

Bond Workshop Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 25, 2022 6:00pm

Mr. Hunt opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

In attendance:

Alex Hunt	Board President
Zach Lambert	Board Secretary
Kay Danziger	Board Member
Joe Hubenak	Board Member
Jon Welch	Board Member

Members Absent:

Joy Williams	Vice President
Mandi Bronsell	Member

Others in attendance:

Roosevelt Nivens	Superintendent
Alphonso Bates	Chief Student Services Officer
Sonya Cole-Hamilton	Chief Communications Officer
Jill Ludwig	Chief Financial Officer
Greg Buchanan	Chief Operations Officer
Nikki Nelson	Athletic Director
Stephen Sluder	Transportation Director

Dr. Nivens explained the purpose of the bond workshop and turned the meeting over to Greg Buchanan.

Mr. Buchanan presented information on the propositions to be considered in the 2022 bond referendum and the projects that will be completed if the bond election is successful.

Mr. Welch asked why the security upgrades are scheduled for 2024. Mr. Buchanan said that the logistics involved with these projects will cause them to take this long to complete.

Mr. Buchanan explained what CTE is and what a CTE center would mean for Lamar CISD.

Mrs. Danziger asked if the bond dollar amount for the second stadium takes inflation into consideration. Mr. Buchanan said that inflation was calculated into the total.

Ms. Ludwig presented information on the timeline for the sale of the bonds if the bond referendum passes.

Mr. Hunt asked if there will be a sale of all the bonds in January of 2023. Ms. Ludwig explained that the sale of the bonds would happen in three separate sales.

Mr. Welch asked if there are any funds from the 2020, 2017 or 2014 bonds that have not yet been used. Mr. Buchanan explained which projects are still awaiting completion and final

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payment. Ms. Ludwig added that there are savings from the 2017 and 2014 bond projects and she can provide a report to the Trustees on the actual dollar amount remaining.

Mr. Welch asked how bond savings are realized by the District. Ms. Ludwig said savings are realized over the remaining life of the bond.

Alphonso Bates presented information to the Board on safety and security options for the District if Proposition A does not pass.

Sonya Cole-Hamilton presented information to the Board on enrollment and capacity for elementary and secondary schools and the options that the District can consider if Proposition A does not pass.

Mrs. Danziger asked about program consolidation at the elementary campuses. Ms. Cole-Hamilton explained that programs and classes would not be eliminated but combined to accommodate the needs.

Mr. Hunt asked how many years of relief the presented options would provide the District if the bond does not pass. Ms. Cole-Hamilton explained that two years of relief would be expected from the options.

Mr. Hunt asked when the option of freezing enrollment for Fulshear High School would be needed. Dr. Nivens said freezing enrollment could be needed as soon as January 2023, but rezoning may also have to happen.

Mr. Welch asked if freezing enrollment and rezoning would likely happen in January 2023 whether Proposition A passes or fails. Dr. Nivens explained that because of projected enrollment, freezing enrollment at campuses and rezoning could still be necessary regardless of the outcome of the bond election.

Mr. Lambert said the maroon track is growing and the same options may need to be used for those campuses soon.

Mr. Buchanan presented to the Board options for acquiring land and portables if Proposition A does not pass.

Stephen Sluder presented options to the Board for purchasing school buses if Proposition A does not pass.

David Jacobson presented options to the Board for purchasing technology items and infrastructure if Proposition A does not pass.

Mr. Welch clarified that the technology items in Proposition A are infrastructure and not physical devices.

Mr. Bates presented to the Board options for CTE if Proposition B does not pass.

Mr. Jacobson presented to the Board options for purchasing technology devices if Proposition C does not pass.

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Nikki Nelson presented to the Board options for Traylor Stadium repairs if Proposition D does not pass.

Mr. Welch asked if the District has considered applying for federal grants to cover the cost of LED lighting at the stadium. Mr. Buchanan said that the District has applied for federal grants in the past and will continue to do so.

Ms. Nelson presented to the Board options for stadium use if Proposition E does not pass.

Mr. Welch asked why Traylor Stadium was not used every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night this football season. Ms. Nelson explained about schedule inverting for football teams.

Ms. Ludwig presented to the Board options for funding bond projects if none of the propositions pass.

Mr. Hunt asked for clarification on what a voter approved tax rate election is.

Ms. Cole-Hamilton presented to the Board the possible impact to the District if the propositions do not pass.

Mr. Welch asked when the District is expected to call for a voter approved tax rate election. Ms. Ludwig explained that the District would evaluate the compressed tax rate before calling a tax election.

During the public comments portion of the meeting, Mr. Jeff Sorbal addressed the Board regarding Proposition A and the questioned if the Board will call for a tax increase if the proposition does not pass.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signed:

Alex Hunt
President of the Board of Trustees

Zach Lambert
Secretary of the Board of Trustees