

Bond Planning Committee Recap

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20

Location: Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning

Planning Committee Website: birdvilleschools.net/BPC2014

Meeting Recap

- May 2014 Bond Election Recap
 - Arlington - \$663 Million (69.7 percent approval)
 - Frisco - \$775 Million (77 percent approval)
 - Cy-Fair - \$1.2 Billion (69 percent approval)
 - La Porte \$260 Million – (54 percent approval (very highly contested, very close))
 - Dickinson \$56 Million – (75 percent approval)
 - Sweeny \$26 Million – (56 percent approval)
 - Lovejoy \$75 Million – (55+ percent approval (2 props))
 - Marshall \$150 Million – (Failed by 212 votes)
- Why BHS is a special case ...
 - Technical
 - Facilities condition assessment exposed:
 - Title 9 issues
 - Environmental/Systems issues
 - Insufficient space for assigned programs & enrollment
 - Functional/Programmatic
 - Incompliance with modern-day program requirements
 - Extreme equity disparity with other high schools
 - Research shows that Athletics & Fine Arts Programs are an extremely valuable part of the educational process
 - Higher attendance / lower drop-out rates
 - Higher graduation / college entry rates
 - Improved test scores
 - Improved behavior / decreased acts of aggression
- Long-Range Master Plan
 - A planning tool that serves as a “Road Map” for future capital improvement programs over a 5-10 year period.
 - Includes committee recommendations
 - Updated annually
 - Maps out future bond programs
 - Effective communications tool
- We are ... BISD!
 - Colleyville
 - Fort Worth
 - Haltom City
 - Hurst
 - North Richland Hills
 - Richland Hills
 - Watauga
- BISD’s bond will face opposition from those who do not live in our district
 - “I do find it concerning when significant dollars are coming into the district to try to influence the election, and the people trying to influence the election don’t have any

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vested interest in what's going on in our classrooms.” - *Lovejoy Superintendent Ted Moore to Bud Kennedy, Star-Telegram*

- Once a bond is called, school districts must be aggressively neutral. (Factual details only.) The opposition can say whatever they want without being held accountable.