

MEETING NOTES

Meeting #6

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Northwest ISD Board Room

1. WELCOME

Assistant Superintendent Tim McClure welcomed the committee and reviewed the meeting agenda with the group.

2. MEETING #5 RECAP

Assistant Superintendent Tim McClure reviewed the prioritization results from Meeting 5 and talked about how favorably all of the projects ranked. He also showed how a total project budget is built and what's included in a total project cost. These include construction costs, escalation, soft costs (fees, permits, etc.), FFE (furniture, fixtures and equipment), technology, and contingency.

3. POTENTIAL PROJECT COSTS

Assistant Superintendent Tim McClure explained that the costs shown tonight are based on an architect's Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) and could change based on changes in size, scope and schedule. He also explained that as the list of projects gets narrowed down to a recommendation, the categories can be condensed to ensure the project list is transparent and easy for community members to understand.

He reviewed each category and reviewed the cost for every project the LRPC has considered thus far.

Committee members asked about the possibility of projects being included twice (ie: JROTC at NHS and renovations at NHS), where a second elementary replacement campus could be built, how fine arts projects at Pike from the 2017 bond would be built into a new campus if it's replaced, and how multiple propositions work.

4. DEFINING CONSENSUS

Assistant Superintendent Tim McClure reviewed the committee's discussion from Meeting 3 about how they'll define consensus. The group confirmed that they'd like to have 2/3 of the committee agree on projects to move forward.

5. BOND PACKAGE OPTIONS

Assistant Superintendent Tim McClure showed two options that were developed to show the committee a starting point. Committee members asked architects to run different scenarios and committee members worked in table groups to develop bond options.

Then the large group worked through a spreadsheet to identify needs, discuss specific project details and a build a package that was developed by the committee. The committee went through all 78 potential projects and took a vote on each project to determine whether or not to include it in the recommendation. In order for the project to be part of the recommendation, at least 2/3 of the committee had to vote in favor of it.

After a thorough review of the list, the committee agreed to include the following projects in its recommendation:

Land
New Elementary School #22
New Elementary School #23
Replacement Elementary School #1 (Hatfield)
Replacement Elementary School #2 (Seven Hills)
Nance Expansion
Middle School #7
Replacement Middle School (Pike)
Design Fees for New High School #4 and New Middle School #8 (construction to be included in future bond)
Northwest High School Expansion & Renovation, including funds for a Construction Management Program and JROTC Program
DAEP Relocation/Renovation
Technology Projects: Technology Device Refresh for Teachers and Students (Districtwide) Data Center Upgrades (Admin, Steele) Infrastructure Replacement (wireless, security firewall, switchgear, servers, etc.) (Districtwide) Resilient Fiber Connectivity for Future Growth (Fiber Network Loop) Re-Cable Fiber within Buildings (6 campuses) Informacast PA (Districtwide) Replace Existing Fiber (backbone within campus) (20 campuses) Security Camera Replacements (Districtwide) Access Control Updates (Districtwide) Independent Phone & PA Connectivity at Each Campus (Districtwide) Replace Remaining Projectors with TVs (<i>Districtwide</i>) Cell Phone Boosters (within campuses) (<i>Districtwide</i>)
Paint Booth at Ag Shop (<i>BNHS, EHS</i>)
Conceptual Master Plan Central Campus: Relocate Bus Barn
Conceptual Master Plan Central Campus: Relocate Maintenance Facility
Fire Alarm Panels/Device Replacements (<i>3 facilities</i>)

