

**Spring Independent School District  
Bond Steering Committee Minutes**

**Thursday, July 21, 2016**

The fifth meeting of the Bond Steering Committee was held on Thursday, July 21, 2016, in the Boardroom at the Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center, at 16717 Ella Blvd, Houston, TX 77090. The meeting was a review of the district's needs and an opportunity for the committee to begin developing the final blueprint of a bond proposal for the Spring ISD Board of Trustees to consider.

Bond Steering Committee Members Present: 63

**Call to Order**

At approximately 6:05 p.m., Spring ISD Chief Communications Officer Tiffany Dunne-Oldfield began the meeting and introduced Superintendent Dr. Rodney Watson, who welcomed participants and thanked them for attending.

**Agenda**

- The meeting began with a recap and review of the previous meeting including the tally sheet.
- Chief Operations Officer Mark Miranda recapped the district's needs and the district's proposed allocation of potential bond dollars.
- He reviewed the outline of the district's updated revisions to the 2016 Tally Sheet including reducing allocations in the areas of early childhood centers and the leadership center.
- Revisions to the 2016 Tally Sheet include the removal of \$5 million originally identified for improvements to the Leadership Center and the addition of \$2 million which was moved to technology to support enhanced infrastructure. After these revisions, the administration's final proposal for review totaled \$327 million.
- Ms. Dunne-Oldfield split the steering committee into groups to review the cost of each of the elements and discuss ways to allocate the entire proposed bond amount of \$330 million. Each group was given a clean tally sheet and an updated version of the district's recommendations.
- With \$3 million left on the table in the district's final recommendation, each group was also tasked with determining how to allocate these additional funds.
- Groups spent nearly 50 minutes discussing their proposals.

**2016 Tally Sheet Recommendations (Presented by Committee Member Teams)**

- **Team One**
  - Team one had concerns regarding Roberson as a repurposed 9th grade center and recommended adding \$3 million to the facility updates bucket to address their concern.
  - The team discussed the need of having a newly constructed stadium that would potentially generate money for the district. They also proposed a multi-purpose center.

- The technology and safety and security amounts remained equal to the district's recommendation.
- **Team Two**
  - Team two recommended reducing allocations assigned for converting Roberson Middle School into a 9th grade center and identified funding for Early Childhood Centers.
  - Team two also reduced funding for personalized devices for instruction and agreed with the district's recommendation for safety and security.
- **Team Three**
  - Team three accepted the district's recommendations for the 9th grade centers.
  - Stadium funds were reduced from \$40 million to \$20 million and the team suggested that the remaining money be used for renovations to the existing facility.
  - Early Childhood Centers gained \$20 million to repurpose existing real estate in the Spring area.
  - Additional changes to technology allocations were made and the team suggested adding additional funding to the transportation line.
- **Team Four**
  - Team four accepted all of the district's campus recommendations.
  - The team suggested that the stadium needs were not a high priority and that the resources should be used for more pressing needs. Funding for a new stadium was reduced to \$29 million.
  - In addition, \$20 million was identified to repurpose local facilities to open Early Childhood Centers.
  - The district's recommendations for technology funding remained the same.
  - Team four eliminated the funding of \$6 million toward bus route expansion in the safety and security bucket.
- **Team Five**
  - Team five accepted all of the district's facility recommendations.
  - The team suggested an additional \$1 million be earmarked for enhanced infrastructure in the technology area.
  - The remaining \$2 million was allocated to increase funding for safety and security needs. The team created a list of priorities for administration to consider:
    1. Backup generators
    2. Police mobile data terminals
    3. Radio Systems
    4. Police in-car video system
    5. Replacement buses (45 buses)
    6. Police vests and cars

- **Team Six**
  - Team six recommend one comprehensive high school at \$150 million and reduced all other areas of the district's facility recommendations to accommodate the change.
  - The district's recommendations for technology and safety and security funding remained the same.
  
- **Wrap-up and Questions**
  - Ms. Dunne-Oldfield asked the committee to review the six group proposals prior to the next meeting.
  - Committee members were encouraged to reach out with follow-up questions (e.g., via email or the "elevate" communications tool on the district website).
  - The meeting schedule was briefly revisited and committee members were reminded of the meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2016.

### **Adjournment**

After final thanks were offered to attendees, the meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.