



# **New Braunfels Independent School District**

## ***2018 Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes***

**DATE: February 20, 2018**

**LOCATION: NBISD Boardroom, 430 W. Mill St.**

**Present:**

Joe Castilleja, Leigh Ann Dees, Kimberley Dunbar, Jennifer Faulkner, Ashli Goodspeed, Gina Jones, Sandra Littlejohn, Courtney Lyons-Garcia, Faride Nasser, Jim Streety, Danielle Taylor and Brad Wehring

**Absent:**

Heather Andrus, J. Lee Deardorff, Brandon Dietert, Kristen Fain, Keith Fontenot, Bryon Gardner, Brian Gibson, Shaun Gibson, Elaine Lang, Shelly Malatek, Elizabeth Mullins, George Ortiz, Jason Ragsdale, Valerie Rodriguez, Wes Stamps, Molly Waldrip, Bryan Woods

**NBISD Staff in Attendance:**

Randy Moczygemba, Steve Brown, Victoria Pursch, Kathy Kenney, Leah Droddy, Duane Trujillo, Kara Bock and Jerry Clark

Call to Order at 6:05 pm

**Review from last meeting:**

The Superintendent welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the information shared at the last FPC meeting. He thanked Committee Chair Joe Castilleja and Co-Chair Leigh Ann Dees for presenting the Facilities Planning Committee Report at the Regular Board Meeting on February 12, 2018.

**II. Presentation - Political Action Committee Process:**

The Superintendent introduced Kimberly Bow, Community Facilitator of Stantec Architecture, Inc.

Ms. Bow presented a Bond Ethics PowerPoint that included the following:

Creating messages to call into action

The Process

Set a Framework – FPC reviews the needs of the community and determines what the path forward needs to look like.

Political Action Committee (PAC) – Purpose to help identify where the district wants to go with a Bond plan that the committee plans to put together and move forward with a Bond Campaign:

**Campaigns**

**Informational Campaign:**

Lead by the district

Factual

Illegal to spend or authorize public funds for political advertising

**NOT PERMISSABLE FOR INFORMATION CAMPAIGN:**

Political activities on district time or using district owned equipment

Political activities are activities which attempt to influence or persuade “for” or “against” an issue before the voters

*Examples are:*

- Giving speeches or giving interviews asking for a yes or no vote.
- Using district e-mail for political advertising or lobbying of any kind.
- Using district equipment or resources of any kind for political advertising.
- § 255.003. Unlawful Use of Public Funds for Political Advertising
- § 255.0031. Unlawful Use of Internal Mail System for Political Advertising

PERMISSABLE FOR INFORMATION CAMPAIGN:

- Political activities on your own time using your own resources.
- Factual communication activities at any time.
- Factual communication activities include activities that only provide information that do not reference a “for” or “against” opinion.

*Examples are:*

- Sending home with students an informational brochure produced by the school district.
- Campaigning door to door on your own time.
- Participating in any type of political advertising on your own time and using your own equipment and resources.

### **Persuasive Campaign**

- Political Action Committee led
- Influence to vote “For” or “Against”
- Legal to raise funds and spend on political advertising

NOT PERMISSABLE FOR PERSUASIVE CAMPAIGN:

- Political activities on district time, using district owned equipment, or on district property.
- Not adhering to filing schedules and rules as defined by the Texas Ethics Commission.

*Examples are:*

- Using district equipment or resources of any kind for political advertising.
- Not filing as an organized political action committee with TEC.
- Not filing a treasurer appointment with TEC.
- Placing signs on or within the right away.

PERMISSABLE FOR PERSUASIVE CAMPAIGN:

- Persuasive language.
- Free participation in activities that attempt to influence or persuade “for” or “against”.

*Examples are:*

- Creating stickers that say Vote YES for the Future of our Students!
- Standing up during a Q&A session with the Superintendent to express why you personally feel that the Bond should be supported by community members.
- Putting fliers in chairs at a PTA meeting outlining early voting dates and asking parents to vote yes.

Who Leads the Campaign?

