

# HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: December 16, 2024

Agenda Item: B

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Public Forum #1 – Proposed School Building Bond Election for May 2025

Administrator Responsible/Position: Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer  
Max Cleaver, Chief Operations Officer

**A. Purpose of Agenda Item**

Action needed

Information only

Receive input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

Local Policy BED

Law or Rule

N/A

The Board encourages comments from citizens of the District and from District employees.

Policy BED local states that audience participation at a Board Meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designated for that purpose. At all other times during a Board Meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer. An open forum will be conducted at each meeting. The Board shall allot approximately 30 minutes for comments from members of the public about school district concerns.

Any member of the public who wishes to address the Board in Public Forum must complete and submit the Request to Address the Board of Trustees form (green sheet). This form may be obtained and at the entrance to the Board room and must be submitted to Tim Savoy, Chief Information Officer, at the entrance prior to reconvening in open session. Public participation in Board meetings is limited to the Public Forum portion of the meeting agenda, as is provided in Board policy.

Board Policy DEC (LOCAL) sets the maximum time for any individual presentation as 5 minutes, unless decreased by the Board President prior to the start of public comment. In order to ensure efficiency in all meetings, our standard practice is to afford 3 minutes for speakers covering current agenda items and 2 minutes for speakers covering non-agenda items. Speakers with comments on posted agenda items will be called to speak first. Speakers with comments on items not posted for tonight's agenda will then be called to speak, if time permits.

*Please be aware that the audio and video of Public Forum is recorded as part of the recording of the entire meeting and is published on the District's website without alteration. A person who chooses to speak in Public Forum consents to the online publication of their comments.*

**C. Goal of Need Addressed:** To allow the public to provide feedback regarding the proposed May 2025 bond election that is currently being considered by the Board.

**D. Summary**

**Previous Board action** relating to this item: It is the practice of the district to hold public forums on potential bond elections following the Board accepting a recommendation from the FBOC, which occurred in November 2024.

**Future action anticipated:** A second (and possibly third) public forum will be held in January 2025 as the board develops a potential bond election order.

**Background information:** The 2025 bond development process began in April 2024 when the Board charged the Facilities and Bond Oversight Committee (FBOC), in accordance with policy CCA (Local) and the committee charter, with developing recommendations to present to the Board regarding the potential need for a bond election. The FBOC, which consists of a mix of citizens appointed by the Board and non-voting individuals invited by administration, studied

district growth; facility and other needs identified by administration, campus leadership, or committee members; and related financial considerations. The FBOC presented its findings to the Board in November 2024, at which time the Board voted to proceed with the development process for a possible bond election to appear on the May 3, 2025 ballot.

**E. Comments Received**

Cabinet                       DLT                       FBOC                       Teacher Org Reps  
 Other: Public

**F. Administrative Recommendation:** The administration recommends that the Board consider any feedback presented during the bond public forum

**Advantages and benefits of this proposal:** The public has an opportunity to weigh in on a potential bond ballot being locked-in with the adoption of an election order for a bond.

**Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement:** The bond would benefit students by meeting needs of the district to manage growth, maintain facilities and equipment, and all other items included in a bond for voter consideration.

**Effect of this action on other parts of the system:** A bond would have widespread effect on all aspects of the district.

**Consequences of not approving this recommendation:** Without a public forum, members of the public would not have this in-person avenue to express their thoughts about a potential future bond as it is developed.

**G. Fiscal Impact and Cost**

**Total amount of purchase:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**H. Monitoring & Reporting timeline**

**Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action:** Max Cleaver, Tim Savoy, Eric Wright

**Evaluation method and timeline:** N/A

**Next report to the Board:** Various reports and Board discussion will occur regarding a bond until the legal deadline of February 14, 2025, has passed for the Board to adopt a bond election order.

**I. Suggested Motion:** N/A