Hughes Elementary Perimeter Fencing
Flooring: Gyms + Wall Pads <i>(Beck, Chisholm Trail PE Gym, Medlin PE Gym)</i>
Enlarge High School Gymnasiums (6A-sized gyms for 6A high schools)
Furniture: Updated Elementary School Classroom Furniture <i>(12 facilities)</i>
Furniture: Updated Middle School Classroom Furniture <i>(Chisholm Trail, Medlin)</i>
Roofing: Replacement <i>(6 facilities)</i>
New Buses for Growth (5-7 buses per year) <i>(Districtwide)</i>
Flooring: Hard Flooring Replacement <i>(4 facilities)</i>
Flooring: Carpet Replacement <i>(17 facilities)</i>
HVAC: Replacement <i>(11 facilities)</i>
Upgrade Skills for Living Classes <i>(CTMS, Medlin)</i>
Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Labs <i>(CTMS, Tidwell, Wilson)</i>
Advanced Manufacturing Program with Robotics at BNHS
LED Lighting: Interior & Exterior Retrofit Athletic Lighting Upgrades <i>(NHS, BNHS, EHS, MS Tennis, Texan Stadium, NISD Stadium)</i>
Elementary Playgrounds: Add additional accessible play elements Replace current surface with turf or rubber Expand play space for PreK-1st grades <i>(19 elementary schools)</i>
Conceptual Master Plan Central Campus: Renovate/Repurpose Hatfield to Administrative Use
Furniture: Updated Library Furniture <i>(16 libraries)</i>
Renovate Texan Stadium "Track & Field Complex" (bleachers, press box, concessions, restrooms, track resurfacing, additional shot put & discus areas)
Turf: Replacement - 10 year cycle <i>(Wilson, NHS Sub Varsity Field, Texan Stadium)</i>
Elementary Additions: PreK Classrooms w/Restrooms
Add Concession Stand for Baseball and Softball at EHS
Resurface Tennis Courts <i>(CTMS, Pike, Tidwell, Wilson)</i>
Update Life Skills Room <i>(CTMS, Medlin)</i>
Conversion of Analog to Digital Radios <i>(Elementary Schools)</i>

Replace Radio Repeaters <i>(Districtwide)</i>
Kitchen Floor Replacement at Prairie View
West Operations Facility Upgrades (concrete, equipment, lighting, elevator, fuel and bus wash, radio system, etc.)
Replace Sound Systems at Elementary Stages <i>(15 elementary schools)</i>
Renovate Dedicated & Secure Space for Call Center <i>(Facilities Services)</i>
Renovate MS Weight Rooms <i>(CTMS and Medlin)</i>
Add Athletic Exterior Ticket Booths <i>(NHS, BNHS, EHS)</i>
Add Concession and Restroom Access for Soccer & Football at BNHS
Add Tennis Courts at Medlin MS (equity with other MSs, currently uses city courts)
Infrastructure Upgrades at Administration Building
Anytime/Anywhere Wifi Access on Long-Trip Buses <i>(Extracurricular & Academy Buses)</i>
Cover Baseball and Softball Batting Cages <i>(NHS, BNHS, EHS)</i>
Renovate Coach's Offices at Older Middle Schools
NISD Stadium Roof Replacement

Several projects that were identified by the committee as priorities were removed from the recommendation because district officials indicated they intend upgrade the following projects over several years through budget allocations. Those projects were:

- FINE ARTS: Upgrade/replace kilns
- FINE ARTS: Add network drops at middle school and elementary school stages for audio
- FINE ARTS: Expand concrete at HS band practice areas for percussion
- FINE ARTS: Add TV displays in fine arts offices for additional teaching space
- SPECIAL ED: Upgrade classrooms for equity at Prairie View

Based on the committee's prioritization of projects shown in the table above, the total bond recommendation is approximately \$936 million. The district and its architectural consultant will review the projects, going through each to confirm scope and budget before the recommendation is presented to the Board of Trustees. This could have a minor effect on the total dollar amount. The district can issue \$1 billion worth of bonds without an increase to the tax rate.

6. NEXT STEPS

Assistant Superintendent Tim McClure will give an update to the Board on Monday night. Several committee members volunteered to present the recommendation to the Board on January 30. He showed a calendar of important dates and talked about deadlines, including the February 14 deadline to call a May 2020 bond election.

7. CLOSING

Superintendent Dr. Ryder Warren told the committee he was proud of the work they've put in and he thanked them for their time.