



New Braunfels Independent School District

2017 Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 12, 2017

LOCATION: NBISD Boardroom, 430 W. Mill St.

Present:

Joe Castilleja, Leigh Ann Dees, Kimberley Dunbar, Keith Fontenot, Bryon Gardner, Brian Gibson, Ashli Goodspeed, Gina Jones, Sandra Littlejohn, Courtney Lyons-Garcia, Faride Nasser, Wes Stamps, Jim Streety and Danielle Taylor

Absent:

Heather Andrus, J Lee Deardorff, Brandon Dietert, Kristen Fain, Jennifer Faulkner, Shaun Gibson, Elaine Lang, Shelly Malatek, Elizabeth Mullins, George Ortiz, Jason Ragsdale, Valerie Rodriguez, Molly Waldrip, Brad Wehring and Bryan Woods

NBISD Staff and Board Members in Attendance: Vickie Pursch, Randy Moczygamba, Rebecca Villarreal, Steve Brown, Kara Bock, Rachel Behnke, Jerry Clark and David Heefner

Called to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Superintendent did the following to open the meeting:

- Gave a brief overview of the information shared at the last meeting;
- Shared the enrollment data for neighboring school districts with two high schools; and
- Presented a short Powerpoint with the following information

Solution #1

- Utilize Science Classrooms – 2021-2023
 - Float teachers – indefinitely
 - Or utilize portables – indefinitely
- Does not eliminate NGC campus
- No bond election
- No tax increase

Solution #2

Construction additional classroom wing at NBMS to take capacity to 1,850

- Will provide capacity until NBMS campus is needed for a high school campus

Projected cost :\$29,640,000

Does not eliminate NGC campus

Requires a bond election

Would potentially increase I&S tax rate by 7/10 of a cent

Solution #3

Construct a new MS with a capacity of 1,500 on district-owned land on Walnut adjacent to Klein Road Elementary

- Will provide capacity for the current NBMS attendance zone through full district build-out

Projected cost: \$53,010,000

Requires a bond election

Would potentially increase I&S tax rate by 3.5 cents

NBMS campus would become the NGC campus

NBMS Solution #4

Complete construction of NBMS to become a 3,200 student capacity high school

Move current NBHS to current NBMS

Eliminates NGC campus

Projected Cost: \$142,650,000

Requires a bond election

Would potentially increase I&S tax rate by 10 cents

There are potential options to reduce the cost

Questions to be determined

Capacity and number of middle schools at full build-out to accommodate 4500 students

- 3 – 1,500 capacity
- 4 – 1,200 capacity

Capacity and number of high schools at full build-out to accommodate 6400 students

- 2 – 3,200 capacity
- 3 – 2,200 capacity

The group gathered and had a discussion to address the questions posed by the Superintendent.

The group presented the following top priorities (in no particular order and it was not unanimous):

NGC eliminated (building)

Portable Building (temporary only) – not unanimous

Yes Bond Election this year (May) – the group is willing to see a tax increase

Address Elementary schools

Address expanding support services facilities

Superintendent put back on the group what timeline they had in mind and what the order of the priorities was that they presented. Additionally, the administration will need to know the threshold for the amount of debt they felt would be acceptable by them and ultimately the taxpayers.

The group presented the following two options to gather feedback from the administrators in attendance.

Option #1 – Move high school campus to NBMS

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<p>NEW SITE Revenue for one high school will allow to add programs and be more cost effective (rather than cut programs with 2 smaller high schools) Opportunity to expand Ag programs (facility would be closer) Updated and larger Performing Arts Center (950-seat facility) New baseball and softball fields (other athletic upgrades as well for a 6A school) Endorsements easier to offer and more cost effective Gets us to nearly to the year 2030 without splitting to a second high school NGC goes away (maximize revenue again with one less campus to operate)</p>	<p>Transportation concerns for parents (commute is flip-flopped for parents with new building on extreme end of district) Community concern of destroying NGC \$100 million+ bond would increase tax rate Lose focused instruction for 9th graders (grades could go down) Unicorn Stadium would be separate from new high school campus</p>

<p>No NGC – means no shuttles needed More parking will be available at new school</p> <p>CURRENT NBHS SITE Ability to expand parking at Unicorn Stadium (by removing softball, baseball and practice fields)</p>	
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Options #2 – Build Middle School in Klein area with two smaller high schools

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<p>Could split cost by doing in phases Transportation Smaller bond package than other option</p>	<p>Tax increase Concern of equity up front Phasing causes more money due to inflation More staffing for smaller classes Only offering certain programs means increase in operational costs Increase in travel time and costs for extracurricular because of becoming a 4A and 5A school (schools are further away) We are not all unicorns</p>

The committee members decided that they want to meet twice in January on Jan. 9 and Jan. 23 (second and fourth Tuesday of the month).

Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Rebecca Villarreal, NBISD Director of Communications