

**Tomball Independent School District
Steering Committee Meeting
December 17, 2012**

Minutes

Rick Pritchett opened the meeting at 6:40 pm. Attendees were SueAnne Wake, Susan Cline, Kristi Goodman, David Apolskis, Sharon Cugini, David Youngblood, Karen Chlebo, Michelle Easton, Melissa Horton, Martha Trosclair, and Lee Wright. Also attending were Superintendent John Neubauer and Executive Council members Huey Kinchen, Chris Trotter, Darlene Blair, Jim Ross and David Schuelke.

Mr. Pritchett thanked everyone for attending tonight to hear reports from each of the three Subcommittee chairpersons. He also thanked everyone for their hard work on these subcommittees to this point. After the presentations by the chairpersons are complete, he will discuss the Committee's next step in this process.

Ms. SueAnne Wake, Student Growth Subcommittee chairperson, presented her report on the district needs for four additional campuses, due to enrollment growth. The subcommittee's recommendations are to build two new elementary schools, one in the south and one in The Woodlands. Both campuses are to be built on property already owned by the district. Additionally, we will need to build a campus for grades 6-8 in The Woodlands area on existing property. The current K-6 grade campuses in that area will need to be reconfigured for grades K-5 to accommodate increased enrollment. We will also need to build an intermediate campus for grades 5-6 on existing property on Shaw Road.

There was also a recommendation for the district to consider anticipated growth in student enrollment in all areas of the district when re-zoning for the new schools, to minimize disruption for families.

The total amount needed for the new schools is \$109,856,685.00.

Ms. Susan Cline, Additions and Renovations Subcommittee chairperson, presented her report on the district needs for changes to existing facilities that will enhance and support the educational program, contribute to a safe environment, alleviate traffic concerns and modernize the structures.

Projects were identified by priority. Priority One and Two lists are being recommended to the Steering Committee at a total cost of \$69,608,930.00. Priority Three projects are included in the report; however, they are not being recommended at this time.

Ms. Kristi Goodman, Technology, Transportation and Capital Replacements Subcommittee chairperson, introduced Karen Chlebo and David Youngblood, who presented recommendations for Technology. The subcommittee is recommending the “Envisioned” level of projects, as this ensures the district will stay competitive and provide necessary infrastructure for future enrollment growth. The total amount of this request is \$6,480,000.00.

Kristi Goodman presented information on the Transportation requests, explaining that the requests for new and replacement busses are based on a 5-year plan for expected growth in enrollment and the addition of routes to support four new schools. This recommendation totals \$4,918,120.00.

Kristi also presented the recommendations for Capital Replacements, based on a 15+ year plan. These include building improvements as well as upgrades to facilities and equipment for Child Nutrition Services. The total amount recommended for capital replacements is \$20,820,000.00.

Rick Pritchett, Finance Committee chairman, presented information about the potential bond increments and corresponding tax rate increases. The total amount requested for this bond proposal is approximately \$211,000,000. He indicated that the Board has been presented with the same information and feels that the bond proposal should not exceed \$180,000,000. He encouraged the Steering Committee members to review each of the subcommittees’ minutes and presentations over the holiday break and be ready to meet again in January to discuss the recommendations and begin reducing the total amount.

The next meetings of the Steering Committee are as follows:

Monday, January 7, 2013
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Thursday, January 10, 2013
Tuesday, January 15, 2013, if necessary.

Each meeting will be held in the Administration Building LGI at 6:30 pm. The last meeting will be held after the Board meeting.

The Public Forum will be held on Monday, January 21, 2013. Another Steering Committee meeting will be held, if necessary, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. The final recommendations will be presented to the Board on Monday, February 11, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.