- Treasurer
- Chair
- Communications

The Political Action Committee sets a 10-week Campaign (IDENTIFY THE PLAN):

Important To Do's:

File form STA with Superintendent's Secretary, stamp it and mail to Ethics Commission  
Complete form SECURITY and mail to Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070 Austin TX 78711  
File form SS-4 with the IRS to secure an EIN  
60/30/8 Day Pre Election Reports  
Secure Organized Gatherings  
Yard Signs (24x18 & 4x4)  
Texas Ethics Commission (Helpful information)

NEED MORE INFORMATION, QUESTIONS?

Phone (512) 463-5800 OR (1-800) 735-2989  
Website <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us>  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday

III. Discussion Regarding Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Moczygemba reviewed the Facilities Planning Committee Report that was presented by Joe Castilleja, chair of the committee, at the February Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. Moczygemba presented information on Bond Election Guidelines and how the priorities were combined into the Bond Proposal.

Discussed the Facilities Committee's priorities addressing the following:

Construction of New Middle School  
Eliminate NGC building (demolish)  
New Elementary School (to address Carl Schurz & Seele)  
Additional Capital Needs (Repairs & Upgrades)

Mr. Moczygemba shared information regarding the growth within the Veramendi Elementary attendance zone and how it is close to reaching seat capacity. He explained that there has been discussion on a proposal to add additional classrooms to the Veramendi Elementary which would provide about 176 additional seats. He explained that without adding the additional classrooms, the district would have to make changes to the attendance zones within the Veramendi area.

At this time, the projected Bond Proposal without the additional classrooms at Veramendi would be estimated at \$95,000,000.00 and to include the additional classrooms to the bond proposal would project it at an estimated \$98,000,000.

IV. Discussion of tax rate impact projections:

The proposed Tax Impact per year from NBISD's Bond Council was presented.

Mr. Moczygemba will check with NBISD's Bond Council to see what type of tax impact will be made with an increase to the Bond Proposal with the additional classrooms at Veramendi Elementary in the proposed Bond Election.

V. Presentation on District recommended Bond items (Repairs & Upgrades):

Mr. Stoker, Facilities Director, presented a Report on Potential Repairs and Upgrades to NBISD Facilities. His detailed report included Renewal/Replacement and Schedules with dates installed and replacement year and life span cost per campus.

The Presentation included the following potential NBISD Bond Projects:

Total (RED) Items Total Construction Costs - \$ 4,460,000.00 x soft costs (20%) \$892,000 = \$5,352,000.00

Total (ORANGE) Items (2018-2020) Total Construction Costs - \$4,753,000.00 x soft costs (20%) \$950,000.00 = \$5,703,000.00

Other Potential Projects:

Middle School Tennis Courts (4 courts per campus) Construction Costs (\$1,895,000 )+ Soft Costs (\$379,000) = \$2,274,000

Baseball Field Upgrades (stands, pressbox, concessions) Construction Costs (\$960,000 )+ Soft Costs (\$192,000) = \$1,152,000

Move Fiber/Phone Systems from Learning Center to Ed Center Construction Costs - (\$200,000 )+ Soft Costs (\$40,000) = \$240,000

Add Parking for an additional 30 Busses Construction Costs (\$2,400,000 )+ Soft Costs (\$480,000) = \$2,880,000

Existing Transportation Parking (Mill chipseal and overlay with type D asphalt ) Construction Costs - (\$600,000 )+ Soft Costs (\$120,000) = \$720,000

Add Vehicle Security Barricades at all Campuses Construction Costs (\$130,000 )+ Soft Costs (\$26,000) = \$156,000

Mr. Moczygemba explained that the items on the presentation will be reviewed by the Board and if needed will be included in the Bond proposal. This may include the top Red and top Orange if the Board chooses to add them to the Bond.

VI. Group discussion and possible action regarding recommendation of bond election to NBISD Board of Trustees:

The Facilities Planning Committee recommended the proposal for Bond Election

Leigh Ann Dees MOTIONED that the Facilities Planning Committee moves forward to call a Bond Election for November 2018 and it was SECONDED by Gina Jones.

The Vote: Passed

Ayes: 11

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

VII. Discussion on March meeting date(s):

The committee made a decision to meet on March 27, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

The FPC would like a summary of the process of information and input to be included in the comprehensive plan that the committee worked through from the initial inception of January 2017 to present. This should be part of proposing a certain amount to the Board.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: *Blanche Frey, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent*