

Master Facility Planning Committee Meeting 4: Thursday, May 10, 2018 Cooper High School

Agenda

- Welcome
- Meeting 3 Recap
- Summary of Potential Projects
- Grade Alignment Considerations
- Grading Criteria Activity
- Closing



Departmental Presentation Considerations:

- C&I Opportunities for collaboration (flexible learning spaces, furniture, etc.)
- CTE Additional space to address growth and equity among student programs: construction trades, culinary arts kitchen, computer maintenance & networking, criminal justice, ag science, business
- Technology Workspace for equipment repair, additional space for storage and employees, receiving dock and secondary backup data center
- Fine Arts Expand band halls, orchestra halls, uniform and equipment storage, art classrooms, technical systems in HS auditoriums and dance floor for drill teams
- Athletics Tracks, turf and lights to accommodate demands of student participation, scheduling and maintenance



2013 Facility Assessment Overview: (What was not completed as part of 2013 bond)

- ES Considerations:
 - Austin, Dyess, Taylor: Replacement schools
 - Jackson, Ortiz, Reagan, Thomas, Ward, Woodson ECC: Capital improvements
- MS Considerations:
 - Clack & Craig: Interior finishes and MEP items
 - Madison & Mann: Exterior items, interior finishes and MEP items
- HS Considerations:
 - AHS & CHS: Architectural, MEP, technology
- Support Facility Considerations:
 - One AISD Center, Maintenance & Transportation, Ag Farm, Planetarium, Technology Center
- Other Considerations:
 - Jefferson & Woodson: Capital improvements
 - Shotwell Stadium: Updates



Enrollment Projections:

- Overall enrollment decrease of 661 students in past 5 years
- Largest decline is from kindergarten to 1st grade
- 10-year projections show district isn't growing



Grade Alignment Discussion:

- Desire to make AISD a destination district
- Engage in a discussion about grade alignment
- Want to hear from community about where we go with this conversation





Summary of Potential Projects

Steve Hafer & Tim Hopkins, Huckabee

New/Replacement Campus Considerations

The following 3 Elementary School replacements were among the Top 10 Projects identified in the 2013 Bond:

- Austin ES
- Dyess ES
- Taylor ES



New/Replacement Campus Considerations

Identified as Top 10 Project in 2013 Bond

Austin ES

Others:

- Dyess ES
- Taylor ES



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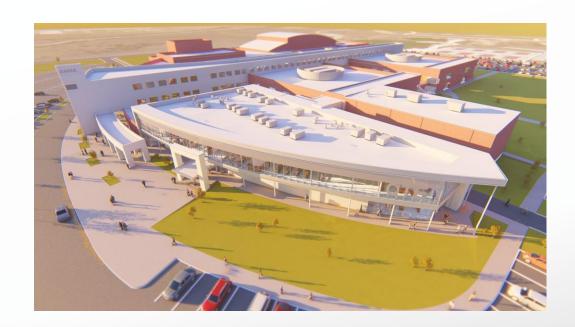
Taylor ES

Others:

- Austin ES
- Dyess ES



- Campus-Based versus Centralized Campus
 - Identity to Campus
 - Curriculum beyond CTE Class
- ATEMS









New Career and Technology Center Site Considerations

Reagan ES

Other Options:

- Jefferson
- TSTC Campus



New Career and Technology Center Site Considerations

Jefferson Center

Other Options:

- Regan ES
- TSTC Campus



New Career and Technology Center Site Considerations

TSTC Campus

Other Options:

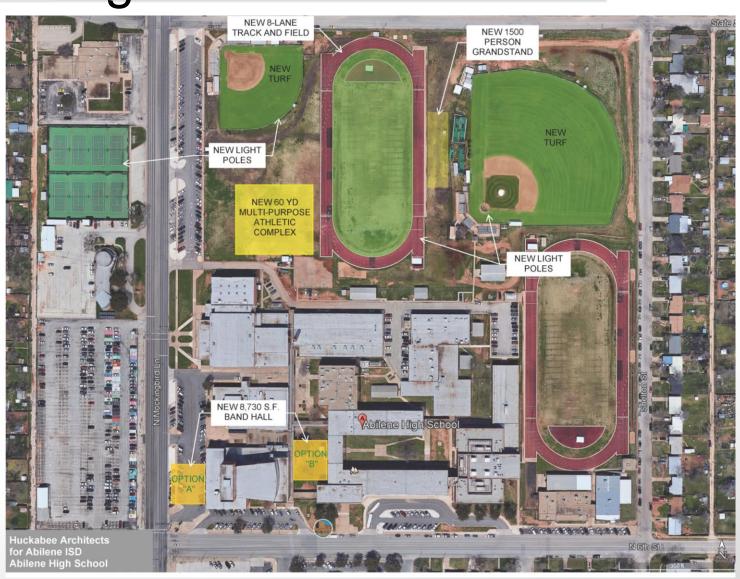
- Reagan ES
- Jefferson Center



Abilene High School Program Considerations

Fine Arts

- Band Hall Addition
- Renovate Existing Band Hall for Orchestra
- Upgrade Choir Room
- Upgrade Art Labs
- Replace Auditorium
 Stage Rigging, Stage
 Lighting, Lighting
 Controls & Sound Board



