



Thursday • March 9, 2023 • 5:30 PM • Oak Ridge High School

**Committee members present: 93**

**Non-voting committee resource members present: 27**

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

- Proposition A will comprise the majority of the items/ money involved in this process
- There is \$90-100 million worth of work left to do at Oak Ridge High School
- We need to discuss and decide on a dollar amount for safety & security
- We need to discuss and decide on a dollar amount for transportation

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **Oak Ridge High School Tour** – Shawn Almond, *ORHS Principal*

#### **ORHS opened in 1981**

- When construction is completed, you will be able to see all the way from the front door to the back door and it will create a central spine, which will make the building more secure
- The new large group instruction room (LGI) is under construction in the old front entrance
- Old teacher's lounge in middle of main hallway will be removed
- Upstairs will have a flex learning area for students with soft seating
- New entrance is open and there will be a new road around the building
- There are students who need to go to the 9th grade campus and we want to be able to control the traffic back and forth
- Committee members were shown both new and old classrooms

### **Safety & Security** –

Easy Foster, *Director of Planning & Construction*  
Ethan Barton, *Coordinator of School Safety*

- By the end of the 2019 bond (2024), every campus will have infrastructure for a first responders radio antenna system

- Focus for the committee is mitigation and preparedness – what can be done to prevent incidents and before incidents happen
- The BPC committee does not need to develop plans for the use of the safety funds – the District Safety Committee develops emergency plans
- After November 1, 2021, many safety and security measures became requirements for new buildings
- Conroe ISD seeks to exceed the minimum requirements and reflect community desires
- We need to consider and create a budget to be applied to each building in the district – the 2019 bond committee recommended \$5 million per year for 5 years (2020-2024) and every campus has received work
- Generators allow vital parts of campus to remain operational during a power outage

### **Transportation** –

Chris McCord, *Assistant Superintendent for Operations*

Sam Davila, *Director of Transportation*

- 5th highest total annual route miles driven among Texas school districts
- 3rd highest percentage of enrolled students transported among Texas school districts
- Three tiered routes – buses make three trips per day
- Buses purchased with grants (110), district funds (338) and used buses (69)
- We are still waiting on buses we ordered in 2021
- The average recommended life span of a bus is 12-15 years, but our buses drive further with the three-tier system

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- How old are CISD's buses?
  - 34.8% are 16-23 years old
  - 27.42% are 11-15 years
  - 18.10% are 6-10
  - 19.68% are 0-5 years
- Over 1/3 of fleet is older than industry standard – 2/3 will be over the standard over the next four years
- When you add additional buses, it requires a place to store them – expansion/upgrades to current facilities

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

- We could spend \$5 million or \$100 million on safety and it would all get spent. There is not a number you could put on it that would guarantee nothing would ever happen.
- Estimated cost for ORHS Phase II - \$53 million and ORHS Phase III - \$40 million
- There will be numbers that are not optional in the bond package – things like roofs and HVAC units. A school might need other improvements, so might be easier and more cost-effective to replace when other things are already ripped out.

### Questions

- How much does the district want per year? Is there inflation, is there maintenance, or new technology?

*We will continue keyless entry and consider if we add each interior door. It will be up to the Safety Committee and Board where the money goes.*
- How many schools have you not done access control to? How much does it cost?

*High schools have all been addressed. Campus renovation projects for 2024 has four elementary schools in it; 2 of the 2015 elementary schools need some attention. Average cost to equip an elementary is \$400,000 per campus. Every other campus that had a major project absorbed the safety and security measures.*

- Massive construction on 242; Would anything be done for traffic/safety?

*No, any funds would be only to update the campuses.*

- Has the district considered building another transportation center?

*Explored everything – far northeast is an idea.*

- Would we save money by combining phases at ORHS?

*Yes*

**Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**