

**Response to Questions  
From Meeting of  
April 19, 2010**

If you asked a question and it is unanswered, please talk to Jack Knowles about it.

- 1. Accurate enrollment projection/classroom projections** Jack Knowles  
Bond Study Book-Enroll./Capacities
- 2. Criteria for prioritizing replacement schools** Monday's Presentations  
Which schools should not be replaced  
Which schools are a bad investment
- 3. Expand & prioritize critical list beyond \$5-6 million** Ronnie Caruthers  
All HVAC, plumbing, electrical power, lighting, and fire alarm items listed on the long-range plan as priority ones. HVAC items include: Heating, ventilation, air conditioning, duct work, geo-thermal piping and well fields. Plumbing includes replacement of drain lines, water lines, and grease traps. Electrical power includes replacement of switchgear, electrical panel boxes, adding circuits, and clean power for technology. Fire alarms are a life safety code requirement and some have been identified as needing to be replaced. Items associated with MEP repairs are ceiling and lighting replacements and flooring replacements (including asbestos consulting and abatement, if necessary).
- 4. Is the \$15 million technology amount non-negotiable?** Jack Knowles  
The district feels that it needs to continue to invest in technology and has determined that an investment of \$15M is appropriate. If this committee can make a compelling argument to the contrary, it can do so, but I think that should be presented as an option rather than incorporated into a bond recommendation.
- 5. Trying to get rid of portables?** Jack Knowles  
It would be nice to be rid of all portables, but it is not likely to happen due to the dynamics of shifting populations and special programs and special needs. Where we have chance to reduce portables, I recommend we do that, but I do not think it should be the driving force.
- 6. Who needs the space the most? (Hot list) Space & support** Monday Reports
- 7. Is any of B&G's budget in the bond?** Ronnie Caruthers  
The long-range plan is a tool used by the B&G department to identify the needs of the district. The annual B&G budget (zero-based) includes items identified in the long-range plan. There are some items in the B&G budget that are listed in the long-range plan, however, we monitor those items carefully and if something is approved in a bond package the item is removed from the annual B&G budget.
- 8. Why is equipment giving out?** Ronnie Caruthers  
All equipment has a useful life cycle and with 40-plus facilities and limited funds we cannot maintain the optimum replacement cycle.

**9. Context of ceiling of tiles? New lighting?**

Ronnie Caruthers

Ceiling systems are scheduled to be replaced when mechanical, electrical, or plumbing work necessitates its' replacement.

Replacement of lighting is required because the fixtures have reached the end of their life cycle. Also, many of our light fixtures which are T-12 will be affected by the energy policy act of 2005: T-12 light bulbs and ballasts will no longer be available.

**10. What is cosmetic and what is truly structural?**

Ronnie Caruthers

Cosmetic are items such as interior painting and finished flooring. Structural items consist of physical structure such as roofing, ceilings, windows, walls, doors, etc. Infrastructure includes all MEP items.

**11. Max us out? How does this affect future bond capacity?**

Mark Thomas

According to Bill Gumbert's report, a \$150 million would put us right against the cap of \$0.50 until 20/21. In 20/21, we could see an 18-20 cent drop n the debt tax rate.

**12. How to peel away at the \$160 mil to get the needs?**

Ronnie Caruthers

Review all capacity and program requirements, along with install, repair, and replace items. There is not enough funding to cover all of the items so the challenge is to prioritize the critical needs.

**13. How do we market a larger bond?**

Mark Thomas

We market the same way for a big or small. The key will be what we learn from the second survey. Unlike the first survey, the second one is very specific and gives us more insight on what the community will support.

**14. What if we changed boundaries to decide the needs?**

Jack Knowles

The school board decides boundaries and they have not asked this committee to do that. We should operate under the belief that boundaries will basically remain the same...but the board could change that.

**15. Can we reduce \$8.5 million at Birdville High?**

Jack Knowles

The committee can examine the needs and could recommend that only some of the request be included in the bond package.

**16. Foster village – how do you deal with it?**

Ronnie Caruthers

The original section of the building experienced movement because of an underground stream. The district has installed French drains around the building and this has mitigated the water problem. Structural engineers have been monitoring the building for years and report that the building is structurally sound; however, they cannot guarantee how long the building will remain functional. This could be a campus to be considered for replacement because of the structural issues as well as the projected enrollment for the campus.

**17. Cost of replacing Haltom Middle School**

\$23.00M (any MS)

**18. Cost of replacing Smithfield Elementary**

\$13.60M (any ES)

**19. Cost of new portables at each school**

Approx. \$50,000 (2 classrooms)

**20. How many portables would be removed from each campus if we did only the Install/Repair/Replace Priorities?**

**21. We would like specifics on what exactly is being fixed/replaced on high priority schools?**

Jack Knowles

The Bond Committee Study Book-Master Facility Needs List has a good breakdown of the categories and cost for each school. If you want more details, please talk to me

**22. Can we cover (financially) just fixing safety concerns/priorities at all campuses?**

Ronnie Caruthers

No, with 40-plus facilities there will never be enough funds to cover all safety concerns and priorities at all locations.

**23. Input from staff as to which facilities should be replaced** Monday's Presentations

**24. Impact to operating budget of replacement of certain schools. Energy? Etc.**

**25. Spread money to each of the 3 zones**

Jack Knowles

The committee will decide the projects and costs which will determine how the money is spread to the 3 high school zone.

**26. Cotton belt project?**

Jack Knowles

This is the plan to initiate TRE service from Ft. Worth to the DFW Airport (and beyond) through the school district along the Cottonbelt rail tracks. There is talk of a station in the Smithfield area. Where and when stations are built could lead to commercial and high density residential development in those areas.

**27. Long range**

Jack Knowles

Long range plans that depend on bond packages obviously require the approval of the voters. The parameters set forth to this bond committee somewhat reflect the thinking of the last bond committee, the board, the administration and what past bond elections told the district. If you wish to continue the direction of the last bond election, I would say that would be a continuation of that plan, but this committee is not bound by that. Energy funds – kicks out long range plan.

**28. Other**

Infrastructure

0 budget

Power needs for technology