



## Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee

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June 6, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Menchaca Elementary School, Cafeteria  
12120 Manchaca Road, Austin, TX 78748

### MEETING MINUTES

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Members: Kristin Ashy, Michael Bocanegra, Cherylann Campbell, Rich DePalma, Gabriel Estrada, Roxanne Evans, Paulette Gibbins, Mark Grayson, Dusty Harshman, Jennifer Littlefield, Cynthia McCollum, Tali Wildman

AISD Trustees: Edmund T. Gordon, Cindy Anderson, Ann Teich, Amber Elenz

Staff: Paul Cruz, Nicole Conley Johnson, Paul Turner, Gordon King, Melissa Laursen, Asha Dane'el, Lydia Venegas, Julia Maldonado, Chaneel Daniels, Craig Shapiro, Gilbert Hicks, Sandra Creswell, Terrance Eaton, Kevin Schwartz, Celso Baez, Christian Clarke Casarez, Samantha Alexander, Ruben Pizarro, Eliza Loyola (Principal, Menchaca Elementary)

Consultants: Matias Segura, Drew Johnson, Chelsea Burkett, Ellen Saathoff, Taryn Kinney, Kirby Thomas, Greg Smith, Monike McAre, Jerry Kyle

Visitors: List of visitors is attached.

#### **1. Call to Order and Overview of Meeting Goals (5:55 PM)**

Tri-chair Cherylann Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:55 PM and reviewed the meeting goals.

Eliza Loyola, Principal of Menchaca Elementary School welcomed the FABPAC and provided a brief overview of Menchaca ES:

- There has been a school in the community since the 1880s.
- Programs include 2-way dual language, full inclusion special education, and social behavior services (SBS).
- The campus offers student opportunities for gardening and is home to a chicken coop.
- The PTA invests a lot in the school, but there are many needed repairs including HVAC, plumbing and electrical that need to be funded outside of the PTA.
- Road expansions are planned for FM 1626 and Manchaca Road, which causes safety concerns due to the placement of the road closer to the school.

Trustees Anderson, Gordon, Elenz, and Teich and Wagner were acknowledged.

## **2. Citizens Communication**

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

- *Menchaca parent/PTA member* – the PTA invests a lot into Menchaca, but there is only so much they can do; the school is in need of many repairs that are well beyond the scope of the PTA; thanked the FABPAC for its recommendation to include rebuilding Menchaca in the bond package.
- *Menchaca teacher* – the Pre-K and K areas are lacking sinks and bathrooms; health concerns due to the condition of portables; safety concerns due to Manchaca and FM 1626 road expansions.
- *Texas Appleseed Community Outreach Coordinator* – opposes the segregation of LASA and LBJ, and asked that no action be taken for LASA; asked that the district create a district-wide desegregation plan with participation from the community.
- *Menchaca parent/teacher* – advocated to rebuild Menchaca; concerned about the safety of students in the existing building due to the open concept plan; concerned about the health of the students and staff.
- *Black Sovereign Nation member* – have been block walking the LBJ neighborhood, stated that some families feel neglected and disappointed that LASA has not benefitted the families who live in the neighborhood; disparities exist between LBJ and LASA; asked that no action be taken on LASA until the needs of the LBJ students are addressed.

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

The May 24 minutes were approved with several corrections. The FABPAC reviewed the corrected document the end of the meeting, prior to approval.

## **4. Update from Subcommittees**

- Bond Project Development – Expressed the need to consider projects up to a bond amount that would not require a tax rate increase.
- Community Engagement – Discussed the need for continued work with school communities to explain initiatives in the bond proposal.
- Equity – Working on a “white paper” on equity within AISD to be shared with the FABPAC at a future meeting date.
- Target Utilization Plan/Consolidations – No update, subcommittee has not yet met.

## **5. Discussion on Feedback from the June 5 Board of Trustees Meeting**

The committee discussed the themes that came out of the June 5 Board Work Session:

- Trustees expressed the desire to be more involved in developing the bond proposal.
- The process for prioritization of projects was based on the approved FMP.
- The need to show all projects associated with each school in one place instead of in three separate tables (data sets).
- Need to think of the projects in a creative way. Community spaces should be included in all of our schools—this has great potential to bring in partners, both public and private.
- Need for regional equity.

## **6. Discussion on Draft Bond Proposal**

The administration briefed the committee on the Board’s schedule for discussion and decision-making on the bond proposal in June.

FABPAC discussed the need for the district to strengthen the Eastside Vertical Team, and questioned item #19 on the bond summary table which indicated a modernization project at either Eastside Memorial or Martin (not both). Dr. Paul Cruz (Superintendent) stated he needed more information from the FABPAC as to the rationale for modernizing Martin in the 2017 bond, based on its Facility Condition Assessment score and the FABPAC’s worst first strategy. Some members explained modernizing Martin could make it more attractive to students and could in turn strengthen the vertical team. The impact of diversity choice on Martin and Eastside Memorial was also briefly discussed.

