



KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The community of Keller ISD will educate our students to achieve their highest standards of performance by engaging them in exceptional opportunities.

The Education Center, 350 Keller Parkway, Keller, Texas Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting February 15, 2016

Present: Hudson Huff, Billy Kidd, Lucky Lofton, Rachel Epperson, Brad Tyler, Matt Strong, Jim Stitt, Karina Davis, David Gerda, Stephanie Setzer, Jennifer Upton, Colleen Demel, Beverly Dixon and Cindy Lotton

The meeting began at 6:35 pm. Mr. Kidd started the meeting by welcoming the committee.

Mr. Kidd then introduced Mr. Thompson, with Huckabee, who was designing two of the four secure entry vestibule renovation projects. Mr. Thompson started by showing the committee his designs for the entries at Trinity Meadows Intermediate and Chisholm Trail Intermediate. Mr. Thompson showed the current floorplan then the revised floor plan and a photo-shopped picture of what the exterior would look like. Ms. Setzer requested more clarification as to the purpose of the secure entries. Mr. Huff replied the District is trying to establish barriers between the students and the public/visitors by directing them through the office space before letting them into student populated areas. Mr. Tyler added that the idea was to give visitors direction to adult staffed areas to assist in identifying who the visitors are and why there were in the building before they are let in to the school. A discussion ensued regarding the two entry points areas of Trinity Meadows Intermediate. Committee members asked if there could be a sidewalk that connects the two entry paving areas. Mr. Huff stated that sidewalk could be incorporated into the project. A comment was made that at Willis Lane Elementary, they ask visitors to leave through the office so they are aware of who is in their building and also who has left the building.

Mr. Kidd then introduced Mr. Canterbury who presented the designs for the Keller Middle School and Fossil Ridge secure entry vestibule renovations. Mr. Canterbury explained the proposed design changes for Keller Middle School. There was a discussion about these plans and how they would affect traffic flow and student safety. It was noted that the principal had not been able to view the final proposed design and changes could be made after hearing the committee's thoughts, as well as receiving feedback from the principal. Mr. Canterbury then presented his design for the entry renovations at Fossil Ridge High School. There was a question posed if there was a possibility of changing part of the brick wall beside the entrance in some way to increase visibility. Mr. Huff said they would have to research the construction of the wall to verify what was possible. He added they could use more cameras to give the office staff better visibility.

Mr. Huff then reviewed Security Camera Proposals for the new and renovated campuses. He reviewed the cost of each campuses. He spoke briefly about the badge system improvements and the new camera systems giving better visibility to let staff see who was trying to enter the buildings.

Mr. Huff updated the committee on the progress that has been made on new Middle School project. He advised the committee that several of the school building project bidding in surrounding Districts have been coming in higher than anticipated. Mr. Huff advised the committee that due to the decision to swap the Elementary and Middle School projects that the Administration anticipates having to deal with 10 to 12 months of inflation for the difference in cost for the two projects. He stated that could add several million dollars to the cost of the overall Middle School project. He also noted that this project contains more site work and road development/infrastructure than what was initially anticipated with the original budget funds. Mr. Huff advised the committee that this project will bare approximately 50 percent of the cost of developing the road in front of the school. He also stated that if the developer wants anything above a standard road and lighting scope of work, they will bare that expense. He also explained there will be a roundabout at Thompson Road and North Riverside and that work will be included in those anticipated costs. Mr. Huff stated initial projections show us to be 5 to 6 million over budget, but the administration is working with the construction manager and design team to get those anticipated costs down. He said they have been going back through this and other building projects to see where money can be saved to help reduce the overall cost of the project. The Administration discussed the various types of mechanical HVAC systems that may be proposed and associated costs and benefits for each of those types of systems. Mr. Huff stated he would be bringing a more formal updated plan for this project at the next committee meeting.

The Bond Program staff then updated the committee on the current Bond Projects. Mr. Lofton spoke about the new Career and Technology Education Center project. He presented several photos of the progress of the building site. Mr. Kidd stated there have been very few issues with this school site and he was very pleased with the progress considering that school was continuing in this building. A few comments were made by the committee about the significant progress of the project while not affecting the school activities within the building. Ms. Epperson was the next presenter and spoke about the remainder of the bond projects. Ms. Epperson provided a PowerPoint presentation that detailed the progress at all of the project sites that she was managing. Mr. Huff added that Ms. Epperson and her teams were doing a great job. He also told the committee that on one of the projects there were early morning concrete pours that were required and that the construction management team had gone door to door to advise the neighbors of their need to pour the cement that early in the morning. Mr. Huff said that in all of his construction experience he has not had a company do that and he was pleased with their attempts to keep the neighbors informed. A committee member asked if all of these projects would be completed in time for school to open. Ms. Epperson said all projects will be open in the Fall.

The last agenda item was related to providing an update on the furniture, fixtures, and equipment budgets and purchasing process for all of the projects. Mr. Huff explained the amount of involvement from the various departments throughout the District in this process. Mr. Huff also stated the logistics of all of the furniture moves for June and July were very complicated and it will require almost all of the Facility Services department to be involved in all of the activities for them to be successful. Mr. Strong asked how we purchase the furniture and equipment for the new schools. Mr. Huff stated the District has multiple approved vendors that work with the District and they in turn provide multiple bids and assist in determining the most cost efficient manner, in which to buy needed items.

Mr. Huff told the committee he hoped our next meeting will be held in late March and then have the new middle school finalized by April.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm