

Citizens Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC)
April 30, 2014

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Youngs, started the meeting by presenting the Summary of Texas School District Bond Elections and Comparison of Districts Current Debt Positions. Hudson reported that the CTE Committee met last week and that plans have been made for touring CTE centers on Friday, May 9. The target date for having feedback and some dollar estimates is May 15.

Dr. Reid reviewed the activities of the first CBAC meeting when the group discussed topics including our district's needs, school sizes, feeder patterns/boundaries. Throughout the last few weeks, the leadership team has used the feedback received, done research, and looked creatively for solutions. Dr. Reid shared an idea, not a plan or proposal, for how new bond dollars could be used if a bond passes this November.

As previously discussed with the CBAC, one use of new bond funds would be the creation of a CTE center. In looking for a central location for a CTE center for the district, the idea surfaced to use the South Keller Intermediate facility for that purpose as it is centrally located, has approximately 130,000 square feet, and has land around it to use for addition and modification. Because the core facilities such as the cafeteria are already in place, the building could accommodate a full-time CTE program which would lessen enrollment at our other high schools. Using an existing structure would also cost much less than building a new structure.

Using the idea of SKI as a CTE center, the following other ideas and possibilities have been generated:

- Adding a wing to ISMS to create a 5-8 campus such as TMS thus providing a 5-6, 7-8 option and a 5-8 option to house combination of current SKI and ISMS students
- Establishing more pure feeder patterns by sending Liberty Elementary students to BCI, KMS, KHS (Ridgeview would still be split.)
- Keeping Whitley Road and Willis Lane students on the east side of Hwy. 377
- Using some bond dollars for additions/renovations to Keller High School
- Providing some relief for TMI and TSMS
- Open up more opportunities for transfers
- Allows for growth possibilities in the areas where we expect the greatest amount of growth
- Creating a second early learning center and another 5-8 campus on the west side of I-35 – Land already owned will be kept in case an additional elementary campus is needed.

Dr. Reid has shared the idea with the Board members and staff of SKI and asked the CBAC group for their questions and feedback. Comments shared:

- The same amount of bond dollars will be sought
- The ideas generated could correct some issues that have been concerns in the past
- Some space needs issues can be resolved without major boundary changes
- All campuses do not have to be equal in size
- Traffic flow issues and drive times will need to be considered
- The idea contains a lot of components/moving parts
- The idea attempts to solve the greatest number of problems with the potential bond dollars

- Can accomplish many goals including the addition of a CTE center
- Addresses the big picture – addresses a lot of needs for a lot of people, not just one facet of the district
- Will touch a lot of grade levels by speaking to different needs
- The idea will generate multiple construction projects that will need to be managed
- The district has a history of handling multiple projects well and additional construction management support can be sought with bond dollars if needed
- Will need to stress what all this idea will accomplish and educate the public about all of the moving parts
- Will be an opportunity to renew, invigorate, and touch several different areas
- Will provide for more choice for our students

As the meeting came to a close, Dr. Reid asked the Citizens Bond Advisory Committee for a consensus of whether they feel the idea presented has enough merit to move forward. The committee's consensus was unanimously in favor of pursuing the idea further. Board President, Jim Stitt, thanked administration and the CBAC for all the time, work, and thought being put into the bond consideration.

Additional feedback will be sought via a community survey and community meetings. The next meeting of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee is scheduled on May 15. Please see our website for information regarding the CBAC meetings and a snapshot Q & A document and contact Dr. Reid with additional questions and/or feedback.

To participate in the November 2014 Election, the deadline to call for a bond election is August 18.