



Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee

May 11, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Lee Elementary School, Library
3308 Hampton Road, Austin, TX 78705

MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members: Kristin Ashy, Michael Bocanegra, Leticia Caballero, Cherylann Campbell, Rich DePalma, Gabriel Estrada, Roxanne Evans, Paulette Gibbins, Mark Grayson, Dusty Harshman, Jodi Leach, Jennifer Littlefield, Scott Marks, Cynthia McCollum, Rick Potter, Tali Wildman

AISD Trustees: Ann Teich

Staff: Paul Cruz, Nicole Conley Johnson, Edmund Oropez, Paul Turner, Gordon King, Beth Wilson, Melissa Laursen, Asha Dane'el, Marc Brewster, Lydia Venegas, Julia Maldonado, Chaneel Daniels, Gilbert Hicks, Sandra Creswell, Terrance Eaton, Kevin Schwartz, Celso Baez, Jean Bahney, Christian Clarke Casarez, Felipe Romero, Ruben Pizarro, David Kauffman, John Hewlett (Principal, Lee Elementary)

Consultants: Matias Segura, Drew Johnson, Kelli Bellon, Adam St. Cyr, Eric Sierra, Jerimi Henry, Chelsea Burkett, Arnold Ashburn, Punar Bhakta, Ellen Saathoff, Bob Pearson, Jennifer Kunz, Andrew Morosky, Andrew Higgins

Visitors: List of visitors is attached.

1. Call to Order and Overview of Meeting Goals (5:46 PM)

Tri-chair Cherylann Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:46 PM and reviewed the meeting goals.

John Hewlett, Principal of Russell Lee Elementary welcomed the FABPAC and provided a brief overview of Lee Elementary:

- Constructed in 1939, with several additions throughout the years
- Rainwater tanks, chicken coops, and a garden program
- School was renamed last year to Russell Lee, a photographer from the school's neighborhood who started the UT photography program
- Biggest challenges are related to space

Trustee Ann Teich was acknowledged.

2. Citizens Communication

Tri-chair Roxanne Evans explained the Citizens' Communication process.

- *Blazier ES stakeholder* – asked that FABPAC consider the complete construction of a comprehensive middle school in the first bond; do not phase the project; there is rapid growth in the area; would like to see a K-8 model at Blazier and the new SE middle school; many families leave AISD after 5th grade, and a K-8 model may keep those students in the district.
- *Blazier ES stakeholder* – do not phase the new SE middle school, would like to see a comprehensive K-8 community at Blazier and the new middle school; a lot of new residential development in the area; the district loses students due to the current middle school options, this new model may keep more students in the district; IDEA Bluff Springs is actively recruiting middle school students.
- *Blazier ES teacher* – asked that FABPAC consider a full build of the new SE middle school in this bond; great model for AISD; it is financially responsible to do all of the construction now; will reinvent the urban school experience; be proactive to create a continuum into the middle school years; Blazier is already a partner school with Akins HS.
- *Goodnight Ranch development team* – supports a K-8 model; Goodnight Ranch is 265 acres; 1,322 residential units will be complete in the next five years; currently 113 residential lots are under construction, with construction starting soon on the next phases.
- *Goodnight Ranch development team* – everything in the master planned community located north of Slaughter is slated for construction; 2,500 residential units will be at 60% affordability, and are scheduled for construction at the end of 2018; the project is moving quickly.
- *Menchaca ES student* – concerns about the current condition of Menchaca Elementary and the traffic around the school; the community deserves a brand new building.

3. Approval of Minutes (April 26 and May 2)

The April 26 and May 2 minutes were approved as presented.

4. Update from Subcommittees

- Bond Project Development – The subcommittee has been reviewing the draft materials prior to the FABPAC meetings.
- Community Engagement – Update to be provided as part of Agenda Item 5.
- Equity – The second meeting is scheduled for May 15. Meeting topics will include a presentation on the district's self-equity study; remarks from Trustee Gordon and former Trustee Saldana; and a discussion on the definition of equity in terms of the bond planning process.
- Target Utilization Plan/Consolidations – Subcommittee has not yet met.

5. Update on Community Engagement

Kristin Ashy (Community Engagement subcommittee lead) requested that FABPAC sign up to attend Community Collaboration Series #5. She discussed the intent/layout of the community meetings, and the role of the FABPAC.

