

Community Bond Committee
Questions - Meeting #16 on January 20, 2022

Questions pertaining to Facilities	Response
Does the District work off of SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)? Were there any recommendations for the SOP? Were there any SOP issues that were seen or discussed?	Yes, we utilize Standard Operating Procedures. All Construction Department procedures and policies were reviewed as part of the audit and no recommendations were made as a result. In fact, the audit pointed out that we utilize the industry's Best Practices.
How often are there construction updates, and when was the last one?	Overall construction updates have typically been given to the Board 2 to 3 times a year or on an as-needed basis. However, there are multiple Board touches with each and every project, so there are typically construction related discussion items and action items for specific projects taken to the Board every month.
Questions pertaining to Technology	Response
At the February 2021 CBC meeting, the Wi-Fi on buses was discussed. What is the status?	Top 10 longest runs have Wi-Fi. We are also looking at the feasibility of installing Wi-Fi on the buses used for the triad and career center routes.
Also, at the February 2021 CBC, an app was discussed for parents to track their student(s)' bus routes. What is the status?	The bus app <i>Here Comes the Bus</i> went into operation towards the end of February 2021. Click HERE for information about the app.
Does the District anticipate the iPad fee going back to \$40 next year?	No, we are planning to keep the rate at \$30 or for Free/Reduced Lunch students \$15 for the 22-23 SY. We will re-evaluate operational costs during the 22-23 SY to determine if the rate will need to change for the 23-24 SY. Certainly the age of the fleet and our ability to replace aging technology will be a factor in determining future iPad fees.
Questions pertaining to Finance	Response
If the District is looking at the next bond election in 2023 or 2024, wouldn't this only be six years since the last election instead of the usual nine years in-between?	The timing of the next Bond has not yet been determined by Dr. Rapp and the Board of Trustees. The 2017 Bond was originally planned to be a 5 year Bond. This is driven primarily by the Facilities Assessment Study, our 20-year refresh projects, and technology related needs.

<p>What happens if the property market crashes? How does that affect funding?</p>	<p>Lower local funds (property tax) would be replaced with higher funding from the State of Texas.</p>
<p>What is the District's tax in comparison to other school districts?</p>	<p>Depends on the district. The M+O is pretty close to the same. If they are a fast growth school district, then they will be building new buildings. The I+S rate depends if the district has debt or will be building new buildings.</p>
<p>General</p>	<p>Response</p>
<p>The District is not adding any more buildings, including new schools? What about the Castle Hills area?</p>	<p>The need for additional schools is based on the Demographics Report which is given quarterly to the Board. There are currently no immediate needs in regards to additional schools in the District. The overall enrollment in the District is no longer growing and is actually slightly declining.</p>