

Tomball ISD Bond Proposal Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, January 07, 2013

Chairman Rick Pritchett opened the meeting at 6:35 pm, and welcomed attendees. Committee members present were: Kristi Goodman, Susan Cline, David Apolskis, David Youngblood, Karen Chlebo, Sue Anne Wake, Lee Wright, and Sharon Cugini. Facilitator and Executive Council members present were Kit Pfeiffer, Darlene Blair, Jim Ross, Chris Trotter, David Schuelke, Huey Kinchen and John Neubauer.

Mr. Pritchett reviewed the prior committee meeting briefly, reminding everyone that the Board is requesting that this bond not exceed \$150-\$180 million. The total amount of the proposal at this time is \$211,663,735.50. Ms. Pfeiffer will use an interactive spreadsheet to show how the dollars add up for each project, and the projects we choose to eliminate can be removed, so we are able to keep a running total as we discuss. The focus of the meeting tonight is to gain consensus on priorities.

Committee members agreed that the main priorities of this bond proposal to begin with should be the four new campuses, and campus security enhancements. There was agreement by committee members to eliminate all requested "Priority Two" projects across the board, except for campus security enhancements. The Technology requests were changed from the "Envisioned" plan to the "Desired" plan. These reductions lowered the total bond amount to \$205,812,908.

Moving to Additions and Renovations, and looking at Priority One items, each project was reviewed for need in order of listed items. All Priority One Additions and Renovations items were approved as presented, with the exception of the stadium and natatorium projects, which were discussed in more detail. There was consensus to recommend option 3 for the stadium renovations, reducing the project request to \$5,375,009. The committee also requested the Board reconsider the full stadium renovations or replacement in the next cycle.

Discussion regarding the natatorium project revealed that while the project is valued for future growth, the consensus is that this project may be premature at this time. It was requested that this project be revisited within 5 years. The elimination of this project further reduced the bond amount by \$18,539,559.

The library upgrades were retained for recommendation; however, Mr. Neubauer indicated the \$137,675 amount required will be funded from the general budget. This reduces the bond proposal by this amount.

All other Priority One projects were maintained.

Priority Two items were eliminated, except for security vestibule upgrades to Tomball High, Tomball Jr. High, Willow Wood Junior High, and Northpointe Intermediate Schools.

The Technology “desired” projects were discussed, with the practicality of financing short-term projects over the long term of a bond. The consensus was to leave the recommendation at the “desired” level of funding.

The Transportation amount requested for additional and replacement busses was agreed upon to be included in the bond proposal.

For Capital Replacements and Child Nutrition Services, the “Priority One” items were agreed by the committee to leave as is. It was requested that these projects be further reviewed at a later date, if the total bond amount is not satisfactory to the Board.

At this point, the total amount recommended for the bond proposal is \$168,296,725. There was discussion about whether to take additional time to consider deleted items or to make the recommendation. There will still be a public forum in the next few weeks for further consideration of projects. The steering committee consensus is that we are comfortable with this amount for recommendation at the public forum. This meeting will be held Monday, January 28, at the Tomball High School auditorium at 7:00 pm, with a follow-up steering committee meeting on Tuesday, January 29, at the Administration Building LGI at 6:30 pm. These dates are changes to the previous calendar. Recommendations will be presented to the Board on February 11, and steering committee members are requested to attend this meeting at the Administration Building at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Pritchett thanked members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

A summary of the financial recommendations is attached to these minutes.

Total Committee Recommendation

Area	Cost
Student Growth/New Facilities	\$109,856,685.00
Additions and Renovations	\$29,767,421.00
Capital Improvements - Campus	\$16,921,500.00
Capital Improvements - Child Nutrition Services	\$1,543,000.00
Transportation	\$4,918,120.00
Technology	\$5,290,000.00
Total	\$168,296,726.00