

**Spring Independent School District  
Bond Steering Committee Minutes  
Thursday, July 28, 2016**

The sixth meeting of the Bond Steering Committee was held on Thursday, July 28, 2016, in the Boardroom at the Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center, at 16717 Ella Blvd, Houston, TX 77090. The meeting's primary purpose was to finalize a bond proposal for the Spring ISD Board of Trustees to consider.

Bond Steering Committee Members Present: 65

**Call to Order**

At approximately 6:07 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.

The meeting began with a recap and review of the delta chart that was shared with the steering committee via email.

**Safety and Security**

- For the most part, there was strong consensus across all six teams on the majority of proposed bond elements in the area of Safety and Security.
- Team 4 recommended that the proposed \$6M capital investment in new buses to expand the district's transportation offering to a 1-mile radius be moved to support early childhood education/full-day Pre-K.
- Lastly, both Team 3 and Team 5 advocated for additional funds for Safety and Security. Team 3 added \$1.5M to "additional routes" to support transportation for Pre-K students and Team 5 added \$2M to support overall safety and security needs.

**Technology**

- There was also strong consensus across all six teams on the majority of the proposed technology elements.
- Both Team 3 and Team 5 proposed additional funds be added to the area of technology.
  - Team 3 proposed a \$1.5M add to "instructional technology."
  - Team 5 proposed a \$1M add to "enhanced infrastructure."
- Team 2 recommended removing the proposed spend on "personalized devices for instruction" to fund early childhood education/full-day Pre-K.

**Facilities**

- All six teams supported a new home for Spring ISD's police department.
- Four of six teams proposed that early childhood centers/full-day Pre-K be supported through a bond.
  - Three teams proposed \$20M for early childhood/full-day Pre-K.
  - One team proposed \$6,132,800 for early childhood/full-day Pre-K.

- Three of the four teams who proposed support for early childhood moved funding from the stadium to fund their recommendations.
- Two teams proposed new levels of spending on Roberson's renovation – Team 1 proposed an additional \$3M spend and Team 2 proposed a decreased spend of \$2M.
- Five of six teams supported the proposed ninth grade model. Team 6 proposed one comprehensive high school with a spend of \$150M.

Chief Operations Officer Mark Miranda recapped the district's needs and the district's proposed allocation for facilities, technology, safety and security.

He reviewed the outline of the district's updated revisions to the 2016 Tally Sheet including new allocations in the areas of early childhood centers and a reduced allocation for a proposed stadium. **See third rendition of 2016 Proposed Bond Tally Sheet.**

Ms. Dunne-Oldfield discussed the importance of the committee voting on the recommended bond proposal. Steering committee members were given an opportunity to accept or revise the district's recommendations.

During the meeting, the FAQs were also reviewed with special focus on: ninth grade centers, stadium, and early childhood centers.

### **Wrap-up and Questions**

- Ms. Dunne-Oldfield asked for a vote on the **Final Recommended Tally Sheet**.
- Committee members approved the district's revised recommendations with more than 80% of the steering committee voting in favor.
- Ms. Dunne-Oldfield discussed the next steps of the bond's approval by the Board of Trustees.
- Specifically, steering committee volunteers and members of the administration will present the recommended Tally Sheet to the Spring ISD Board of Trustees during the board work session on August 4, 2016 and possibly at the regular board meeting on Aug. 9.

### **Adjournment**

After final thanks were offered to attendees, the meeting ended at 8:13 p.m.