

Denton Independent School District

2023 Bond Progress Committee Minutes

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Location: W.S. Ryan Elementary School

- Dean Anthony
- Larry Fisher
- Susan McGuire-Cooksey
- Nancy Murphy-Chadwick
- Anita Martinez-Strickland
- Shawn Self
- Teresa Starrett
- Alana Presley Taylor
- Crystal Wright

SD Staff Present: Crystle Abbott, Paul Address, Sherry Arrington, Brandon Boyter, Brianna Compton, Mary Davis, Vicki Garcia, Sandra Nulty, Susannah O’Bara, Nick Petito, Robert Pierce, Christy Rodgers, Sarah Simpson, Emily Smith, Jennifer Stewart, Phil Thomas, Roshaunda Thomas, Jeremy Thompson, Cindy Willis, Walter Younger

Other Attendees:

Jonathan Aldis – VLK Architects
Erin Bossart - Corgan
Tony Schmitz – Pfluger Architects

Jorden Dial – BWC Education Group
Corbyn Roberts – BWC Education Group
Hogan Crutcher – BWC Education Group

Dean Anthony, Committee Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to WS Ryan for the bond committee meeting. Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved without changes.

Dr. Susannah O’Bara, Superintendent, welcomed attendees to WS Ryan Elementary. She began by thanking the community for their support of Proposition A, which passed by nearly 2,000 votes, noting how meaningful that support is during challenging times. The district has secured \$26 million in new funding, which gives us a \$11M surplus in the FY26 budget, representing meaningful progress toward supporting key priorities. While the funding does not fully restore all three areas, teacher salary competitiveness, class size reduction, and instructional support—it positions the district to move strategically. In January, staff will be invited to share feedback on which priority should take precedence, ensuring that the district’s next steps reflect the needs and values of its employees.

Dr. O’Bara also highlighted a recent positive WFAA feature on Rivera Elementary, which improved from an “F” to a “B” rating in one year, crediting strong community support. The story is available on both the Denton ISD and WFAA websites.

Sarah Simpson, Director of Budget and Bonds, presented the financial update for the 2023 Bond Program. She reported that the district has completed all bond sales, securing \$382 million from the second and third sales, and that all funds are now received.

Total bond expenditures to date are \$589 million, with \$438 million encumbered and \$416.7 million remaining to be allocated. She reviewed current project spending:

- **Borman Elementary:** 23% spent, 71% encumbered
- **Ryan High School:** 38% spent, 59% encumbered
- **Transportation:** 34% spent, 61% encumbered

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- **Guyer High School:** 74% spent, 25% encumbered, with the project nearing completion

She noted that Borman's budget increased due to the inclusion of FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment).

Simpson also reported the district recently refunded \$96.8 million in bonds, generating \$6.5 million in taxpayer savings. Across all refunding and sales, the district has achieved cumulative savings of \$332.5 million in interest.

Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations, noted that different columns were added for the 2025A and 2025B bond sales to track those funds separately at the bank. She clarified that the previous slide presented the combined total of all bond funds invested and the earnings generated from them.

Robert Pierce, Executive Director of Technology, delivered a comprehensive technology update, outlining major projects across three departments: Network Infrastructure, Systems Infrastructure, and Technology Services.

Network Infrastructure

Pierce reported that Network Infrastructure projects account for the largest share of bond expenditures due to the complexity and scale of the equipment involved, much of which is not visible but essential for supporting high-volume data demands. Key projects include:

- Construction of new data closets at multiple campuses, including McMath.
- Refreshing in-building fiber and copper connections, which operate on a 20-year replacement cycle.
- Phase 1 of the districtwide camera system upgrade—aimed at achieving near-zero blind spots—with approximately 75% of new cabling installed.
- Refreshing hardware for the district's Voice over IP (VoIP) phone system.
- Removing remaining POTS lines and transitioning elevator systems to cell dialers.
- Increasing Wi-Fi access points in large venues (cafeterias, gymnasiums) to support high-density online testing.
- Prioritizing the addition of cooling systems for Main Distribution Frames (MDFs) to prevent equipment deterioration.

Systems Infrastructure

Pierce reported that the Halo sensor initiative is now complete, installing vape-detection sensors in every secondary bathroom with more than two stalls. These devices can also detect loud disturbances and "help me" alerts. In addition, the department deployed a new NAS storage system to serve as an expansive secondary backup solution for district data.