Dr. Cruz presented a reinvention opportunity for Eastside Memorial and International—the school programs could be relocated to a modernized campus built at the Original L.C. Anderson site. LASA could then be relocated to the Eastside Memorial campus as other sites previously considered for LASA have not been supported. In the event that LASA is relocated, LBJ could become a medical high school – focused on health professions.

Some members felt relocating Eastside Memorial could provide opportunities for partnerships with ACC-Eastview or Huston Tillotson University. Members expressed the need for the district to have a dialogue with the communities potentially affected by a possible relocation of Eastside Memorial, including the Original L.C. Anderson Alumni Association, the Johnston alumni, and the Eastside Memorial community.

Other discussion points from FABPAC:

- The need to re-examine the district’s permanent capacity methodology. In particular, it was noted that classrooms used for district staff or community uses should not be included in the classroom calculation.
- If Metz, Sanchez, and Zavala are to be consolidated in the future, need to ensure that the modernized school does not become overcrowded.
- Considerations should be made to not increase the I&S tax rate.

## **7. Discussion on Draft Bond Proposition(s)**

FABPAC members questioned what would the potential tax rate impact be on a \$1.525 billion bond package. Nicole Conley Johnson (Chief Financial Officer) responded that it would result in a 2.68 cent tax rate increase or \$96.44 annually for the 2017 average tax value of \$359,861. She also confirmed that a bond package of under \$1 billion would not result in a tax rate increase.

Committee members shared their thoughts on the desired bond amount and number of propositions as follows:

- Comfortable that all bond projects are justified, and would like to explore a bond package for \$1.5 billion.
- If we go forward with a \$1.5 billion bond package, then we need to message that the district would only be increasing the tax rate to where it was a few years ago (before the 5 cent decrease).
- Need to message that investing in schools is investing in your property (even if you do not have children in school).
- Would have a difficult time removing any projects from the bond list; there should only be one proposition.
- Suggests two propositions – one designated as “worst first”, and the second as “let’s invest in the future”.
- Need to stay under \$1 billion with no tax rate increase.
- Need to present a \$900 million bond option to the Board of Trustees; need to show taxpayers that we have done our best, but also need to show a second option above \$1 billion for Board consideration.
- If the bond is over \$1 billion, would only support two propositions.
- Need to “go big”; should state “restore the tax rate” instead of “raising the tax rate”; a bond package of \$950 million every 4-5 years will not fully fund the 25-year Facility Master Plan.

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

Bond planning schedule:

- June 12 – Board Work Session
- June 19 – Board Meeting to Call the Order for Election
- August 21 – Last legal day to Call the Order for Election

## **9. Adjourn (9:40 PM)**

**FACILITIES AND BOND PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION SIGN-IN SHEET**

**TO SPEAK**

**COMPLETE ATTACHED SPEAKER CARD  
GIVE TO COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**June 6, 2017**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL AFFILIATION</u>
1.	Trudy Richards	Menchaca
2.	Clara Ben	"
3.	Mary Tijerina	"
4.	Rocio Villalobos	n/a
5.	Deborah Aleman	n/a

Christie Carroll  
Menchaca

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	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL AFFILIATION</u>
1.	Sara Brown	Blazier
2.	Trudy Richards	Menchaca
3.	Kim Graham	menchaca
4.	Savannah Dominguez	Menchaca
5.	Nancy Gartin	Rosedale
6.	Eric Rojas	Martin
7.	Lauren Romero	Blazier
8.	Gracie Vargas	Brooke
9.	STAD JOHNSON	POSEDADLE
10.	Mary Tijerina	Menchaca
11.	Christie Campbell	Menchaca
12.	Dee Feldman	Menchaca Teacher
13.	Demic Robertson	Menchaca
14.	MJ Patterson	Blazier
15.	Melanie Plummer	ASFA

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1.	Clara Day	Menchaca
2.	Shannon Puzey	Menchaca
3.	Mathew Markert	Bowie
4.	Glen Shield	Akins
5.	Amalvizany	LASA
6.	Ann Phipps	LASA
7.	Greg Zielinski	abner
8.	LARRY JONES	Johnson Castrol's
9.	Lydia Valdes	Menchaca
10.	Kim Edwards	Anderson
11.	Christine Atkinson	Menchaca
12.	Matthew Atkin	Menchaca
13.	Ginny Marks	Menchaca
14.	Jacquelyn Hawkins	
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2.	Yvonne Valdez	Menchaca Elem
3.	Barbara Corbett	
4.	Nancy Thompson	OLCAA
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