

**Grapevine-Colleyville ISD  
Bond Steering Committee**

**Meeting 7  
Tuesday, February 15, 2005**

The seventh meeting of the GCISD Bond Steering Committee was held on February 15, 2005, in the Timberline Elementary Enrichment Center.

The meeting began at 6:08 p.m. when Sue Harry, committee co-chair, asked for corrections to the February 3 meeting minutes. None were received. Sue asked for a vote on changing two meeting dates. Changes were accepted as presented: March 3 is rescheduled for March 7. April 12 is rescheduled for April 11.

Leon Leal, committee co-chair, asked members to make good decisions about what to include in the bond package based on the 2004 survey results and the perceived level of community support. He suggested that a realistic number to aim for is in the range of \$75-100 million.

Paula Barbaroux emphasized that voters want no frills and plenty of justification and evidence that we are taking care of the needs of the entire community.

Hank Johnson reported financial news that could affect the community and our bond package favorably. Refinancing \$75 million of bonds at a lower rate (estimated at 4.19 percent rather than 5.37 percent) could yield savings of \$5.5 million in debt payments. This would give us room to add \$2.7 million in debt over the next 18 years without increasing taxes. Assuming Board approval, the financing package will not be concluded until August, so we would have to package our bond with this in mind.

**Handouts at this meeting included:**

1. Minutes of February 2 BSC meeting
2. Minutes of extra Construction/Renovation Subcommittee held on 02/09/05
3. Answers to Questions re: Committed List Presented 02/03/05
4. Comments and Questions from Bond website
5. CHHS Wrestling Room Background authored by Tom Sweatt
6. Field Turf Questions compiled by Tim Hughes
7. The Big Picture article regarding the value of surveillance
8. CES Floor Plan illustrating potential uses if vacated
9. Library: Basis for requests
10. Cafeteria Tables
11. Classroom Furniture
12. GCISD Playground Equipment Comparison prepared by Timberline parent and a report by Scott Monaghan
13. Acronyms and what they stand for to better understand spreadsheets

← 5 & 6:  
For review by Athletics  
subcommittee

← 9, 10, & 11:  
For review by FF&E  
subcommittee

**There were also many revised spreadsheets:**

- GCISD Facility Summary of Opinion of Probable Cost
- Security Camera and Card Readers Requests
- Technology
- Athletics: Additional items priced
- Food service equipment pulled out of uncommitted and packaged separately
- Committed \$ amounts went down slightly
- Some Uncommitted items have been updated and priced

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Construction / Renovation Subcommittee Report as reported by Loretta Ross and submitted by Lori Napier**

To date, of the \$90 million on our list:

1. We recommend cutting \$26 million
2. We recommend approval of \$26 million
3. We still need to review and make recommendations on \$39 million
4. Some unpriced items are yet to be included in the above numbers.

Recommendation: Eliminate all line items dealing with T-8 energy efficient lighting.

*Rationale:*

The Return on Investment (ROI) on these line items does not support the investment. The total cost to install T-8 lighting is \$2.8M. The annual electricity bill is \$2.2 million. Savings are projected to be \$24,000 a year. These savings only start after all T-8 lights are installed. This is well beyond a 5-year payback.

Recommendation: Approve the district-wide capitalization of painting.

*Rationale:*

Painting is not part of the operating budget and touch-up painting is not a solution, especially for older campuses. A district painting plan will be drawn up and the cost to paint each campus will be identified at the campus level rather than being treated as a single large item at the district level.

Other Recommendations:

Several additional decisions were made at the February 15 meeting. The rationale for all recommended cuts and approvals is being recorded on a line item basis and will be reviewed with the larger BSC committee in March.

