

Facilities and Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
February 26, 2025

1. Welcome

Introduction of a new member (Will McManus). Did introductions of everyone else.

2. Board Item Discussion

a. Bond 2023 Bond BP 7

i. Impact Center

Carry over work from the 2023 Bond, exterior work. In general, this will be turning the drive into a bus loop. It will add access and egress off 967, get better visibility for turning out on to the road (safety). Portable relocation, awnings added for connecting things. Scheduled to be completed this Summer.

2b. Opened up for questions from the committee regarding how the 2025 bond finalized. This was added for Q&A prior to discussing bond interest because some items were moved around specifically with the hopes of using bond interest money for other projects.

For future bonds, we would rather have given more feedback on if additional funds were to be spent, this is how we would spend them.

Comments:

- Question was asked about the format of presenting to the board: Liked how things were presented and bundled as chunks vs the rankings.
- Comment made that the greying out of the next items up made it more difficult to weigh items as all greyed items were not equal.
- Question was asked if anyone from FBOC was able to be in the cabinet meetings. We have not historically had representation in those meetings. In response, it was suggested that we would hope that FBOC would get more feedback from district cabinet prior to the deliberation over the bond.
- Question asked if it would be helpful to have a workshop between the board and the cabinet and FBOC during the process. In response, there are some added complexities in the sense that board members can only talk to each other when all are present. It can be difficult to get everyone in the same room.
- Comment was made that there is not enough communication between the board members and their school board representative.
- Suggested a Plan A of absolutes and then a Plan B of added things if capacity were to be increased.
- We built out a runway and yet we still felt rushed and having to make decisions at the end.
- Brought up that we still had to wait on pricing and that slowed down the deliberations.
- Groundwork is being laid to make things more transparent and real-time access to information.

- Board members want options. Options matter. Present options as a high medium and low for capacity.
- Expressed there is never enough time to really give constructive feedback during the process. The more time you can give elected officials to talk about things, the better. There are strict rules about what they can talk about to each other.
- Another note that ranking is important and adding the context of why.
- Suggesting maybe a subcommittee idea and allowing board members to attend occasionally during deliberations for bonds.
- Additional feedback - recap note - participation in these meetings is crucial for administration.
- General comment made about how pricing for building materials is already going up massively.

3. Bond Interest Report

Discussion about how bond interest money comes up as a funding source. Committee has some reservations about its used and we have been asking for a report on how much funding is still available as bond interest. A spreadsheet is provided in The Vault that has the current spending and current cash flow (as of today's meeting).

The biggest complaint about this pot of money is that there is a lack of transparency into the process behind using interest earnings money.

Lance described his process for asking for bond interest funds. It started with speaking with the accountant and then the lawyers etc. It does have a process, but it is not super clear.

Overall consensus here is that there needs to be a more clear process for this funding bucket, and there should be some form of discretion used in how we spend this. It was also suggested that we not spend a single dime of it going forward as the cost of construction is going to be insane and we are going to need to supplement.

4. 2025 Bond Publicity "Bond Talks"

The committee is going over the items that made the individual propositions of the Bond.

In general, the bond shook out with these items:

Prop A:

- Johnson HS - New Weight Room, MAC (separate prop), additional parking
- Hays HS - Academic Expansion to 2800 students, kitchen addition, cafeteria renovation, MAC (separate prop), exterior walkway enclosure, M&O capital improvements
- Lehman - Academic Expansion to 2800 students, kitchen addition, cafeteria renovation, MAC (separate prop), new weight room, all purpose gym
- All Middle School - Athletic Turf

- McCormick - Weight room addition, locker room renovation, art room renovation, driveway, utilities, portable building relocation
- Wallace - Academic Expansion to 1200, SPED improvements, weight room addition
- Simon - Academic Expansion to 1200, SPED improvements, weight room addition, locker room renovation, performing arts studio
- Elementary 18 construction (open in 2028), Northeast portion of the district
- Elementary 19 Design
- Fuentes - Modernization and Expansion to 900 students
- Hemphill - Modernization and Expansion to 900 students
- Kyle - Modernization and Expansion to 900 students
- Tom Green - Modernization and Expansion to 900 students
- All elementaries working toward the current version to match new builds
- Districtwide Items
 - Maintenance
 - Roof at NES, SHES, KES, HHS, TGES, BMS, CMS
 - Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) and Life Safety System Replacements at KES, NES, SHES, PES, TGES, BMS, CMS, HHS and Shelton Stadium
 - General maintenance and repair
 - Uhland Maintenance Facility
 - Transportation
 - Buses (22 growth, 8 transit)
 - Security Items
 - District-wide rekey, wayfinding signage, parking lot access control buildings

Prop B:

- Comprehensive High School 4
 - Designed for 2800 students
 - Main Street/Turnersville Road
 - Open in 2029

Prop C:

- Expansion to 8500 capacity for stadium for HS 4.
 - Two High Schools would share two fields (instead of all 4 at Shelton)
 - Required to be its own proposition (newer state law)

Prop D:

- MAC Activity Centers (All 4 High Schools)
 - Install 84,000 SF covered pavilion at each high school with artificial turf and minimal spectator seating
 - Facility to be used by Fine Arts and Athletics
 - Create more space for our extra curricular students
 - Cost effective, does not require HVAC

- For use by all programs throughout the year and summer programs
- Safe space out of the elements including extreme heat and storms

Prop E:

- District-wide infrastructure
 - Network Switches
 - Uninterruptible Power Supplies
 - Phone System Replacement
 - Instructional Technology Devices
 - Common Area Sound System Component Replacement
 - Printshop Machines Replacement
 - Photocopiers

5. 2025 Bond Information Sheet

Went over the process and publishing this information. Bond Talk schedules are coming. Try to talk to as many people as possible about the bond.

6. Wrap-Up and Questions

Attendees:

Jessica Bedwell
Brandon Nutting
Mark Jones
Alex Zavala
Andrew Hendrick
Carmen Sifuentes
Charissa McBee Crossland
Celeste Medulla
Alan Keller
Mimi Rivers
Katy Armstrong
Amanda Fuqua
Jodi Kennison
Will McManus (new addition, Byron?)

