



FACTS Committee Meeting 6

February 3, 2015

MINUTES

- The WISD FACTS Committee met on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in the Wright Elementary library. Leo Neely and Amy Crippen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- In attendance:
 - FACTS Committee members present: Ashtin Ballard, Emma Beard, Donna Black, Amy Bonnett, Linda Bourland, Lisa Coleman, Amy Crippen, Dr. Tim Huggins, Brian Lixey, Kelley Long, Frank Martin, Rick McKinney, Leo Neely, Prissy Neely, Ramalou Prince, Zan Prince, James Tate, John Thielepape, Clif Tramel, Amy White, Lorri Williams, and Trey Woodard.
 - WISD Board of Trustees members present: Tiffany Branson, Ashley Conlon, and Dr. Joshua Tarbay
 - WISD staff members present: Joy Bailey, Chuck Graham, Dr. Jeffrey Hanks, Charlotte LaGrone, Danny Miller, Kathy Ray, and Tracy Ray.
 - Huckabee: Alan Albers, Jennifer Brown, Heather Bryce, Tim McClure, Megan Smith, and Paul Thompson
- Amy Crippen, FACTS Committee co-chair, welcomed everyone and opened the final meeting of the FACTS Committee at 6:00 pm. Our goal is to give a recommendation to the school board for consideration of a possible bond election.
- Alan Albers provided a review of the 2013 bond election results, the Tier 1, 2, and 3 amounts, student growth projections, bond tax implications, and community opinion survey.
- Dr. Hanks presented information about the guiding principles for the committee: growth, safety & security, aging facilities & campus equity, technology, CTE (vocational), and grade alignment. He also reminded everyone that Huckabee has only been paid to do a facility assessment for Weatherford ISD.
- A short video about the Learning Portrait in Coppell ISD was shown.
- Tim McClure reviewed cost projections for options presented at FACTS Committee Meeting # 5. The FACTS Committee may come out of this process with a long-range plan recommendation.
- Tracy Ray reviewed tax impact levels for various bond amounts.
- Tim McClure reviewed Tier 1, 2, and 3 scenarios.
- Question: Are there items in Tier 1 that we could eliminate, such as the ADA ramp at the Curtis Elementary entrance? (Linda Bourland)
Answer: That will depend on committee's decisions. If the committee recommends secure vestibules, we would have to bring entries up to ADA code.

- Question: Have we identified the dollar amounts for the savings on the operations side that would result from some of the scenarios? We could take the amount of savings to voters to offset the overall bond package cost. (Zan Prince)
Answer: We can provide that once a finalized plan is determined. We could email that out to the group once a finalized plan is formed. Some cost savings are easier to identify, such as bus shuttle transportation costs. HVAC replacement cost savings may need to be estimated. If, for example, you replace light fixtures with more efficient units, the actual cost savings may take several seasons to identify.
- Zan Prince – we replaced HVAC units and saved \$60,000 annually. We need a savings range so we can help people understand why we are spending this dollar.
- Brian Lixey – building a new school includes cost savings vs renovating an existing building.
- Zan saved \$60 K by replacing HVAC. We are looking for a range...efficiencies. These help people understand why you would spend a dollar.
- The committee reviewed cost projections for the options including new options #8, 9, and 10.
- Leo led group discussion. Where do we want to go? Last week we went to # 6.
- Linda Bourland – could we add a new scenario? Option # 3 + ninth grade addition at WHS = \$61.6 + 15.3 – 1.5 (Tier 1 at NGC removed) = \$75.4 M total
Discussion: That scenario wouldn't eliminate bussing from NGC to WHS.
Note: The expansion costs (cafeteria, fine arts, library) of adding 9th to WHS is included in NGC addition.
- Question: Do we own baseball/softball property? (Brian Lixey)
Answer: We own about 60% of it. The remaining part is owned by the Armory.
- Question: Would the baseball/softball improvements be made at their current locations or WHS? (Amy White)
Answer: They would be made at WHS.
- Question: Would you also have to build a practice field and game fields? (Clif Tramel)
Answer: Yes due to the size of our teams.
- Clif – in 6 and 8 what does WHS refer to?
- The CTE addition to WHS is \$37.7 million.
- The FACTS Committee discussed options that could be eliminated.
- The FACTS Committee looked at Option # 10 and discussed the “Must Have” items.
- The FACTS Committee rank ordered their priorities (see below). Ultimately, the decision will be made by the Board of Trustees. Providing ranked priorities gives the school board information from the FACTS Committee should they decide to adjust the committee's proposal.
- One option for the FACTS Committee is to presenting a plan to board that includes long range plan. You might recommend a bond package with future needs to be addressed.
- The FACTS Committee discussed recommending propositions to the Board of Trustees.
- Brian Lixey – The decision we make has to be shown as an investment in our community.

Priorities (with the associated accumulated cost)

1. Tier 1 = \$12.6 M
 2. Tier 2A/B = \$39.8 M
 3. Tison/Hall = \$83.8 M
 4. NGC addition to WHS = \$99.1 M
 5. Secure Vestibules = \$109.2 M
- Question: If we move 9th grade to WHS, what happens to NGC facility? (Frank Martin)
Answer: It could be used for CTE programs; administrative offices; staff development; Community Ed; Food Service, or Bridge. There are several options for utilizing that facility.
 - Secure vestibules and security is important to parents. (Lorri Williams)
 - Now that we have narrowed the plan, Huckabee will finalize escalation costs and bring that information to the next meeting.
 - Question: If we recommend \$99.1 M when will projects be completed? (Amy White)
Answer: Typically 3 years; prioritization of the projects would come from the school board.
 - Frank Martin - Creating a long-range plan shows our community that we looked at everything. If you show entire long-range plan, we don't need to include dollar amounts with the items we would not be taking to voters. Somewhere we need to include CTE.
 - Timeline:
The FACTS Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 10th.
The FACTS Committee will present a recommendation to the school board on Thursday, February 12. That will be a report to the board; not an Action Item.
The Board of Trustees has workshops scheduled for February 16 and 24.
The Board of Trustees has a called Board meeting on February 26.
The last date to call for a bond election is February 27.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 pm in Weatherford ISD District Services Building Boardroom.