

Date: 23 Sep 2021

Subject: Hays CISD Facilities Bond Oversight Committee

Attendees: Official roll-call sheet given to Byron Severance at the end of the meeting

Note: All materials presented at the meeting can be found on the [Hays CISD FBOC webpage](#) under the heading for today's (23 Sep 2021) date.

Meeting Start: 5:34PM Central

Discussion Item #1 - Hays CISD Athletics Update

- Committee members were introduced to the new Hays CISD athletic director Tom Westerberg
- Mr. Westerberg presented a brief history of his background and experience
- Shared photos and information on current athletic field conditions across high school and middle school campuses
- Mr. Westerberg shared photos of athletic facilities at schools in the area and across the state
- Wants to set a vision for Hays CISD athletics - wants to build a program the community can be proud of
- Members provided very high-level information on past community feelings related athletic facilities on past bond issues - especially "artificial turf".
 - Byron Severance (FBOC Chair) extended invitation to Mr. Westerberg and discuss the community history related to this subject.
 - Committee members requested Max Cleaver gather information on maintenance cycles and cost related to artificial turf fields. If the vision is to put artificial turf at all high school and middle school campuses for both football and softball, we need to have a clear picture of not only initial cost but what a maintenance cycle and maintenance cycle cost would contain
- Committee members do welcome a forward looking strategy and vision related to athletics and athletic facilities in Hays CISD.
- More conversations about athletic facilities, equalization, and future vision are planned.

Discussion Item #2 - Fine Arts Update

- Committee members were introduced to Patty Moreno, Fine Arts Director for the District.
- Provided high-level status on current Fine Arts construction projects at middle schools and instrument purchases district-wide
- Discussed two needs that are lower cost and on the more immediate side that are related to safety
 - A Band Tower at Hays HS; they are currently using a "jimmy lift" which has safety concerns. Cost for a band tower would be ~\$83K.
 - Science Hall Elementary has a kiln that is not stored in a secured space. This should be a simple fix (like a closet or enclosed room) in order to keep the kiln away from students while hot.
 - Max is looking into what we can do ASAP to rectify these situations with money the District has on hand and not wait on a bond election.

- Ms. Moreno discussed future needs of auditoriums at the high schools.
 - Our Performing Arts Center is heavily utilized and the calendar has run out of space leaving our campuses short for performance opportunities.
 - Mr. Moreno also discussed the seating differences (~1000 at the PAC versus 500-to-750 seats for a school auditorium). Campus auditoriums would allow for more student performances which means more practice for them.
 - The performances would be in a more intimate, personal setting which makes it better for the kids and the audience.
 - PAC also needs equipment updates.
 - Older equipment could be recycled and used at the campuses.

Discussion Item #3 - Academic Support Center

- Max and Byron presented the updated floor plan of the Academic Support Center
- Biggest adjustments made to IT space and expansion of the Special Ed space
- More discussions to come at future meetings

Discussion Item #4 - Hays HS Science Lab Renovations

- Discussed current status of teacher vetting of the current science lab design
- Anticipate construction to start May 2022

Discussion Item #5 - Account Roll Up

- Discussed high-level numbers around current bond projects and where we stand with contingencies.
- Check data on the FBOC webpage for details.

Discussion Item #6 - Wrap Up & Questions

- Validated that FBOC would need to have a bond package ready to recommend to the board by the end of the Dec 2021 meeting.
- Discussed the need for additional committee meetings between October and December to support the FBOC in putting together a bond package recommendation so we can ask questions and discuss various possibilities.

Follow Up Items/Questions/Decision Needs

- What was the original cost of the Johnson Jaguar Band Tower when installed?
- What does a sample calendar look like for the proposed 500-700 seat auditoriums at each high school?
- What is the timeline and cost of securing the kiln at Science Hall Elementary?
- Need to decide on number and dates of FBOC committee meetings between now and Dec 2021 to prepare bond package recommendations to school board trustees.

Meeting Adjourned 7:12PM Central