

**Bond Committee Meeting - 6:00pm
November 12, 2015**

Bond Committee Co-Chairman, Larry Inman, called the meeting to order. He discussed the importance of the committee working together, being in consensus, and respecting the process.

Individual members may have specific projects they believe to be exceptionally important or have a differing opinion at times, but being respectful and honoring the process is key.

Larry asked for any questions from the committee and with none being posed, he thanked them for their time and service and turned the meeting over to Sid Grant, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

Sid reviewed the packet given to each committee member covering bond elections that took place throughout the state in November 2015.

He described the hundreds of comments and suggestions received for each campus then referenced the compiled recommendations entered into a spreadsheet document for the committee's use.

The committee's packet included:

- Tax comparison rate for 2015-2016 school year
- Tax rate comparison 2015-2016 school year bond impact
- Coppell ISD potential tax rate impact
- Texas districts election results for all bond elections in November 2015
- Past CISD bond projects from the 2009 & 2013 bond elections

Sid discussed some of the needs from the feedback given including Fine Arts, restroom renovations, technology upgrades, etc. The bond would likely touch all campuses in varying degrees.

The architects have developed a list of the structural components and have been reviewing all of the recommendations for the following categories:

- Safety and security
- Technology
- General maintenance and construction

A question was raised about the CMS East football field. Sid discussed the possibilities that have been drawn up for East.

A question was asked about CMS West's football field, locker rooms, and concessions and whether that was covered in the spreadsheet.

The auditorium at CMS West was not included in the cost in being torn down, but there is a plan on being renovated. Sid stated that every item on the spreadsheet would be covered one-at-a-time starting with technology.

Dr. Sam Farsaii, Chief Technology Officer, explained the technology components and proposed plan referencing his presentation. **Technology Priorities** were addressed. (ref. slide #6 on Google presentation)

School/Classroom Standards by level – Elementary, Middle School, and High School – were also addressed as well as **District Infrastructure** (ref. slide #8 of Google presentation)

Projected costs: \$34,397,000 (ref. Google presentation)

Questions and some discussion about servers and plans for the restructure in the buildings completed the technology portion of the meeting.

Dr. Marilyn Denison, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, gave the new Middle School Visioning Team's overview and their charge to discuss what the building/facility might look like. (A review of instructional pedagogy will come later.)

This sub-committee is comprised of about 15 members from MS, HS, and Stantec. Their first meeting was to forge relationships among its members and set expectations. They were asked to dream big and think about the future so they could bring those ideas back-in for consensus and planning purposes. They were asked to think about what the school might look like if they were a teacher in the future and will share themes developed with the full Bond Committee when it meets in December. The members also gathered learner input and encouraged the learners to gather adult feedback as well. The team deconstructed pedagogy to discuss how this might change within the learning structure to meet the needs of the campus. A few site visits will be scheduled for the group to explore options.

Kelly Penny, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the potential tax rate impact and reviewed the **two tax rates**:

- *Maintenance and Operations*- Used for daily operations; Subject to Recapture/Robin Hood
- *Debt Service* – Used to repay debt from bonds sold; Not subject to Recapture/Robin Hood

Kelly reviewed the info. packet and discussed the spreadsheet with the remaining 2013 projects as well as the new authorization. CISD has never reached the maximum rate in previous bonds in Coppell.

Kelly explained that the bond scenario presented reflected conservative growth increases in the assessed property values. It is anticipated that the tax rate impact discussed would be the maximum amount the debt service tax rate would increase. And, that if similar to previous tax rate impacts (from previous bond elections), the increase in the debt tax rate would be less than projected. Previously projected debt tax rate increases versus actual increases will be included in all community presentations.

Larry Inman shared the information regarding the proposed bond projects and handed out spreadsheets for the committee's review. He explained that the list is a compiled effort, but not everything on the list will necessarily be added to the bond projects. Groups at each table were instructed to review the handout. (CISD staff did not participate in the table discussions, but was allowed to review the spreadsheet.) Groups were asked to indicate how they would prioritize each item:

- 1- high priority, have to do it
- 2- need to do it, but could get by without it
- 3- a need but could do later

It was explained that the yellow highlighted blocks on the spreadsheet indicated projects that were more complex and may require an architect and a contractor.

The major renovation proposed at Coppell High School does include security changes.

The term infrastructure (w/regard to facility needs in Cypress Waters) includes items such as roads and utilities.

Each table was instructed to work for one hour, reach consensus, then submit one prioritized sheet for the group. Staff will then compile the information to share at the next meeting. The groups spent about one hour on this part of the process.

Some committee members requested more detail on the spreadsheet. Larry shared why the spreadsheet was more of an overview than a list of specifics for each of the areas.

A question was asked about any items that might have been carried-over from the previous bond due to incompleteness. Sid stated that the district will be able to complete all items included in the 2013 Bond.

He also addressed the misconception about **locker rooms**. He **clarified** that while they had been discussed and even proposed by the athletic department they were **not** prioritized for **inclusion in the 2013** final list of **Bond** projects.

Sid did state that one item we'll probably need to wait on is the carpet replacement at CMS West. The dollars are available from the 2013 Bond, but if renovations are

approved for a 9th Grade Center, it will make sense to do the replacement at the time of construction.

Larry thanked everyone for their time and effort and turned the meeting over to Brad Hunt, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, to close. Brad stated that CISD staff will consolidate all of the ranking sheets for the December 3 meeting. He reminded the group that an updated list of bond committee members was available at the back of the room and to look for website updates in the Bond section including meeting presentations, minutes, etc. FAQ's will also be added as the process continues. **Next meeting will be 12/3, at 6 p.m./Lee Elementary cafeteria.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.