Abilene High School Program Considerations

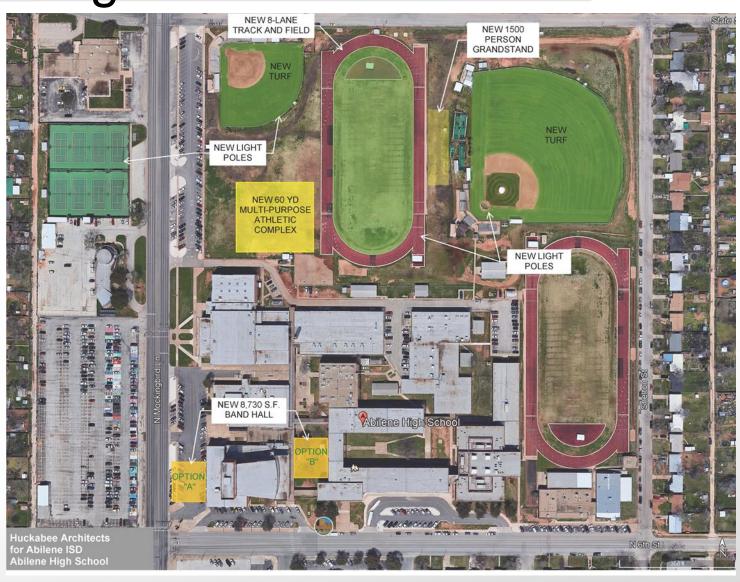
Athletics

P1: Synthetic Turf Field w/ 8-Lane Track, Lights & Seating for 1,500

P2: Lights at Baseball, Softball & Tennis

P3: Synthetic Turf at Baseball & Softball

P4: Multi-purpose Indoor Facility



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CTE: Campus-Based Upgrades or Centralized Facility?

Photo from another ISD













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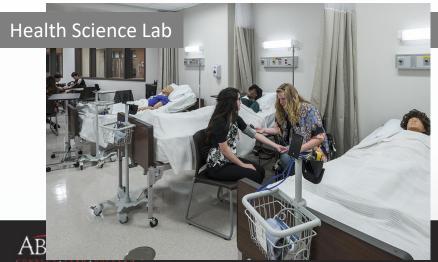
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Clack Middle School Program Considerations

- New Furniture
- New Athletic Building
- New 4 Lane All-Weather Track
- 6th Grade
 Considerations



Craig Middle School Program Considerations

- New Furniture
- New Athletic Building
- 6th Grade
 Considerations



Mann Middle School Program Considerations

- New Furniture
- Band Hall Addition
- Renovate Existing Band Hall for Orchestra
- Upgrade Choir Room Acoustics
- Upgrade Art Labs
- New Athletic Building
- New 4 Lane All-Weather Track
- 6th Grade Considerations



Madison Middle School Program Considerations

- New Furniture
- Band Hall Addition
- Renovate Existing Band Hall for Orchestra
- Upgrade Choir Room Acoustics
- Upgrade Art Labs
- New Athletic Building
- New 4 Lane All-Weather Track
- 6th Grade Considerations



Shotwell Stadium Considerations

- New Press Box
- New 8 Lane All-Weather Track
- Synthetic Turf Field
- Seating for 1,500
- Field Events: high jump, pole vault, long jump, shot put & discuss



Capital Improvement Considerations

Capital Improvements (Architectural)

Life Safety & SecurityImprovements •Compliance and Code (Civil/ADA)

MEP/Roofing (Aging Conditions)

Technology/Education Delivery(Evolving Educational Delivery)

Elementary Schools: Jackson, Ortiz, Reagan, Thomas, Ward, Woodson

Middle Schools: Clack, Craig, Madison, Mann

High Schools: Abilene, Cooper





Small Group
Conversation about
Potential Projects



Grade Alignment Considerations

Mike King, Huckabee

Grade Alignment Considerations

- Research Discussion
- Focus on 6th Grade (Where do they belong?)
- Roundtable Discussions
 - Options
 - Questions



