



## KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*The community of KISD will educate our students to achieve their highest standards of performance engaging them in exceptional opportunities.*

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### **Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes The Keller ISD Education Center Board Room 350 Keller Parkway, Keller, TX 72648 Thursday, August 19, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

**Present: Armin Mizani, Cherie Moeller, Felix Mira, Hudson Huff, Joe Griffin, Karina Davis, Lourdes Vigoren, Nicole Cobb, Paul Hughey**

Paul Hughey welcomed everyone, went over the agenda, discussed the 2019 Bond, slides 2 and 3, and quickly went on to the program financial metrics, slide 4. We have \$228,385,468 encumbered, with total expenditures paid to date at \$86,378,040. A lot of work goes into the Bond program with 394 purchase orders initiated to date, and 36 executed contracts over \$50K to date. This was possible because of work done early on with our Legal team to standardize these contracts.

Next was the projects in construction dashboard, slide 5. We were able to open Florence and Heritage Elementary schools on time. Students, teachers, staff, and parents are very happy with these beautiful new campuses. Every project but two (Parkview and Whitley Road Elementary schools are on schedule. These two projects are behind schedule mostly due to weather.

Paul then discussed the two projects in the design phase, slide 6. The Industrial Trades project at KCAL is slightly behind schedule, however, we should be able to meet the new baseline schedule to get the drawings done and bid out in November. The other project is the Keller Middle school Fine Arts addition and renovation which is on schedule to go out for bid in January 2022.

The next item, slide 7, was the upcoming Board approval requests. The contract for the KCAL parking lot expansion will be presented at the September 27 meeting. This expansion is needed to make room for the KCAL addition/renovation for the Industrial Trade project, and that contract will be presented for approval at the November 15 meeting.

Paul then shared an update of noteworthy projects:

Heritage Elementary is open and looks beautiful. This was possible due to the team effort of many as there were 70 different contractors involved. Everyone worked long hours, and this was a fantastic achievement. There are a few minor items that need to be completed. Please refer to slide 8.

Florence Elementary is also open with only a few minor items to be completed. These remaining construction items are not code related and do not impact safety, they are all aesthetic in nature. We were able to save the memorial bricks and they are at the new site. Mr. Mizani asked when the playground would be installed. Paul indicated that it is tentatively scheduled for installation on September 7<sup>th</sup> and should be completed by the end of that month. Please refer to slide 9.

Our custodians worked very hard at both campuses to get everything clean and ready for their opening.

Parkview Elementary – we are making progress, but weather has caused significant delays in the construction schedule. As discussed in a previous meeting, we are using the adjoining City of Ft. Worth park for staff overflow parking and bussing to offset impacts from construction. Please refer to slide 10.

Whitley Road Elementary – also making progress. All piers are complete, and the foundation for the storm shelter is in place. The concrete shortage and weather have also impacted the construction schedule. Please refer to slide 11.

Fossil Hill Middle School – Renovations to the gym have been completed. The gym was in rough shape, it was painted, and is now much improved. Both the boys and girls locker rooms were gutted and completely renovated. There is a delay in the shipment of the new lockers, and we are using the old lockers until such time as the new lockers arrive. One of the issues has been getting portables as there are many school districts needing them. However, our 10 portables arrived and were set up in time for the start of school, and they are very nice portables. This will allow construction/renovations to begin, and this will take the entire school year. Please refer to slide 12.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Secure Entry Vestibules is substantially complete. These were the last 10 campuses that required extensive construction. Due to COVID-19 supply chain delays, there are temporary doors and hardware installed until the new permanent doors and hardware are received. Karina Davis asked about a missing piece of storefront glass at Central High School. Paul indicated that the GC was working to get a temporary pane of glass installed. Please refer to slide 13.

The Summer MEP projects do not get a lot of recognition but there was a lot of work accomplished at 12 KISD campuses. The equipment was hard to get, however, we went to the Board for approval early on which allowed us to complete the work. The only work yet to be done is the LED lighting at Timber Creek which will be done during Winter break, and at the Natatorium which had an anticipated completion date of August 18. The improvements will enhance indoor air quality and reduce operational expenses. Please refer to slide 14.

The High School Indoor Extracurricular projects are starting with grading at Central High School. Grading at the other three campuses will begin in November/December. There is a delay in steel delivery through January/February timeframe, but this will allow all campuses to be erected at the same time. Please refer to slide 15.

Crisis Counseling Suites – Keller Collegiate Academy will be the first to be built because it is an interior remodel in the former administrative area. All of the drywall is installed, and the project should be completed in the next several months. They have also started grading activities at Parkwood Hill, and the others will start as we get further on with Keller Collegiate Academy. Please refer to slide 16.

Agriscience Center – We are in the permitting process. Once the permit is released, the contractor will start work on the long roadway entrance. Steel should arrive in December, and the project should be completed in August 2022. Please refer to slide 17.

Joe Griffin, Chief Technology Officer, gave an update on equipment purchased for Keller Collegiate Academy, iPads and Apple Pencils totaling \$11,490.00. \$4.2 million was reimbursed so they will be able to continue to add technology. Please refer to Technology slides.

Paul then showed a beautiful video from Convocation produced by VLK Architects which showed all of the Bond projects.

Someone asked about teachers and staff getting settled. Paul stated that everyone was very happy, and we had received very positive feedback. We had the drum lines from both feeder patterns at Florence and Heritage the first day of school to welcome everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.