

Bond Oversight Committee Minutes – Thursday, April 4, 2019

The 2018 Bond Oversight Committee met Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. in the Valley View Room at One AISD Center.

Members present were Mike Breckenridge, Cary Etter, Tracy Howle, Joe Humphrey, Danny Kittley, Donna Lanier, James Lemon, Robert Puls and Amy Smith. Also present were AISD Administrators Dr. David Young, Scott McLean, Melissa Irby, Keith Dowell, Carlos Rodriguez and Rickey Wallace.

- I. Mr. Scott McLean called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and introduced the AISD Administrators present as well as the committee members that were not previously a part of the Master Facility Planning Committee for the 2018 Bond program.
- II. Role of the 2018 Bond Oversight Committee - Mr. McLean explained that the role of the Bond Oversight Committee is a subcommittee of the Master Facilities Planning Committee which monitors the scope, cost and timeline of the bond projects and serves as an advisory committee to the Board of Trustees.
- III. Bond Sale Results - Mr. McLean stated that bonds were priced on 1/22/19 at an effective interest rate of 3.596%, therefore the tax increase will be just a little over \$0.18 instead of the anticipated \$0.19 increase. The bond funding was received on 2/26/19.
- IV. 2018 Bond Projects Update
 - a.) For the new Austin & Taylor Elementary Schools the project design process is ongoing. Representatives from Austin & Taylor were taken on facility tours to aid in the design process. Staff will look at design options for preliminary floor plans from the orientation of the school to the layout of the rooms. Mr. McLean explained that a change in scope for Austin came about through discussions with the City in trying to meet the criteria that was set for utilizing the existing gym. The City of Abilene mandated that in order to use the existing gym it would need to be raised up above the flood plain level, so it was determined that the long-term value of building a new gym outweighed the cost of keeping it. As the representatives from both Austin & Taylor met together, they liked similar designs so they will essentially be the same school at two different sites which will help with the cost. However, an interior designer will meet with each school in order to provide each campus with unique characteristics. The architects will work with campus and district staff to ensure that the exterior features vary as well between the two schools.
 - b.) There was a pre-proposal meeting on 4/3/19 with contractors who were interested in submitting proposals for the athletic improvement projects. The bidding period for these projects is from 3/26/19 through 4/16/19 with the general contractor interviews occurring on 4/18/19. The current plan is for the general contractor recommendation to be presented to the Board of Trustees on 4/22/19 and construction could potentially begin on 4/29/19.
 - c.) Facility tours were conducted to aid in the design process for the ATEMS/CTE Center as well. On April 15, staff members will meet to begin the programming design process.
 - d.) Parkhill Smith & Cooper (PSC) was chosen as the Architecture firm for the new Dyess Elementary School due to the proximity with Dyess Air Force and with their previous experience working with Department of Defense facilities throughout the world. It is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2021.

- e.) For the Capital Improvements projects, Abilene High was determined to have the highest priority due to the current HVAC limitations at the campus. These improvements will allow for temperature adjustments to be made within each classroom. The majority of the work should be done over the summer break.
 - f.) For the High School fine arts improvements, old CTE spaces will be renovated into a new band hall and practice room. There will be upgrades to the choir hall and stage rigging, controls, sound and lighting. At the middle schools, band halls will be built with the existing band halls converted to an orchestra room. The Middle School Athletic Improvements include adding 40' x 70' pre-engineered building to be used as a weight room, workout area, and storage. Jacob Martin was selected to oversee these projects but the work schedule has not been determined at this time.
- V. The committee was informed that the meeting schedule they received is tentatively set for quarterly meetings.
 - VI. Mr. McLean stated that a role of the committee chair is to serve as a spokesperson for the committee to the Board of Trustees. Cary Etter stated he would be willing to serve in this role.
 - VII. The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.