Pflugerville ISD Real Estate Task Force

Meeting Summary — Public Hearing and Task Force Working Session

Date: September 10, 2026

Location: Not confirmed in the source record

Facilitators: Craig Pruett, Executive Director of Facilities and Construction Services; Brandon Evans, Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Audience: Public

Purpose and Charge

The Pflugerville ISD Real Estate Task Force was formed to evaluate four district-owned properties that will stop operating as schools after the 2027-2028 school year: Dessau Elementary, Pflugerville Elementary, Parmer Lane Elementary, and Windermere Elementary. The task force is charged with evaluating, conceptualizing, and recommending options to retain, repurpose, or sell these properties, with the goals of optimizing district space, achieving the best value for the district and community, and helping address the district's ongoing budget deficit. The task force's role is limited to making recommendations; final decision-making authority rests with the Superintendent's Cabinet.

Meeting Schedule and Public Engagement

The task force held its first meeting on August 26, 2026. This September 10, 2026 session opened with a public hearing, at which community members could register to speak for three minutes each, and continued with an internal task force working discussion. This was the only public meeting scheduled in this phase of the process. Input gathered at both sessions will inform the task force's detailed work beginning September 23, 2026, with additional working meetings tentatively planned for October 7 and October 21, 2026, ahead of recommendations to the Cabinet. The District’s Community Facility Advisory Committee is expected to convene in late September 2026 to weigh the task force's recommendations alongside bond options and possible community partnerships.

District staff noted that no appraisals have been completed for any of the four properties. The district does not plan to spend money on appraisals until the community and task force provide recommendations to the Cabinet. All four sites are located in older subdivisions with aging populations.

Property Overviews

- Pflugerville Elementary: In service since 1978 and renovated in 2014, the campus site is approximately 10.2 acres. An adjoining roughly 13-acre parcel is used for baseball and softball fields by the Pflugerville Area Youth Baseball and Softball Association (PAYBSA), bringing the combined site to approximately 23.5 to 24 acres.
- Dessau Elementary: Built in 1987 and renovated in 2023, this approximately 9.3-acre site adjoins Delco Primary and Dessau Middle School.
- Parmer Lane Elementary: Built in 1982 and made up of three parcels, the building is considered near the end of its useful life. Because of its corridor location, the district has already received interest from parties wanting to lease or purchase it.
- Windermere Elementary: Previously renovated around 2018-2019. The Superintendent's Cabinet has already decided to use this campus to serve the district's PACE and Opportunity Center programs.

Public Comment Highlights

Speakers registered to address the task force, each given three minutes. The large majority of speakers focused on preserving the PAYBSA baseball and softball fields adjoining Pflugerville Elementary. Recurring themes included:

- Affordability and access: Several speakers, including Jennifer Scott and Laura Clark, contrasted the league's modest registration fees with the cost of select-league play, and cautioned that losing the fields would price some families out of organized youth sports.
- Youth development: Speakers such as Chris Legnon and Nick Arnold described the fields as a source of resilience, confidence, discipline, and positive adult mentorship for children, including stories of players who grew in skill and confidence over multiple seasons.
- Community and multi-generational connection: Several speakers, including Danielle Gonzalez, Sarah McFarland, Jamie Chessler, and Allison Covington, described the league as a close-knit community that has supported their families and spanned multiple generations of participation.
- Limited alternatives: Speakers including Jennifer Scott, Jacqueline Rowan, and Josh Rowan noted that the region already has a documented shortage of baseball and softball fields relative to demand, and that losing this site would leave families with few affordable options nearby.
- A public middle-school student, Jacqueline Rowan, described the personal impact of having already seen two of her schools close and asked that the softball fields she uses remain open.

A smaller number of speakers addressed broader facility and financial questions. A former school board member, Vernagine Mott, urged the task force to clarify lease and contract terms before any property changes hands, cautioned against selling closed campuses to charter or private schools because of the competitive impact on enrollment, and raised concerns about a pending November 2026 ballot measure related to possible use of district campuses by Austin Community College. A resident, Melanie Manville, urged the district to consider selling some closed buildings to help fund core needs such as special education and staff benefits, while keeping and rezoning the baseball fields for continued community use.

Strategy and Considerations

Following public comment, task force members and facilitators held an internal working discussion about the PAYBSA fields specifically. This discussion was informal and exploratory; it did not produce a formal valuation, funding commitment, or district decision. Topics discussed included:

- The current one-year lease with PAYBSA and whether a longer lease term could give the league more certainty to invest in the site; members also discussed the league's history of covering its own utilities, maintenance, and repair costs.
- A possible partnership among the district, the City of Pflugerville, and PAYBSA, in which each party would contribute land, infrastructure and resources, or volunteer organization respectively.
- A phased, master-planned concept that could remove the aging school building and reconfigure the fields to expand capacity over time.
- Staff research suggested the site could generate additional revenue if upgraded and opened to a broader mix of community and select-league tournament use; committee members balanced this against the goal of keeping the fields affordable and available to local recreational families, and discussed reserving certain months of the year for community recreational use.
- The facilities' current condition, including plumbing, concession-stand, and climate-control issues that staff and committee members said limit the site's usefulness without investment.

- Possible funding approaches other than a standalone bond, including tools such as local hotel and motel tax revenue used by other communities for sports and tournament infrastructure; committee members noted that a bond focused solely on the baseball and softball fields could be difficult to pass, particularly given the timing of the four campus closures.

These points reflect informal discussion among district staff and committee members. They do not represent a completed appraisal, a Board of Trustees decision, or a district funding commitment. Any reference to bond or capital funding is distinct from the district's day-to-day maintenance and operations budget, and no bond has been proposed or approved for this site.

Committee members agreed that any eventual recommendation to the Cabinet must specify the execution details—how, what, when, and by whom a proposal would be carried out—rather than offering a general statement to keep the fields. Additionally, they decided that reaching out to the City of Pflugerville regarding its past and possible future involvement is a necessary next step.

Next Steps

- Compile detailed information on the current PAYBSA lease terms for review at the next task force meeting.
- Gather multi-year tournament and attendance data to help evaluate potential funding options.
- Engage the district's legal counsel on potential partnership and leasing structures.
- Coordinate with the City of Pflugerville and Travis County on potential partnership and funding models.
- Develop a proposed plan for how recreational and select-league use of the fields could coexist.
- Assess all code-compliance needs for the concession and restroom facilities.
- Continue detailed task force work beginning September 23, 2026, with additional meetings tentatively planned for October 7 and October 21, 2026, before recommendations go to the Superintendent's Cabinet.

Community members with questions or additional input were invited to continue reaching out to task force staff.