

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

December 16, 2024



BOARD: Report

SUBJECT: Bond Planning Committee Report

BOARD POLICY: CCA Legal; CV Legal

DISTRICT GOAL: Brazosport ISD will exercise fiscal responsibility to ensure financial strength and provide the resources to equip and maintain quality facilities and educational programming.

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

Background Information:

- In the pursuit of maintaining learning environments that are safe and conducive for learning while also providing a rigorous and relevant learning experience for our students, Brazosport ISD is considering a bond election in May 2025 to address critical needs in maintenance, technology, safety and security, and capital equipment.
- The District has utilized voter approved bond programs in 2012, 2014 and 2019 and has an active Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to review and monitor the status of capital projects, bond expenditures, project schedules and the timelines within each bond program.
- The 2019 Bond Program covered anticipated maintenance, technology, safety and security and capital equipment needs through 2024. The District administration has conducted a needs assessment for the ongoing needs in these areas.
- With the lack of state legislative support for school funding, the district continues to experience increasing constraints on the general fund, necessitating alternative funding through Bond Programs.
- With a strong industrial tax base, the district has the capacity to issue voter approved bonds within the current Interest and Sinking tax rate.

Administrative Considerations:

- A Bond Planning Committee was established by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees to engage a diverse group of community stakeholders in the development and planning for a potential May 2025 bond election.
 - The objective of the committee will be to:
 - **Assess Needs:** evaluate current district facilities, infrastructure and educational

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needs to identify priorities for a future bond proposal.

- **Engage Community:** foster transparent dialogue with community members to gather input and feedback and also a future bond program that will have broad based support.
 - **Develop Recommendation for School Board Consideration:** formulate comprehensive bond proposals that align with district goals, address identified needs and ensure fiscal responsibility to recommend for the BISD School Board for consideration when deciding to order an election for voter approval.
 - **Inform and Educate:** Serve as a conduit for information, ensuring community members are informed about the bond planning process, proposals and impact to ensure facilities are properly maintained and students can continue to receive a quality education.
- The committee structure was composed of community members, parents, teachers, district staff, local business leaders and other key stakeholders. The committee meetings were held at 5:30 pm on November 7, November 21st, December 5th.
 - Administration will provide a report on the progress of the Bond Planning Committee. This will be a report only and no action is needed.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting minutes

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Respectfully submitted,

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