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**Keller Independent School District
The Education Center, 350 Keller Parkway, Keller, Texas
Board of School
Trustees**

**Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

Attendance: Len Avecilla, Karina Davis, Craig Allen, Jennifer Upton, Kristen Eriksen, Brad Tyler, Matt Strong, Matt Mucker, Billy Kidd, Hudson Huff, David Gerda

Mr. Allen called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Mr. Kidd started the meeting off by welcoming everyone. He then went on to review the additions to Parkwood Hill Intermediate and Hillwood Middle Schools. Mr. Kidd handed out packets as well as showing the new drawings for the projects. He first discussed Hillwood Middle School. Mr. Kidd noted that all work would be done on the south end of the school building. Mr. Kidd told the committee that the addition would add 8 new classrooms and 4 new lab spaces to this school. He added that the estimated square footage for the project was 20,000 square feet and this plan is for a total of 19,874 square feet. Ms. Davis asked if the added parking spaces on this site plan would be enough. Mr. Kidd said yes, according to the projected demographics this should be enough parking. Mr. Allen asked how much green space we would lose. Mr. Huff said we would not be losing much and that there was a lot of open field space still available.

Mr. Kidd then went on to discuss the changes at Parkwood Hill Intermediate. He said the plan was to add 14,000 square feet and renovate the vestibule to provide a secured entry to the school. Mr. Kidd noted they would be adding new administrative offices and a nurse's office space. The current administrative space would be renovated to be used by the counseling and diagnostician staff. Another part of this project would be renovating classroom space to make it more adaptable for a life skills classroom. The new construction at the north end of the building would be additional classrooms and new labs on the first and second floors of the school. Mr. Huff asked Mr. Tyler if he wanted to share any information with the committee about how these projects had developed. Mr. Tyler said the entry vestibule was the most difficult part of this project but he was happy with the outcome. He said the processes they went through to develop this design was very thorough and he was excited with the plans. Mr. Allen noted that the door to the secure vestibule was not very evident for people arriving at the school. Ms. Davis added that they did not want to have multiple 'access' points as they have at Keller High School. Mr. Huff said the designers could make the door more prominent with the building's finishes, adding accents to bring the eye to the door. Mr. Allen said he would like to see the entrance be more inviting. Ms. Eriksen asked if the entry was going to be a single door. Mr. Osborne said yes. Ms. Eriksen suggested double doors be used. Mr. Huff said they would work with the architects to make

the elevation more evident.

Mr. Mucker asked about how the project budgets compare to what was projected for each site.

Mr. Huff said they have an overall budget for the four projects and within this package they would work each project so that the overall budget was what was agreed upon.

Ms. Davis agreed the single door at Parkwood Hill should be a double door.

Mr. Vecilla asked about dollars spent vs. dollars projected. He added it was important that what happens to the bond money should be communicated to the community. Mr. Huff said they usually do that at a Board meeting. Mr. Vecilla said it was important to tell the community how these projects affect the schools and the students. Mr. Allen said that we can wait and tell the community later. Mr. Vecilla said the District needed a well-placed strategic communication plan. Mr. Strong suggested the website have a hyperlink to show the progress of our projects. Mr. Strong also noted it was important to have pictures from before and after.

Mr. Huff then went on to discuss the overall bond schedule. He said the entry vestibule project at Keller High School should be starting in June. He said they need to temporarily move the school's entrance to the gym door entrance. He added they would be moving the band to the lecture hall space for the entire academic year. He also noted that this space would have to have some temporary modifications to meet with city and fire marshal codes. Mr. Huff said the front entry would require cutting into the foundation, so it is critical to get this project started as early as possible and done during the summer months. He also noted that it was important to get this work completed while the students were not present. Mr. Huff told the committee that they would be submitting an early bid package for the demolition and foundation portion of the project in June in order to get as much of that work done this summer. He stated that this information would be brought to the Board at a special June 15th Board meeting. Mr. Allen asked who was the CM@Risk for this project? Mr. Huff replied that it was Buford Thompson. Mr. Huff told the committee that it needed to meet before the June 15 Board meeting and he suggested June 11th.

Mr. Huff said the ELC would be bid at the same time as Parkwood and Hillwood projects, which he hoped to package together if possible. He added the new elementary would be a separate bid. Mr. Kidd added that the goal was to get the construction going as soon as possible on Keller High School and that Dr. Nasra would like to get info out to the students regarding the construction before the leave at the end of the school year. The other projects will be starting in the fall. Mr. Strong suggested that we receive an updated timeline at each CBOC meeting.

Mr. Huff went on to explain to the committee that the District was also finishing up projects planned after the 2008 Bond was passed. He noted specifically the improvements at Heritage Elementary and re-carpeting the Education Center building.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.