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**Committee members present: 96**

**Non-voting committee resource members present: 24**

### **Introduction** – Dr. Curtis Null, *Superintendent*

- We believe the upper level we can consider for this bond is roughly \$1.8 billion
- Upcoming Zoom chats for BPC members

### **Capacity & Projections** – Dr. Chris Hines, *Deputy Superintendent*

- We no longer use portables in trying to estimate a building's capacity (previously used 3-5)
- When we change programs or modify space, we lose capacity
- Capacity can increase by building an addition or modifying a space
- When there is not enough space, we use portables, make additions, rezone, move programs; however, it impacts working conditions and job satisfaction

### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

#### **Bond Propositions** – Dr. Curtis Null, *Superintendent*

- What can be included in a single proposition and what has to be broken out?
  - A: Buildings, Transportation, Additions, Major Renovations, Gyms/Playgrounds, Safety, Land, Technology Infrastructure
  - B: Technology Devices
  - C: Career & Technical Education
  - D: Athletics

Proposition A: Can we get some new schools on the books and discuss the pros and cons of each one?

We need to decide on and plug in a number for new land acquisitions

#### **Major Renovations & Master Plans** – Easy Foster, *CISD Director of Planning & Construction*

- Major renovation is determined by the size of the building, overall scope of work, overall budget, and that it stays within confines of the existing structure

- The master plan at Conroe High School was previously approved by two other bond committees and voters – they take multiple bonds to complete
- Developing estimates by talking to project experts, refining numbers every day, and going off historical data (recently bid projects)
- **Projects that would total an estimated \$277 million:**
  - Continuing the master plan at Oak Ridge High School
  - Addressing aging of The Woodlands High School and Knox Junior High
  - Oak Ridge 9th Grade (built on floating foundation)
  - Creating a master plan for Washington (has reached the end of serviceable life and needs exit strategy for oldest sections of the building)
  - San Jacinto Elementary gym addition/renovation
  - Creighton Elementary addition/renovation

#### **Gyms & Playgrounds** – Dr. Shellie Winkler, *Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools*

##### **Gyms**

- CISD's goal is for all elementaries to have gyms
- Some schools have a gym that serves as a cafeteria, meeting space, and general purpose area
- PE is a course with State requirements – main challenges are master schedule and time
- 16 elementary schools do not have a designated gym
- **Malinda Stewart, Wilkinson Principal:** "I went from a school without a gym to a school with one. We are able to make better use of the master schedule and have more flexibility."
- **Josh Hughes, Wilkerson Principal:** "Our new gym has given a sense of community and more involvement. It has given the school a second large venue for events and is a safer play environment with more padding and designated recreational flooring."

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- The approximate cost for each gym addition would be \$5 million

**Members were asked to make their top two choices between adding a gym to none, 4, 8, 12 or all 16 schools.**

- None: 4 votes
- 4: 35
- 8: 62
- 12: 12
- 16: 45

### Playgrounds

- Previously, PTO/PTAs have been the main source for funding of playgrounds, but not all raise the same amount
- There is a District playground fund, mainly for mulch
- There is a Pour in Place surface that allows for people with disabilities (wheelchairs) to access playgrounds, instead of having mulch

**Members were asked to make top two choices on how much should be allocated per school for playground upgrades: None, \$250K, \$500K, \$2 million.**

- None – 26 votes
- \$250,000 – 67
- \$500,000 – 34
- \$750,000 – 7
- \$2 million – 0

### Questions from BPC Members

- What is the plan for Washington?  
*When it was converted into a high school, we did not update any of existing building features, but we made a promise to there being a campus on that. We can start working on older parts of the building, mainly with new classrooms wings. It was originally built in 1953.*
- What is the difference between Oak Ridge Phase II & III?  
*That is up to the committee. It could include fine arts, athletics renovations, and/or more interior renovations. We have to determine what is most important to the community. From an ORHS teacher on the committee: Asking teachers to work in a construction zone for eight years is a bit much.*

- Because of cost of materials, how are we compensating for additional costs?

*All numbers will change and are based on inflation. We have been debating whether 12% is the right number. It's a big number, but we're making sure it's the right number. We are trying to make sure we spend every dollar wisely, but we have established a contingency plan if we can't reach the finish line.*

- Can playgrounds be outside funded/sponsored by local businesses?  
*Yes.*
- What is the payback on the Pour In Place surface (how much money would it save over time compared to mulch) and how long does it last?  
*It lasts 15 years with a two-year maintenance plan.*
- Can you just resurface a playground or do you have to take down the whole structure?  
*You would have to take down the whole structure to resurface it.*

### Voting

- What do you believe is the voting majority to add items to the bond package?
  - 66% - 66.67% of voters
  - 75% - 17.71%
  - 50.1% - 11.46%
  - 80% - 4.17%

**Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**