New and Outstanding Action Items:

- **Subcommittee** members will meet on February 22 at CMS to review additional campuses before our next regular BSC meeting.
- **Huckabee** will investigate the acoustical and soundproofing issues at CTMS as described by the Cross Timbers Choir Director in a letter sent to Curtis Freeman of our committee, and will estimate line item 260 to renovate the fine arts area.
- **District** will prepare a cost/benefit analysis for moving Bridges/Vista/District Training/Special Ed into renovated CES. All cost savings associated with this move need to be accounted for:
  - cost-avoidance for renovating Bridges and Vista
  - cost-avoidance for adding classrooms at Timberline (due to relocation of TEC)
  - cost-avoidance for adding classrooms at Cannon and Dove for Special Ed
  - use of land sale proceeds to pay for renovating CES for adult use
  - etc.
- **Subcommittee** members need to discuss methods to be used by the voter education team to garner community support for a renovated CES.
- **Huckabee** will prepare a rough estimate for a combined elementary/middle school.
- **Next set of spreadsheets should:**
  - strike all T-8 lighting line items.
  - include a line item for painting at each campus. District Line Item #317 will be dropped.

- reduce estimate for CHHS Line #163 @ \$452,982 down to \$90,000 based on conversations held on 02/09/05 with Paula and John (only cabling/rewiring needed of existing room).

### **Athletics Subcommittee Report as reported by Tom Sweatt:**

To date, \$7.8 million has been cut from the Athletics list.

Subsequent to the February 15 meeting, Tom Sweatt published a revised Athletics List to his subcommittee members with changes and eliminations reflected. He also prepared a spreadsheet with comments/questions regarding decisions made to date. They removed field turf from CMS, GMS, and HMS; however, they would like to know if the supplier would consider a lower per field price if we did six fields instead of three. They asked for an estimate from the supplier.

The committee has scheduled a tour of CHHS and GHS for Thursday, March 3. The tour will cover the CHHS gym situation for wrestling, CHHS baseball field issues, GHS gym issues (bleachers, sound systems, etc.) and GHS locker rooms. If time allows, they will go to Mustang-Panther Stadium and look at their requests.

The one remaining large item not yet discussed is the construction of a 3000 square-foot multi-purpose building at the south end of the stadium for ticket offices, restrooms, field house, band storage, with a price tag of \$1,243,966.

### **FF&E Subcommittee Report as reported and submitted by Carl Ball:**

- Scott Monaghan presented information on district playground equipment (at elementary level).
- Discussed playground equipment across the district and equity of equipment provided by the district as opposed to PTSA organizations. No state standards exist on playgrounds.
- Scott will report back to the committee on the condition of playground equipment across district after conducting a safety check to let the committee know the urgency of replacement and state required improvements.
- Hank Johnson presented information on the library book operating budget for district and the state standards for books and circulation per student. At first glance, the elementary schools are on target, the high schools are behind and the middle schools are somewhere in the middle.
- Hank Johnson presented information on classroom and cafeteria furniture for the student and teacher and the total cost for a 5 year replacement cycle.

### **Technology Subcommittee Report as reported by Mike Taylor and submitted by Becky Lamb:**

Kirk Murdock presented a technology summary showing items added/removed from previous lists. The working total to date stands @ \$11, 647, 750.

Valerie See presented information regarding cameras and card readers. The committee was given information on requested cameras and readers for each campus. Discussion occurred regarding number of cameras and numbers for elementary schools vs. secondary schools. Replacement of cameras and servers was discussed and explained. Mr. Allison explained a 5-year replacement cycle and discussion occurred regarding the cost of replacing the servers. Several members voiced opinions that the safety issue would outweigh the dollar value when both were compared. It was a dominant theme that student safety will be a high priority when discussing technology possibilities. One consideration discussed was applying Tier 1 (one level of funding) to the elementary schools and Tier 2 (a higher level of funding) to secondary. Mr. Allison and Ms. See will re-visit with secondary administrators to refine the number of cameras on Tier 2 requests. The committee agreed to approve the number of card readers requested on Tier 1 (\$133,742). The committee discussed projectors for classrooms and agreed on the recommended

250 projectors at the price of \$350,000. A member requested a breakdown of a line item for \$5,500 for replacement computers. Kirk will provide this information at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting is on Monday, March 7, 2005, from 6-8 p.m., at the Timberline Enrichment Center.

*Submitted by Lori Napier, BSC Secretary*