



**MISD Facilities & Growth Planning Committee
Meeting 7 Notes**

Monday, November 14, 2016, 6:00 pm
Center for the Performing Arts

1. Welcome

Jeff Brogden, Associate Superintendent of Facilities & Bond Programs, welcomed everybody to the meeting and told the group that there was great information to go over. He handed the floor over to Chairman Scott Albin to talk about the day's agenda. Mr. Albin began recapping what was discussed at the last meeting. He also gave an overview about what was going to be discussed later on that day. Mr. Albin then turned it over to Matt Gamble from Baselice & Associates to talk about a public survey that was conducted.

2. Community Survey Results

Matt Gamble, Baselice & Associates, told the committee that his team conducted a survey in the Mansfield ISD community to gauge the current sentiments for a potential bond election. Mr. Gamble said the objectives of the survey were to assess general attitudes, current levels of support, and correlations of informative statements and support levels.

Baselice & Associates took a representative sample of 405 respondents for a more accurate result. Respondents give MISD good marks, with high opinions of the district, the Board and the Superintendent. He said that if a vote was taken that day, 45 percent would be for a bond, and 42 percent would be against. However, by extrapolating extremities, 39 percent would be for, and 61 percent would be against. The biggest reason for opposition was tax. After respondents hear more about it, 54% would vote in favor and 41% would vote against, while 5% remain undecided. The elements that correlate most with the informed support are have been identified using regression analysis.

3. Growth Solutions

As a large group, the committee was asked to review and discuss the growth projects. Mike King, Huckabee, outlined the projects discussed thus far.

- a. **Elementary/Intermediate Schools:** At the elementary level, two new elementary schools for 800 students have been proposed. Mr. Brogden encouraged the committee members to study the size of the school needed for long-term growth and consider larger than 800 if that makes sense. Elementary Growth committee members noted that keeping 800 was discussed because of the

logistical challenges that would be presented with more than 800 including feeding, dismissing, and teacher collaboration. At the intermediate level, a new intermediate school for 1,000 has been proposed.

- b. **Middle Schools:** At the middle school level, a new middle school for 1,200 was proposed along with possible additions at Jobe and Jones. Mr. King asked for the Middle School Growth members to discuss the rationale behind this proposal. Committee members reported that they wanted to take into account the high growth scenario and that building for 1,200 instead of 1,000 allowed for additional growth and future flexibility.

The subcommittee was charged with studying the need for classroom additions further and determining whether building for 1,200 and adjusting boundary lines would satisfy the growth. The committee commented on the challenges with adjusting school boundary lines, but it was acknowledged that it would have to take place regardless. The committee members were reminded that Mansfield ISD's goal is to move the fewest kids the fewest number of times in any boundary changes. It was discussed that if true feeder patterns could be achieved, that building the intermediate school also for 1,200 would be best.

- c. **High Schools:** At the high school level, design and planning for a new high school is proposed, with funding of the construction to take place in a future bond program. In addition, growing capacity at Timberview through the Early College High School program and at Ben Barber through new CTE programs would reduce the urgency for a new high school to open.

The committee was asked to split up into their subcommittees to further discuss their specific issues.

4. Subcommittee Time

- a. Aging Subcommittees – The aging subcommittee reviewed and discussed the summary of priority aging items. The district worked to prioritize the facility assessment items and brought to the committee the most pressing items for consideration.
- b. Evolving Subcommittees – The evolving subcommittees met as one large subcommittee to review the high and medium priority items for the campus and department needs list. They completed prioritization of the high school level items. Projects include: science labs and large meeting rooms at the elementary level; collaborative areas and flexible furniture at all campus levels; adding orchestra program space at the intermediate, middle and high levels; increasing band hall sizes at the middle and high levels; providing lecture halls at the high school level; adding weight room, training room and locker rooms at the high schools; constructing a new district wide performing arts center for 1,300; adding CTE programs; and adding Dance, Cheer, Drill and ROTC space at the high school level.
- c. Growth Subcommittees – The growth subcommittees met as one large subcommittee and discussed the solutions for growth at all grade levels. The committee further defined their solutions and agreed that a new intermediate and middle school for both 1,200 students is the

best solution. After looking closer at the growth projection numbers and potential boundary lines, it was decided that additional middle school additions would not be needed. However, closing in the courtyards at Howard and Worley Middle School, which is a request by the Aging subcommittee would also add capacity at the middle school level. The committee was still in agreement on the high school solution and the elementary solution, but would consider exploring larger elementary schools as requested.

5. **Closing**

The meeting concluded at approximately 8:15 p.m. following the completion of subcommittee discussions.

The next meeting is Monday, November 28, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Mansfield ISD Center for the Performing Arts.