



**Abilene ISD Master Facility Planning Committee
Meeting 7 Notes
Thursday, June 14, 2018, 6 p.m. at Abilene High School**

1. Welcome & Agenda Review – Mike Breckenridge, Vice Chair

2. Meeting 6 Recap & Prioritization Activity Results – Steve Hafer, Huckabee

- Reviewed information discussed during Meeting #6:
 - Bonding Capacity
 - Educational Delivery / Abilene ISD on the Spectrum
 - Project Costs – Understanding the Project Budget
 - Project Costs – Opinion of Probable Costs
- Results of the Prioritization Activity (with costs) was shared with the committee.

3. Review Project Considerations – Mike Breckenridge

- Discuss additional considerations from district staff
 - Athletics

Coach Blue discussed that a goal of the athletic department is to improve middle school athletics and opportunities for middle school athletes to achieve success. He focused his discussion on the need for middle school activity areas and adequate space for weight equipment and workout spaces. He showed pictures of weight equipment in hallway and cafeterias where student athletes work out between cafeteria tables. Weight rooms in the portable buildings don't have the floors appropriate for the workouts and the ceiling height isn't adequate for the types of workouts needed. There was a question about the size and Coach Blue recommended 40' x 70' or 2,800 square feet to accommodate the approximately 100 student athletes who would be in the space at one time. A question was also asked about where we could save money in athletic projects. Coach Blue and Steve Hafer from Huckabee talked about changing the scope of the artificial turf at the high school baseball and softball fields. Instead of turfing the entire field (infield and outfield), Huckabee re-ran costs to share with the committee on what the cost would be if they only turfed the infield at the baseball and softball fields. This would allow for more practice time and still have the ability to play after rain, etc.
 - Technology

CTO Cary Owens discussed that two options had been presented to the committee thus far. She shared with the committee that their needs would be met in the "Option 1" scenario that was presented in previous meetings. Steve Hafer discussed that the probable cost has been reduced based on conversations with the district and how the space would be used. Option 1 was at a lower cost than Option 2, which would be added on to the new proposed Career & Technology Center.
 - Fine Arts

Mr. Lester shared that the Abilene and Cooper high schools band/choir options were high on the committee's prioritization list and he agrees with that. He feels

there could be some savings in some other areas. He also talked about improving the practice rooms to reduce noise to other areas so they can be used as intended. Middle school choir rooms are important but the most important thing is the high school stage renovations. There are two parts that are critical: (1) is the counterweight system that operates 70,000 pounds of weight but in order to continue passing our safety inspections these need to be considered, and (2) is a lighting system, which are controlled by floppy disk drives. If these fail, we would not be able to use the facility. Mr. Lester said these are priorities for fine arts. He also talked about LED lighting in the auditoriums and how space would be modified for band and band practice areas.

- CTE

Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Abigayle Barton shared the number of students who participate in Career & Technical Education (CTE). 63% of high school students are enrolled in at least one CTE course and 17% are enrolled in a coherent sequence. She also shared how many students earned certifications in 2016-2017. More than 550 certifications were earned in health science, 145 certifications in information technology, etc. She explained that when there is a dedicated facility they really excel in CTE programs.

4. Project Considerations – Steve Hafer

Steve explained the handouts, a new list that shows groupings, and a revised OPC (Opinion of Probable Cost). He also talked about an option to consider an allocation for capital improvements instead of identifying exactly what capital improvements will occur at each campus. Some districts consider identifying a set dollar amount. He also explained adjustments that had been made on the OPC based on more conversations with the district and contractors and what the cost per square foot is costing in the Abilene area right now.

5. Survey Results – Matt Gamble, Baselice

Via a webinar, Matt Gamble reviewed the results of the community survey and showed the committee how respondents reacted to different questions and statements about a potential bond election.

6. Group Discussion – Mike Breckenridge

Committee members discussed the results of the survey and potentially changing their priorities based on what they heard from the fine arts director and chief technology officer. The group talked about different dollar amounts that the community may support, and which projects could be included for which amounts. The committee decided to meet again next Thursday and asked Huckabee to come back with updated costs for fine arts projects and potentially capital improvements.