

Notes from Community Bond Committee, Meeting #2

November 14, 2017

6:30p

Community Members Present:

- Chris Blocher
- Brannon Cox
- Luis Cuevas
- Michelle Doss
- Chuck Elsey
- Vernell Gregg
- Rob Johnson
- Julie Kluthe
- Bill Kula
- Allison Lassahn
- Vanessa Minoff
- David Mize
- Johnie Rodgers
- Scott Stauffer
- Cathy Turner
- Nick Wisner

Committee Absentees:

- Beckye Brown
- Jennifer Grimes
- Way-Way Pee
- Tammie Sadler

LISD Staff Present:

- Dr. Rogers
- Mike Ball
- Jason Hughes
- Randy Fite
- Adrian Moreno

Opening Remarks:

- Website <https://www.lisd.net/bonds> was shared with the Committee. Meeting Materials (PPT presentations and Notes) and other pertinent documents will be posted to the website.

Presentations:

- **Programmatic Work on Career Center West** – Adrian Moreno (CTE Director)
 - Overview of new Career Center West was presented
 - Possible new courses discussed
- **Technology Purchases** to date; **Device Evaluation** update – Mike Ball, Jason Hughes and Randy Fite
 - Board approved Network Infrastructure Upgrades was reviewed
 - Board approved Classroom and support devices was reviewed
 - Board approved Camera replacement project was reviewed
- **Construction Manager at Risk Process** – Mike Ball, Jason Hughes and Randy Fite
 - Delivery Method Choices were presented
 - Board selected **Construction Manager at Risk** as Construction Delivery Method
 - Selection Process Utilized was presented
 - **Stage I** - Advertised Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
 - 10 firms responded; all 10 were interviewed
 - 6 firms were selected - Northstar Builders Group, Pogue Construction, Core Construction, Balfour Beatty Construction, Lee Lewis Construction, Jackson Construction
 - **Stage II** - Request for Proposals (RFP) for proposed fees on specific projects was reviewed
 - Construction staff and Design Team will select no less than three, no more than five firms to submit proposals on upcoming projects

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- Proposals will be submitted to Board in December; Board will consider assignment of Construction Manager at Risk firms to specific projects
- **Architect assigned to Elementary STEM Academy Projects** – Jason and Randy
 - Huckabee Architects will be working on the Elementary STEM Academy projects at Donald ES and Polser ES (Already assigned to Polser’s 20-year refresh project)
- **Construction Management & Supervision Plan** – Mike, Jason and Randy
 - Board approved plan to staff internally with personnel working exclusively on Bond projects with termination upon completion of projects

Questions asked:

- **Is the intent of the Aircraft Maintenance program to get the students A&P Certified? (A&P = Airframe and Power plant)**
 - Yes. The goal would be to become a FAA certified training program where the students can earn the A&P certification.
- **Will the two centers offer the exact same programs or will they be different to allow for more programs to be offered?**
 - Some programs will be duplicated due to high levels of interest. Having the two centers offer different programs allows for more options to be provided to the students.
- **Are we interested in speaking with Mayor of Plano regarding his internship program?**
 - Internships through CTE are often specific to the program of interest. We would be open to seeing if it would fit with our programs. Dr. Rogers also mentioned that LISD would like for all students to have internship opportunities not just the students in the CTE programs.
- **Have we considered a Plumbing program?**
 - Yes. Plumbing would potentially be part of a Construction Technology or Building Trades program. That type of program would focus on the framing, electrical systems, as well as plumbing.
- **Are there discussions happening in the district to fast track the safety and security items that were approved in the bond including ballistic glass due to recent events around the country?**
 - There has not been discussion to fast track these projects at this time. Due to the sheer size of the district and having 69 campuses it will take some time to implement any measures. Some safety and security items will be addressed in the year one projects, for example items within the 20-year renovations and exterior lighting upgrades at 13 campuses.
- **Has the district increased internal staff in the past to oversee construction?**
 - The district has added staff in the past to oversee construction projects but not to the level that the district has approved for this bond. It is strongly believed that there is a need in this construction market to have LISD personnel on site daily to review progress, and provide a level of quality control that will guarantee that the district receives first class facilities.
- **Will Jason Hughes and Randy Fite make regular visits to the construction project sites for quality control?**
 - Yes, as much as their schedules will allow between the 23 projects that are planned for year one.

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- **What happens if none of the selected Construction Management Firms bid on any particular project?**
 - The district has developed and structured the Construction Manager at Risk bid to reduce the likelihood of this occurring. This has been done by creating the potential for long term relationships with quality firms as well as intentionally packaging the projects in a manner that pairs not so attractive projects with attractive projects to make sure the work that the district needs gets accomplished.
- **Have any of the selected Construction Management firms worked in Lewisville ISD in the past?**
 - Yes, three of the six firms selected have worked in LISD in the past. These firms are Pogue Construction, Balfour Beatty, and Jackson Construction.
- **What makes up the majority of the STEM Academy costs at Donald and Polser Elementary Schools?**
 - The majority of the budget for the STEM Academies will go into creating science labs/classrooms for this program. Other possible costs associated will be for branding of the campuses including defining the entry as well as painting, signage, furniture etc.
- **What type of work would be done at the Elementary STEM Academy campuses?**
 - The significant costs of the work would primarily involve conversion of existing space into science lab type classrooms. The bond project allocation of \$5,000,000 is intended to cover the work at all the academies.
- **What would the “branding” involve at the Elementary STEM Academy campuses?**
 - This work would involve mostly signage and painting.
- **Would the additional staff employed to supervise construction projects be a one-to-one ratio of personnel to projects?**
 - We expect that a qualified individual should be able to supervise and have a daily presence on three to four projects, depending on their location and complexity.
- **Would students across the District be eligible to attend the Elementary STEM Academy campuses?**
 - Enrollment will be open via application. All students will be eligible to apply. Physical distance limitations may limit students from the opposite sides of the District to travel daily to the first campus. In the second year of the program, the District will have an Elementary STEM Academy campus on both sides of the District. In addition, there is a physical capacity limitation on the respective campuses, expecting space for about 120 students at Donald ES.
- **Is the device evaluation process considering other devices, or only iPads?**
 - Devices, including some other than iPads, are being evaluated by a sample group of teachers and students to identify the specific device attributes that are needed in order to best serve various grade levels. An example is a device for HS students with some type of keyboard. Device attributes being evaluated: keyboards, cameras front and rear facing, durability, protective cases, availability of appropriate apps and software.

New Business:

- Meeting #3 is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 23rd, 6:30p**, in the Boardroom.