

NAVARRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of an order calling a bond election to be held by the Navarro Independent School District on May 2, 2026

Date: January 21, 2026

Administrator Responsible/Position: Dr. Mandy Epley, Superintendent

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: **Bond Election Order**

If the Board of Trustees chooses to call a Bond Election:

- a. The board will determine the amount of the ballot propositions, the wording of the ballot propositions, and the order of the ballot**

propositions at the meeting when it orders the election; no changes can be made later to these items.

b. The order will include an exhibit for the dates, times, and locations for voting when those details are available.

c. Financial information for section 7 and the required voter information exhibit will be completed once the election is ordered and amounts determined.

d. The terms of the order let us update details later without need for further board action.

Background Information:

Following four months of intensive analysis and collaboration, the 2025-26 Long Range Facilities Master Planning Committee delivered its recommendation to the Navarro ISD Board of Trustees at the December meeting. Committee members Amy Strauch and Kristen Green presented the executive summary, outlining a strategic single-proposition bond proposed for the May 2026 election.

The recommendation is the result of a "100% consensus" among the committee members, which included parents, alumni, staff, and community members. Their primary focus? Preparing the district for a student population expected to surge over the next decade.

The most critical component of the proposal is a \$57.5 million expansion and renovation of the Junior High School (formerly Navarro High School which will open as the new Junior High in August 2026). Demographic reports from November indicate that the campus is expected to exceed 1,000 students within just three years and reach over 1,400 students within the decade.

To manage this growth, the committee proposed a two-phase project:

- Phase I (Completion Summer 2029): Construction of a new academic wing with 16 classrooms and a new cafeteria/auditorium to allow all students to eat in one space inside the building.**
- Phase II (Completion Spring 2030): Converting the current high school cafeteria and kitchen into flexible, functional classroom spaces.**

E. Comments Received:

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Other

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

F. Administrative Recommendation:

Administration recommends a Board review of the Long-Range Facilities Master Planning Committee recommendation and District recommendation to consider the steps needed to launch the recommended plan. The recommendations are based on currently available demographic projections, analysis of existing facilities, and the vision, mission, priorities, and goals of the district outlined in the strategic plan. Administration recommends calling a bond for \$65 million to address the proposed recommendation. If the Board decides to call a Bond election, the Board will determine the amount of the ballot propositions, the wording of the ballot propositions, and the order of the ballot propositions at the meeting when it orders the election.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:

Amount: To be determined with Bond Election Order

Budget
 Bond

Grant/Special Funds

Other

**H. Exhibits: Draft Order calling a Bond Election
Certificate of Board Secretary
Timetable**

I. Action:

"I move to approve/disapprove/postpone" the Board adopt an order calling a bond election to be held on May 2, 2026 with Proposition A in the amount of \$ _____ [fill in the amount].

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