

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting 8 Notes January 10, 2023

Welcome & Introduction to Dr. Mark Foust, Superintendent

Tim McClure, assistant superintendent for facilities, welcomed the committee and introduced the district's new superintendent, Dr. Mark Foust, who began his role in NISD today.

Greetings from Superintendent

Dr. Foust thanked the committee for their work and shared that he's been following along with the process and the LRPC's progress. He also shared information about his background and experiences in a large, fast-growth district as well as a smaller district.

Survey Recap

McClure gave a brief overview of the community survey results which showed strong support for a potential May 2023 bond.

Messaging the Bond

The district distributed a document where committee members could share their ideas on how the district should best message a May 2023 bond.

Meeting 7 Recap

McClure talked about the prioritization and ranking the committee did at Meeting #7. He showed a summary of the results and thanked the committee for their work to get the projects down from the more than \$3 billion worth of identified needs and potential projects. Items not included in the committee's recommendation for a May bond will be considered in future bond planning committees. He also identified four projects that can be funded as in-house projects and that won't require funds from a May 2023 bond. Those projects include basketball goals in the gym at Beck, art room renovations at Byron Nelson High School, extended band practice areas for Byron Nelson, Eaton and Northwest high schools and enlarging the BNHS wrestling room. He also shared that the new maintenance building project can be combined with the proposed central campus

projects. He also shared the list of projects that committee members asked for clarification and options during Meeting #7.

McClure led the group through a discussion of those items that the committee requested further review. The group voted on these items based on new estimates and new information.

McClure reviewed the legal requirements that require different types of projects to be placed on different types of propositions. It appears likely that this proposal will require three propositions: a general proposition, an athletic stadium proposition and a technology proposition.

Q: Are there any items in the current recommendation that are deferred maintenance that if we did them now, would save us money in the long run?

A: The HVAC items that are rated C could be included in this bond but are not critical.

Q: How do we address the perception that Byron Nelson, which is a relatively new school that opened in 2009, already needs major repairs, maintenance and upgrades.

A: We will have to explain those specific challenges and how we are addressing them.

Q: Will NISD get any money from the state to address the safety and security mandates that are in place or possibly coming from the legislature?

A: NISD has been very proactive in addressing mandates such as thumb locks, secure vestibules and other items. NISD monitors state funding and other grant money that might be available to address safety and security needs.

The committee unanimously agreed on the recommendation, which will be separated into three propositions based on current bond election laws. The committee's recommendation to the Board of Trustees will be:

- Growth and Facility Updates: \$1,743,800,161
- Stadiums: \$309,502,687
- Technology Devices: \$21,751,416

McClure noted that the facilities team will review the total list of projects and smooth out the numbers (round up and down as needed) to ensure that the final recommendation is easy to read and relay to stakeholders. The amount won't change dramatically but expect some rounding.

Committee members had an opportunity to give feedback on the process. Comments included:

- It's a lot of information to ingest and understand in a short amount of time but NISD did a great job.
- Next steps: we've got to sell this. Do we have a plan in place for a school-by-school plan to share information?
- Do we have a plan to meet with legislators to keep them informed about our growth and issues?
- It was really helpful to get to "see" everything we're getting to vote on. If there's some way to visualize it, it would be a huge benefit for people to vote on it. It was very eye-opening to see the Administration Building and how overcrowded it is. Had we not toured the building, I would have never known.
- The video of the portables from earlier in the year was very beneficial.
- One of the things that was helpful last time was itemizing what's in it for each campus.
- It's important to do it by feeder pattern and to share with the staff.
- Student testimony is really powerful. It's very important to hear the student's perspective and how it's going to impact their experience.
- There's a lot of animosity about Adams and how it was overcrowded and there is still room at CTMS.
- Celebrate Texas Public Schools week is coming up and it would be beneficial to invite members of the community to visit schools after hours and see what the facilities look like.
- A committee member thanked Tim for his knowledge and his leadership through this work. He said Tim is irreplaceable.
- It's really impactful to show the numbers and how enrollment at each campus changes with growth in particular areas.
- What are some messages and one-liners or an elevator speech that we can give to our neighbors?
- You're a great facilitator, but one thing I would have liked to see from the presenters is a more direct ask for what they want.
- What will the district do to communicate? We can form a PAC, but we need to know what the district is going to share.
- Are we allowed to share all of our names who served on this committee? (They're already posted on the LRPC website.)

McClure reminded the committee about election laws and that the district can't advocate for a particular outcome.

He also asked for volunteers to represent the committee in the recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The following committee members volunteered: Joe Washam, Tika Sampract, Kervin Campbell, Trey Harris, Scott Brooks, Jack Golden. The meeting is January 23 and all committee members are encouraged to attend.