6th Grade in Middle School (6-8)

ADVANTAGES

✓ Human Growth

Research shows today's students enter adolescence a year earlier than they did 50 years ago, and children are in pubescence between ages 11 and 13 meaning these grade levels parallel the period of human growth

✓ Personal Attention

6-8 students are more alike than either elementary- or secondary-aged students which means they can get more personal attention that's needed in these years

✓ Broader Curriculum Opportunities

Flexibility in grouping students allows for broader curriculum and instruction opportunities

✓ Specialization

Students are exposed to specialization at an earlier age, and specialists are able to better help 6th graders in this setting than in elementary

✓ Better Transition

Research shows that a transitional school should have at least 3 grade levels

DISADVANTAGES

✓ Not All Are Ready

Research shows that some 6th graders may be better off in the protective environment of an elementary school; some are too young to be pushed very hard academically or socially

✓ Social Exposure

Some may be exposed to more mature social scene before they're capable of handling the pressures and demands

✓ Multiple Teachers

Some may find it difficult to adjust to multiple teachers after having only worked with 1-2 teachers

✓ Behavior & Academic Performance

Research shows placing 6th grade in middle school increases behavior problems and reduces academic performance, possibly even a decline in on-time graduation

Grade Alignment Considerations

Questions:

Will a grade re-alignment lead to improved student experiences (academic and social success)? Will a grade re-alignment make AISD more attractive to AISD families?

- Option 1:
 - Continue with current grade level alignment.
- Option 2:
 - Pursue studying grade-level alignment and possible modifications to the current model.
 - AISD would form a special committee, which could take 8-12 months. This would put a hold on making any facility planning recommendations until the special committee makes a report.
- Option 3:
 - Study how the middle schools could better serve their 6th grade students within their current buildings; i.e.: is there a way to facilitate better 6th grade instruction through renovations?







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Conversation about
Grade Alignment



Grading Criteria

Lesley Weaver, Huckabee

Process for Grading Criteria & Project Prioritization

TONIGHT

FUTURE MEETING

Grading Criteria

Criteria Examples:
- benefits to students

- urgency/need

This determines the weight of the criteria.

Ranking Projects

Project Examples:

replacement schoolcompliance & code updates

This determines the priority of projects.

Grading the Criteria

- When evaluating potential projects, some factors will be more important to you than another. Those should hold more weight in making up a project rating total.
- Tonight, we'll rank the criteria in order of importance to provide for a more fair and accurate evaluation as we progress in our committee work.
 - #1 Factor: 30% of total project rating
 - #2 Factor: 25% of total project rating
 - #3 Factor: 20% of total project rating
 - #4 Factor: 15% of total project rating
 - #5 Factor: 10% of total project rating



Criteria to be Ranked

The committee will rank the following criteria, which will be used later in the prioritization of potential projects:

- Attracting/Retaining Students
- Benefit to Students
- Equity
- Urgency/Need
- Value

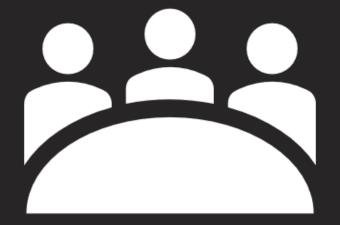


Criteria to Rank

ATTRACTING/ RETAINING STUDENTS	BENEFIT TO STUDENTS	EQUITY	URGENCY/ NEED	VALUE
 Will this project: be attractive to families considering where to purchase a home? be a reason that some families may choose to stay in Abilene ISD? offer a facility or opportunity that rivals our neighboring districts and competitors? contribute to our community's pride in our school district? elevate the perception and/or reputation of our school district? 	 Will this project: provide new opportunities for students? aid in advancing the learning experience and/or help meet instructional and learning needs? impact a large amount of students or a small amount of students? help make the learning environment safer and/or more comfortable for students (i.e., climate control, protection from the elements, natural light, teacher/ student ratios)? allow for investment in the skills and continued growth of teachers or help attract and retain the best teachers for our students? 	 Will this project: provide equitable learning environments across district campuses? provide equity across similar grade levels or programs? help provide our students with equitable programs and experiences to those of surrounding districts, helping to keep us competitive with our neighbors? 		 Will this project: create a space or facility that can serve dual purposes? allow for future flexibility? help the district achieve greater sustainability or efficiency, resulting in a cost savings over its lifetime? be supported by the community based on the investment required?







Small Group Activity about Grading Criteria



Questions?



Thank you!

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 24

6 – 8 p.m.

Dyess Elementary School

402 Delaware Rd.