

# **BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

October 28, 2024



BOARD: Action

SUBJECT: Consider Bond Planning Committee

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:

- Strategy 5.2 of the Strategic Plan is to create safe, secure and flexible facilities to adapt to ever-changing needs. The specific result is to develop a district level evaluation team to evaluate facility needs.
- A Bond Planning Committee will be established by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees to engage a diverse group of community stakeholders in the development and planning for a

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potential May 2025 bond election.

- The objective of the committee will be to:
  - **Assess Needs:** evaluate current district facilities, infrastructure and educational 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 will be comprised of community members, parents, teachers, district staff, local business leaders and other key stakeholders.
- The committee meetings will be scheduled for 5:30 pm on November 7, November 21st, December 5th.
- The Bond Planning Committee will play a vital role in shaping the future of Brazosport ISD through the collaborative development with a recommendation made to the Board of Trustees in January 2025 for the Bond Referendum to be placed on the May 2025 ballot.
- It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the development of a Bond Planning Committee.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting minutes

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Respectfully submitted,

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