6. Update on May 8 Board Work Session

The committee discussed the themes that came out of the May 8 Board Work Session:

- Worst first and overcrowding
- Technology is a reoccurring high cost
- Bond should be less than \$1B
- Rosedale should be in a walkable location
- Concerns about the new northeast middle school, and the under-enrollment of adjacent schools
- One bond proposition is favored
- Do not increase the tax rate
- Equity – what does it mean?
- Concern of not addressing under-enrolled facilities
- Board needs to have plenty of input on the bond scenario

Matias Segura, AECOM, presented the existing timeline for a June 19 Board Meeting to Call the Order for Election, and a modified schedule for the Board to Call the Order for Election in August. The committee discussed the merits of allowing for more time to educate the Board on a draft bond scenario (Call the Order after June) versus allowing more time to educate the community on a final bond proposal (Call the Order in June). One member also mentioned that a replacement for Trustee Saldana is expected in mid-June, and additional time may be beneficial to bring the new board member up to speed. Some members expressed concern of waiting until August, and questioned if the Board could hold a special meeting to Call the Order in July.

FABPAC was asked to vote if they would like to remain on the current schedule for a June 19 Board Meeting or a modified schedule (after June 19).

- 7 votes to keep existing schedule (June 19)
- 7 votes to extend the schedule (preference for July, not August)
- 1 vote for no preference

7. Discussion on Potential Bond Scenarios

Matias Segura (AECOM) presented a revised bond scenario (A2) which reduced the total bond amount from \$1.24B to \$1.06B. Mr. Segura explained given guidance from the Board, the goal of the committee is to further reduce the scenario to \$900M and asked the following questions for the committee to consider in their breakout groups:

- What should be removed from the bond scenario?
- What should be reduced?
- What is missing?

Comments from FABPAC

New Northeast Middle School

- Concerns that the developer of Mueller (Catellus) will not support a phased project; can the athletic fields be phased first?
- Do not phase the new northeast middle school.
- The district needs to make a decision on the future of the programs for Sadler Means and Garcia due to their low enrollment.
- Need to invest in Garcia facility due to the structural issues.
- Reduce the dollar amount for Sadler Means, and only include funding for “warm, safe, and dry” due to the uncertainty of the program.

FABPAC Vote

Do you support adding funding back into the bond scenario for complete construction of the new northeast middle school (do not phase)?

- **Yes (10)**
- No (5)
- Abstain (1)

FABPAC Request

- District staff to check with the developer of Mueller (Catellus) if a phased approach would be supported. This could possibly involve construction of athletic fields in this bond, and construction of the new northeast middle school in the next bond.

Targeted Projects at Central Athletic Facilities

- Suggestion to include improvements to athletic fields at a few of the high schools in this bond, and also include funding to make needed improvements to House Park.
- Installing lights at some of the high schools can help relieve the use at the district-wide facilities.
- Concern with recommending improvements at the district-wide athletic facilities prior to completion of an athletics master plan. Need a vision first.

FABPAC did not vote on these items; no changes to scenario A2.

Austin HS - Athletics, Wellness and Community Space

- Need to be clear this project addresses deficiencies and space programming issues (implementation of new academies)

FABPAC did not vote on this item; no changes to scenario A2.

Technology

- Important that teachers are provided training so they know how to use and teach with the new technology.

FABPAC did not vote on this item, no changes to scenario A2.

LASA

- Can LASA be phased? Possibly funding for land acquisition (if needed) and design in this bond.

FABPAC Vote

Should the bond scenario include full funding for LASA (no phasing)?

- Yes (3)
- **No (10)**

8. Discussion of Committee Operations, Future Meeting Dates, Locations and Agenda Items

Bond planning schedule:

- May 16-20 – Community Collaboration Series #5
- May 22 – Board Meeting
- May 24 – FABPAC Meeting
- June 6 – FABPAC Meeting
- June 12 – Board Work Session
- June 19 – Board Meeting to Call the Order for Election

9. Adjourn (9:45 PM)

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CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION SIGN-IN SHEET

TO SPEAK

COMPLETE ATTACHED SPEAKER CARD
 GIVE TO COMMITTEE MEMBER

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	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL AFFILIATION</u>
1.	Sara Brown	Blazier
2.	Dr. MJ Patterson	Blazier
3.	Marra Fernandez	Blazier
4.	Myra Goepf	Goodnight Ranch
5.	Terry Mitchell	Goodnight Ranch

only if time allotted -
 6. Samantha Marion Rosedale
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1.	Dr. M J Patterson	Blazier
2.	Maria Fernandez	Blazier
3.	Myra Goepf	Goodnight
4.	Terry Mitchell	Goodnight
5.	Susan Moffat	McCallum
6.	Bruce Georg	Menchaca Elem.
7.	Elizabeth Dick	Rosedale
8.	Kathryn St. Jant	Lee El.
9.	JERRY W. BISHOP	Rowe HS
10.	AMSOV	Maplewood Elm
11.	VINCENT TOVAR	GOVANE ELEM
12.	Sandra Marks	LASA
13.	Pamela McMillough	DECA
14.	Matthew Markert	Bowie
15.	Ellen Voyak	Menchaca - principal

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1.	Paula Reyes	Giovalle Elem
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