

# Consider Approval of Authorizing Selected 2007 Bond Projects

December 13, 2011

## SUMMARY:

The Board of Trustees will consider the approval and authorization of selected 2007 Bond Projects. If the Board desires to sell bonds at a more appropriate time then consideration of a reimbursable agreement is needed to finalize construction documents for Middle School #7, Evers Park, Sam Houston, and Ginnings Elementary Schools.

## BOARD GOAL:

IV. Parent & Community Involvement... In the pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Work continuously with the community in planning and facility development

VI. Growth & Change ... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community
- Be environmentally responsible and aggressively pursue energy efficiency and conservation principles in building design, transportation alternatives, and opening procedures
- Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

## PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Board of Trustees has discussed the District's growth profile and 10 year forecast on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. On Tuesday, September 13, 2011 the Board was presented information on Denton ISD's existing debt portfolio and bonding capacity from the 2007 Bond Referendum. On November 8, 2011 an update on Middle School #7, Evers Park, Sam Houston, and Ginnings Elementary schools was given with proposed construction schedules. A list of proposed technology projects were also introduced at the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The Board of Trustees will need to consider which opening date for Middle School #7. Timing of a bond sell may necessitate a reimbursable agreement to be executed for the construction documents to be completed.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Board will need to consider the time to sell bonds for these projects and whether to execute a reimbursable agreement with the District's architectural consultants.

## BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Authorizing the execution of bond sale parameters to construct of Middle School #7, the aforementioned elementary projects, and certain technology projects will address overcrowding at the middle school level, equalize learning environments at the elementary level, and provide the resources necessary for fiber relocation.

## PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

In order for these projects to be completed, the trustees will need to approve parameters for bond sell in Spring 2012 at the most financially beneficial time for the district. In addition, a reimbursable agreement may need to be designed.

## PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may consider delaying these construction projects and alleviate overcrowding at existing campuses by attendance boundary modifications, portable classrooms, etc.

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the completion of the construction documents & building of Middle School #7 with an anticipated 2013-14 opening date. The superintendent recommends approval of construction documents and building of the additions & renovations at Evers Park, Sam Houston and Ginnings Elementary Schools, as well as any related technology projects.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent  
Paul Andress, Director of Operations  
Rod Reeves, Coordinator of Facilities & Planning  
Glen Martin, Coordinator of Construction

**ATTACHMENT:**

Selected 2007 Bond Projects PowerPoint presentation.

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_