



## ***Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting 1 Summary Notes Thursday, September 21, 2017***

### **Welcome**

Dr. Jamie Wilson, superintendent, welcomed the committee members and introduced district staff in attendance.

### **Introductions**

Mario Zavala, director of communications and community relations, led the group in an activity to introduce committee members, learn about their connection to the district, their children in the district, where they live, etc.

### **Overview of the Committee**

Dr. Wilson provided an overview of the committee that is comprised of 56 members. Dr. Wilson reviewed the committee charge that was approved by the Board of Trustees on September 12, 2017.

The purpose and the charge of the committee is as follows:

- Consider the educational needs of all students and align with the district's mission, vision and goals
- Represent the entire community, its values and perceptions in the facility-planning process
- Assess and prioritize the district's current and long-term facility needs, including new construction, renovations and capital improvements
- Bring forward recommendations to the Board of Trustees as to how to address the district's facility needs; including what should be included and how much money should be requested in a possible bond election

The committee will review and have discussions about:

1. Existing Facilities
2. Demographic Reports and Enrollment Projections
3. School Finance
4. Bonding Capacity and Impact of Potential Bond
5. Building Needs and Potential Solutions & Cost Analysis

The committee will work collectively to prioritize facility needs and define their recommendations, and information from meetings will be posted on the Committee website.

The committee will be led by co-chairs and grouped into the following sub-committees:

- Growth (new schools, land, auxiliary facilities)
- Elementary Schools (equity, aging conditions, renovations, safety & security)
- Secondary Schools (equity, aging conditions, renovations, safety & security)
- Extracurricular Programs (athletics & fine arts)
- Special Programs (CTE, early childhood schools/programs of choice)
- Innovation (educational delivery trends, technology, sustainability/green initiatives)

Committee members will receive a questionnaire to indicate if they'd like to volunteer to serve as a co-chair, to lead a subcommittee, and to rank the order of their preference for sub-committee work.

### **State of the District**

Dr. Wilson presented information about the district's mission, history, geographic area, schools, growth in student enrollment, housing growth, and district successes. He talked about the district's fine arts offerings, dual language program, International Baccalaureate, and achievements from the Class of 2017. He also shared information about the teachers in DISD and the district's strong financial ratings and practices.

### **Bond History**

Dr. Wilson reviewed the district's bond history, with most recent elections in 2007 and 2013.

The 2007 bond included: four new schools (Blanton Elementary, Cross Oaks Elementary, Gonzalez School for Young Children and Myers Middle School); land purchases; band hall additions at Strickland and McMath Middle Schools; renovations at Hodge, McNair, Calhoun, Borman, Rivera, Ginnings, Lee and Wilson; athletic additions and renovations at Denton High and Ryan High; and the Giese Professional Support Services Building. The 2007 bond package totaled \$270 million and was passed with approval from 59% of the voters.

The 2013 bond included: five new schools (Braswell High, Rodriguez Middle, Adkins Elementary, Bell Elementary and Elementary #24); renovations across the district; and a 9<sup>th</sup> grade addition at Guyer High School. The 2013 bond package totaled \$312 million and was passed with approval from 68% of the voters.

Dr. Wilson also discussed the district's finances, the history of the tax rate and the recent Tax Ratification Election, which was passed with 80% voter approval.

### **Bond Process**

The committee learned about the process the committee would go through and the things to consider before the Board of Trustees considers calling a bond election.

### **Overview of Planning Work**

The district has already been receiving regular demographic projection updates and it received a comprehensive facility condition assessment from Huckabee. The facility assessment included observations and recordings of the present condition of district facilities. In addition, Huckabee has facilitated long-range planning discussions with Denton ISD campus and program leaders to identify program and instructional needs, new facilities and expansion needs, aging conditions and facility challenges, and equipment and technology needs. The next steps include developing potential projects and cost estimates.

### **Closing**

In closing, Dr. Wilson invited committee members to hear the assessment presentation to the Board of Trustees on September 26 and reminded them of their purpose and the charge as a committee.

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### **Attendance:**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Carissa Acker, Lizzie Asbury, Catherine Bell, Georgianne Burlage, Happy Carrico, Kari Conner, Cameron Cox, Ray Croff, Tim Crouch, Mariella Cudd, Suzanne Danhof, Mike Donnelly, Lyle Dresher, Tiffany Eaglin, Larry Fisher, Kathryn Flores, Larry Gilbert, Karen Goff, Robert Insley, Sam Kelley, Kathy Lawson, Anita Martinez-Strickland, Karen McDaniels, Wendy McGee, Beena Momin, Nancy Murphy-Chadwick, Efren Olvera, Tammie Palasota, David Piccolo, Todd Price, James Renfro, Kevin Roden, Rudy Rodriguez Jr, Bud Sasser, Greg Sawko, Christi Shiflett, Teresa Starrett, Molly Tampke, Mike Vance, J.D. Walker, Jeff Williams, Mike Woods

DISD Staff in Attendance:

Paul Andress, Mike Mattingly, Debbie Monschke, Kim Stevenson, Ernie Stripling, Richard Valenta, Jamie Wilson, Mario Zavala

Others Present:

Steve Hafer, Tim Hopkins, Megan Smith, Lesley Weaver – Huckabee Architects

Committee Members Absent:

Gina Anderson, Lauren Baccus, John Cabrales, Sheryl English, Hope Galloway, Laquita Harmon, Bryon Mecham, Luke Olson, Susan Parker, Gary Peppers, Anita Reeves, Becky Rodriguez, Elizabeth Seymour, Randi Skinner