

# NAVARRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Subject:** Consider and take possible action to approve the Design Development concepts for the refresh projects at the current Junior High School and High School campuses; including presentation by the O'Connell Robertson Architects.

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**Date:** May 19, 2025

**Administrator Responsible/Position:** Mandy Epley, Superintendent of Schools

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**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

☐ Information Only

☒ Action Needed

☐ Receive Input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

☒ Local Policy

☒ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

**C. Priority, Goal, or Need Addressed:**

☒ Strategic Plan

☐ District/Campus Improvement Plan

☐ Other

**Priorities**

- ☐ **Priority 1:** Recruiting, Hiring, Coaching, and Retaining High Quality Teachers and Staff to Support Student Outcomes.
- ☐ **Priority 2:** Maximizing Academic Performance.
- ☐ **Priority 3:** Maximizing Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Opportunities, Performance, and Engagement.
- ☒ **Priority 4:** Planning, Preparing, and Maintaining Facilities and Environments for Learning.
- ☐ **Priority 5:** Obtaining and Maintaining Top Rated District Recognition

**Board Goals for 2023-2028**

- ☐ **Goal 1\*:** The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Reading will increase from 49% to 60% by June 2024, 65% for 2024-2025, 70% for 2025-2026, 75% for 2026-2027, 80% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**
- ☐ **Goal 2\*:** Increased overall student performance in mathematics to 85% Meets Standard by 2028.  
The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Math will increase from 53% to 65% by June 2024, 70% for 2024-2025, 75% for 2025-2026, 80% for 2026-2027, 85% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

- ☐ **Goal 3\*:**The percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for CCMR will increase from 72% to 88% by August 2024 and increase to 95% by 2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

**D.**

**Summary:** Administration has reviewed the designs created for the refresh projects for the current Junior High and High School and O’Connell Robertson will present their designs to the Board for authorization to complete 100% of construction documents.

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**Background Information:** The District is utilizing O’Connell Robertson Architects for the current Junior High and High School building refresh designs as approved by voters in the 2024 Bond as part of Proposition A. The architects toured the facilities and discussed plans for refresh with administration focusing on flooring, paint, and library conversion to classrooms to maximize budget dollars to improve functionality, and create a rebranded and refreshed campus.

Navarro Independent School District announced a \$120 million bond election scheduled to take place on May 4, 2024. The decision to call the bond election came after the Board reviewed the work of the District Long-Range Master Planning Committee, consisting of 33 community members, parents, students, faculty, and staff, dedicating their time from November 2023 to January 2024 to assess the current state of the district, demographics, areas no longer meeting current standards, financial impacts, and opportunities with current facilities.

The bond election, unanimously approved 7-0 by the Board of Trustees, consisting of a \$120 million bond is divided into three separate propositions to address current legal requirements:

**Proposition A: Growth & Reinvestment - \$73,700,000**

- New Elementary 2-5 Campus on New Site
- Existing Elementary and Intermediate Refresh
- Safety and Security Enhancements (Access Control, Video Surveillance, & Video Intercom)
- Chiller Replacement at Existing High School
- Drives and Parking
- Project Contingencies
- Jr High Remodel/Refresh/Expansion (Classroom construction, corridor/covered walkway, construction, paint, flooring, electrical)

**Proposition B: New Athletic Stadium - \$35,500,000**

- Football, Soccer, Track & Field Facilities (7,000 seating)
- Concessions, Restrooms, and Field House

**Proposition C: New Baseball & Softball Turf Fields, Tennis Courts, Restrooms, & Concessions - \$10,800,000**

- New Baseball & Softball Turf Fields
  - Tennis Courts
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- Restrooms and Concessions

Bond 2024 was approved by the voters with approval for Proposition A, B and C. Of the 859 votes cast, the results were:

- Proposition A: 69.62% for and 30.38% against
  - Proposition B: 59.67% for and 40.33% against
  - Proposition C: 60.37% for and 39.63% against
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**E. Comments Received:**

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☐ DEIC

☐ Other

All agenda items are reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team.

**F.**

**Administrative  
Recommendation:**

Administration recommends that the Board approve the Design Development concepts for the refresh projects at the current Junior High School and High School campuses, as presented by the Architect, and further authorize the Architect to proceed to generate and finalize 100% Construction Documents.

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**G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:**

☐ Budget

☒ Bond

**Amount:** Bond funds.

☐ Grant/Special  
Funds

☐ Other

**H.**

**Exhibits:**

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**I.**

**Action:**

**I move that the Board approve the Design Development concepts for the refresh projects at the current Junior High School and High School campuses, as presented by the Architect, and further authorize the Architect to proceed to generate and finalize 100% Construction Documents.**

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Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ second by: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

AGAINST: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

ABSTAIN: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

MOTION CARRIED/DENIED/POSTPONED