Technology Services

He noted progress in several Technology Services projects, including:

- Beginning full classroom AV and PA upgrades at Harpool.

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- Assuming districtwide control of all commercial-grade televisions for centralized management and content deployment.
- Refreshing AV and support equipment in the BHS auditorium.
- Continuing the major, ongoing replacement cycle for Chromebooks. This year's refresh targets Kindergarten, 6th, and 9th grades; next year will focus on kindergarten, 5th, and 9th grades. He emphasized that Chromebooks typically degrade after five years, making this one of the district's costliest recurring technology needs.

Brandon Boyter, Executive Director of Construction & Growth, provided a brief construction update, recognizing architects from VLK, Corgan, and Pfluger, as well as BWC Education Group who were the general contractors for WS Ryan as well as other projects. All being key partners on current and future district projects. Project updates are available on the Denton ISD website.

- **Borman Elementary:** An ICF (Insulated Concrete Form) building, now 85–90% walled and expected to be dried in by January. The project is slightly behind schedule due to early weather and site conditions. Ginnings Elementary will use the same ICF design and floor plan.
- **Ryan High School:** Progress continues the multi-purpose facility. Five interior steel columns were damaged due to a structural issue and are being remade. The project's final phase includes moving the existing Transportation Center. The new center on Mills Road is in utility and site-work stages and will relocate bus and fuel operations off campus.
- **Guyer High School:** The multi-purpose facility is nearly complete and may be turned over in January, ahead of schedule. The project also includes a new ag barn and a concession stand with public restrooms.
- **High School 5:** Construction is moving quickly, with the multi-purpose facility progressing and the building close to being dried in.
- **Ginnings Elementary:** The old facility has been fully demolished, and the district is seeking final city permits for new construction.

Borman Elementary School Project

Tasks completed previous 90 days:

- Slabs on grade, slabs on deck & slabs on void to be completed
- ICF and A.B.C and D areas to be completed
- Steel erection to begin
- Roof to begin in some areas
- Grackle street construction to be completed

Upcoming tasks:

- Complete roof deck, FRP roof, and roofing in multiple areas
- Begin exterior walls: waterproofing and masonry
- Build out inside rooms and install basic utilities
- Start interior finishes like tile, ceilings, and flooring

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- Start interior framing, MEP rough-in, drywall, and early painting

Ryan High School Project

Tasks completed previous 90 days:

- Installed underground utilities for the building.
- Poured grade beams and retaining walls
- Poured Structural Slabs
- Erected the structural steel
- Started roof decking and wall sheathing

Upcoming tasks:

- Finish Roofing
- Sheathing, bricking, and metal panels on exterior walls
- Frame interior walls
- Interior MEP pathways
- Start Kalwall Panel install

Transportation Facility Project

Tasks completed previous 90 days:

- Close in all exterior walls
- Frame all interior walls
- MEP rough-in in the office and shop areas
- Pouring site retaining walls

Upcoming tasks:

- Interior finishes
- Finish all MEP installation
- •Install new fueling system
- •Site Paving

Guyer High School Project

Tasks completed previous 90 days:

- Exterior Brick and Metal Panels
- Installed Kalwall Panels
- Interior Sheetrock, tape and bed
- MEP Installations
- Overhead doors

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Upcoming tasks:

- Install turf
- Interior finishes
- Finish exterior site work
- Punch walks
- Clean up

Dr. Charlie Lokey, principal, expressed appreciation for the bond investment that made the refresh of the 25-year-old campus possible. She noted that the 12-week summer renovation resulted in remarkable improvements. Although the original floor plan and blueprint were retained, she described the updated building as “disorientingly beautiful.” She also commended the contractors—Hogan and Corbyn, along with Caleb—for their exceptional collaboration throughout the project. Dr. Lokey concluded by preparing to lead a tour of the renovated campus, organized around tour stops selected by six students.

The next meeting is March 25th, 2026, at noon at Hodge Elementary School. Dean Anthony or Nancy Murphy-Chadwick will be presenting before the Board of Trustees at the December 9, 2025, Board Meeting.

The meeting ended at 12:50 pm.