



**Abilene ISD Master Facility Planning Committee**  
**Meeting 5 Notes**  
**Thursday, May 24, 2018, 6 p.m. at Dyess Elementary School**

1. **Welcome** – Michael Newton, Principal of Dyess Elementary School and Dr. David Young, Superintendent
2. **Meeting 4 Recap** – Steve Hafer, Huckabee
  - Potential Project Considerations
  - Conclusion of Grade Alignment Discussion
3. **Results of Grading Activity Criteria** – Lesley Weaver, Huckabee
  1. Two Factors Tied for 1<sup>st</sup>:
    - Benefit to Students
    - Urgency/Need
  2. Attracting/Retaining Students
  3. Value
  4. Equity

These will be weighted as follows during prioritization:

- Benefit to Students: 30%
- Urgency/Need: 30%
- Attracting/Retaining Students: 20%
- Value: 15%
- Equity: 5%

4. **Potential Projects** – Steve Hafer, Huckabee

The committee reviewed aerial site maps and discussed the following potential projects:

**ABILENE HIGH SCHOOL**

- Renovation / Conversion of existing CTE program moved to CTE Center.
- Fine Arts: Build new band rehearsal hall.
- Fine Arts: Renovate existing Band Hall area for large ensemble room, storage, and practice rooms for band and choir.
- Fine Arts: Convert second story area to storage only.
- Fine Arts: Renovate /upgrade choir hall.
- Fine Arts: Renovate art labs.
- Fine Arts: Stage sound & lighting upgrades.
- Athletics: Synthetic Turf Field, sports lighting, press box, sound system, and seating for 1,000.
- Athletics: Sports lighting at Baseball field, Softball field, and Tennis Courts.

- Athletics: Synthetic turf at Baseball and Softball fields.
- Capital Improvements: Mechanical Equipment –
  - Replace all 2 pipe system with Trane VRF system
  - Replace all MZRTUs - 1984
  - Replace PRTUs - 2007
  - Replace AHUs - 2007

#### COOPER HIGH SCHOOL

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#### SHOTWELL STADIUM

- 8 lane all-weather track, Synthetic Turf Field, sports lighting, press box, sound system, and seating for 1,200.
- Replacement of the existing press box.
- Stadium lighting retrofit to LED.
- Capital Improvements:
  - Replace Dressing Rooms RTUs - 2004, Restrooms (NE & NW) PRTUs – 2004
  - Replace original restrooms - Gas unit-heaters – 1990

#### MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Replace existing furniture with collaborative, flexible furniture.
- Fine Arts: Build a new band hall and renovate existing band hall for orchestra.
- Fine Arts: Renovate existing choir room with enhanced acoustics.
- Fine Arts: Renovate existing art lab and provide new furniture.
- Athletics: 4 lane all-weather track with long jump pit and pole vault pits at the ends of the straight away.
- Athletics: 40' x 70' pre-engineered building for weight room, workout area, and storage.
- Athletics: Replace the bleachers in the main gym.

- Athletics: Provide poles and nets for golf.
- Capital Improvements: Mechanical Equipment –
  - Replace all Main Bldg/ Kitchen RTUs -2005
  - Replace Fine Arts/ Auditorium - 2 pipe system

#### MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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- Athletics: Replace the bleachers in the main gym.
- Athletics: Provide poles and nets for golf.
- Capital Improvements: Mechanical Equipment –
  - Replace all Main Bldg/ Kitchen RTUs -2005
  - Replace Fine Arts/ Auditorium - 2 pipe system

#### CLACK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Replace existing furniture with collaborative, flexible furniture.
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- Athletics: 40' x 70' pre-engineered building for weight room, workout area, and storage.
- Athletics: Replace the bleachers in the main gym.
- Athletics: Provide poles and nets for golf.
- Capital Improvements: Mechanical Equipment –
  - Replace North Wing RTUs - 2006

#### CRAIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Replace existing furniture with collaborative, flexible furniture.
- 40' x 70' pre-engineered building for weight room, workout area, and storage.
- Replace the bleachers in the main gym.
- Provide poles and nets for golf.
- Capital Improvements: Mechanical Equipment –
  - Replace 2 - 20 ton Cafeteria units

Additional capital improvement considerations were discussed. These mostly include mechanical systems that are, or will soon be, past their life cycle.

#### 5. **Prioritization Activity** – Lesley Weaver, Huckabee

During the prioritization activity, the small groups had in-depth conversations about each of the potential projects. They weighed the pros and cons and discussed the needs across the district. To allow the district's financial advisor to have plenty of time for his presentation, the groups took a break from this activity and resumed it after the bonding capacity discussion. Some groups stayed after 8 pm to complete their project rankings.

#### **6. Bonding Capacity & Tax Impact Scenarios – George Williford, Hilltop Securities**

The financial advisor explained that the district's bond debt will decrease in future years and that district has several options to consider in terms of bonding capacity.

The group saw several scenarios and reviewed options, whether the district issued bonds for 20 or for 25 years and depending on the amount of the total bond issue. He showed examples in 5 cent increments and talked about what the impact would be to homeowners in Abilene ISD. For the average home value in Abilene ISD (\$107,000), the monthly impact of a 20 cent increase would be approximately \$13.67.

Mr. Williford also talked about the importance of community members understanding that the tax rate is capped for citizens 65 and older who have filed their over 65 homestead exemption.

#### **7. Closing**

The committee didn't have time to review costs tonight or have conversations about the bonding capacity. That will be added to the agenda for Meeting #6.