete, no student will be in a portable building.**

When do we anticipate in the next bond will be needed? What is NISD's long term plan? **This is a decision of the Board of Trustees. To see Nederland ISD's strategic plan and district goals, visit www.nederlandisd.org.**

Langham is difficult to add to why don't we build a larger elementary to accommodate these issues? Possible separate bond to build three new elementary schools. There is land by Highland, Hillcrest CO to possibly do this. **There were many discussions regarding the number of campuses. The CAC's decision was to keep smaller/neighborhood schools.**

How will the new building help with flex learning with standardized tests? **Flexible learning spaces will provide teachers the opportunity to increase their methods of teaching to 21st century learners.**

How many maintenance employees does NISD employ? **There are 24 maintenance employees and 37 campus custodians.**

Why not build new intermediate school; which would alleviate overcrowding at the elementary as well as junior high, instead of a new high school? **The CAC had many discussions regarding the number of campuses. It was decided that keeping smaller/neighborhood schools was best for our community.**

Why haven't more bids been accepted from other corporations? **NISD has not accepted bids for any construction projects.**

What all courses/programs are part of the CTE? Are any apprenticeships offered? Certifications? What, if any, extracurricular CTE programs will be added? **Below is a list of current CTE courses. Each school year CTE programs/courses are evaluated. NISD is currently working to add eleven I-BC's for the 2019-2020 school year that are not listed above.**

60 - CTE Courses offered for 2019 -2020 school year:

Principles of Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources (ANFR)
Agriculture Mechanics & Metal Technologies
Wildlife Fisheries & Ecology Management
Small Animal Management
Advanced Animal Science
Practicum in AFN&R I
Practicum in AFN&R II
Principles of Construction
Construction Technology I
Fashion Design
Professional Communication
Principles of Arts, Audio Video Technology, & Communication
Audio Video Production I
Audio Video Production II w/lab
Principles of Business, Marketing, & Finance
Business Information Management I
Business Information Management II
Business English
Practicum in Business Management w/Extended Practicum (Work Program)
Banking & Financial Services

Accounting I
 Accounting II
 Instructional Practices (Peer Tutoring)
 Principles of Health Science
 Medical Terminology
 Health Science Theory
 Practicum in Health Science w/ Ext. Practicum: Certified Nurse Aide
 Practicum in Health Science: Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant
 Anatomy & Physiology
 Introduction to Culinary Arts
 Culinary Arts
 Principles of Human Services
 Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness
 Family & Community Services
 Career Prep I Co-op w/ extended Practicum (Work Program)
 Career Prep II Co-op w/ extended Practicum (Work Program)
 Child Development
 Dollars & Sense
 Cosmetology I (Dual Enrollment – LSCPA)
 Cosmetology II (Dual Enrollment – LSCPA)
 Law Enforcement I
 Law Enforcement II
 Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security
 Court Systems & Practices
 Forensic Science
 Introduction to Welding
 Welding I
 Welding II
 Practicum In Manufacturing (Dual Enrollment – Process Operating Technology - LSCPA)
 Practicum In Marketing Dynamics I w/extended prac. (Work Program)
 Practicum In Marketing Dynamics II w/extended prac. (Work Program)
 Principles of Applied Engineering
 Engineering Mathematics
 Engineering Design & Presentation I
 Engineering Design & Presentation II
 Robotics I
 Robotics II
 Automotive Basics
 Automotive Technology I: Maintenance & Light Repair
 Advanced Automotive Technology II: Automotive Service

Apprenticeship Offered:

Beaumont Electrical J.A.T.C. - Electrician pre-apprenticeship offered senior year.

TEA Industry-Based Certifications currently offered: 2018-2019 (CCMR Accountability)

NCCER Core Curriculum

Certified Nurse Aide

National Restaurant Association ServSafe Manager

American Welding Society D1.1

NCCER Welding, Level 1

Cosmetology Operator's License - Important to note that this is a License not a certification

Current certifications offered that are **NOT on TEA Industry-Based Certification list for Accountability**

These are offered as a certification/credential that are beneficial to the student.

OSHA 10 hour – 30 hour

NCCER Welding Entry Level

NCCER Welding II
CPR Certified
AMSA Meat Evaluation
Southwest Airline Professional Communication
NCLCA Livestock Evaluation
National Restaurant Association Serv-Safe Food Handler Certificate
Hunter Education
Boaters Education