

# Plano ISD Future Planning Task Force July 26, 2022 Haggard Middle School 2832 Parkhaven Drive, Plano, TX 75075

#### Task Force Attendees

Eric Atchley; Mike Auer; Caitlin Bailey-Garafola; Jeff Banner; Jessica Bartnick; Deni Bleggi; John Boog-Scott; Penny Chapman; Rick Cinclair; Michael Cook; Jennifer Denton; Suzanne Drotman; Jill Engelking; Chris Glasscock; Cody Graham; Sharon Hirsch; Khalid Ishaq; Marshall Jackson; Mona Kafeel; Bob Kehr; Jenna Maynard; Octavio (Tavo) Oropeza; Julie Richard; Coty Rodriguez-Anderson; Dina Rowe; Kale Sears; Joanna Spiars; Ryan Steele; Kelley Thomas; Julie Thrift; Bill Tiede; Mike Waid

### Staff Attendees

Beth Brockman; Tonya Brown, Karen Buechman; Steve Ewing; Gloriane Fernandez; Matt Frey; Susan Hayes; Johnny Hill; Ashley Hipp; Karen Kalhoefer; Lariza Liner; Gloria Martinez; Sherra McGaha; Mandi Murphy; Shannon Patterson; Tony Pearson; Kara Posey; Juan Ramos; Lesley Range-Stanton; Courtney Reeves; Mark Skinner; Jeff Smith; Jill Stoker; Patrick Tanner; Dash Weerasinghe; Jason Wink; Theresa Williams

## Welcome: Marshall Jackson, Bond Task Force Co-Chair

Marshall Jackson, Co-Chair, Bond Task Force opened the meeting at 6:31p.m. He welcomed all members and explained we will review the community polling survey and go over the agenda including a recap of the last 5 months of meetings and consensus. Marshall mentioned reviewing the executive summary, ballot language and tax implications, as well as the next steps of a possible future bond election.

## Recap of the Process - Task Force Charge: Dr. Ken Helvey, Facilitator

The Task Force Charge: Analyze data, study district needs, recommend projects for a possible future bond election. The group should vet all possible things that need to be considered in order for the district to be the "District of Excellence" All projects were carefully considered and given a thorough needs assessment. The group was also encouraged to include projects they deemed important that were not considered in the early part of the process.

The Task Force was a large group and had an extensive amount of data to evaluate, thus the



need to separate into individual Task Force work groups, which allowed a deeper dive into each potential project. Task group leaders then gave presentations outlining each project considered in their group. The total Task Force then re-convened and voted (90% passing rate needed for each vote) on every project which is how the final project list was derived. Bond Counsel then needed time to create the propositions of the bond. About the time of the last Bond Task Force meeting on May 26, 2022, there was a school shooting at Uvalde Robb Elementary School. Much information has come out which may cause some possible additions to look at in relation to the District's security needs.

Dr. Helvey then turned the meeting back to Marshall Jackson to review the Board Meeting and the timeline. Marshall attended the June 16th Plano ISD Board Meeting and presented an overview of the projects and work of the Bond Task Force and the timeline moving forward. Marshall stated the next process was the polling of the community, getting their opinions of the propositions and related numbers. The polling data is now available and will be presented by Baselice and Associates, Inc.

The administration has heard from our community regarding safety and security in light of recent events. There may be additional dollars added to the agreed upon amount to accommodate additional safety and security needs.

# Additional Needs: Johnny Hill, Deputy Superintendent Business and Employee Services

The school district has received a large outcry from the community in light of recent events regarding the safety and security of our district. The state is requiring a lot of work from districts to prepare for the start of the school year. We will propose to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting on August 2nd the hiring of safety and security consultants PBK Architects to do an in depth assessment of our facilities. Currently for the safety and security portion of the proposed bond, we have radios access equipment and window film; not an aggressive security assessment. After much consideration, it was determined that an additional \$40 million should be added to the bond in Proposition A to cover all the security measures needed. We will look for state and federal funding if available.

PISD has communicated to the community that we are evaluating the campus security needs as well as hiring the safety consultants.

There is a communication plan that will go out to parents that will address the safety and security issues.

When comparing bond propositions from other districts - Proposition A's and B's are passing at a 60% rate and Proposition C's and D's are passing at a much lower rate.

The Ballot language was reviewed with the task force. The Ballot will list out each proposition. Our tax rate has reduced approximately by .18 cents from our last bond in 2016, mainly due to tax compression. Our tax rate will continue to decrease as long as our property values continue to rise. The property value is set by the County Appraisal District, not the school district.



### Debt:

Texas policy states an entity can go out up to 40 years to repay debt. The Plano ISD debt policy is to pay off our debt in no more than 20 years.

The Cost of Construction Index (CCI) is constantly rising. If this bond does not pass, construction costs will be approximately 42% higher when going out for the next bond proposal in 6 years. Plano ISD has not had a tax increase since 2013, which was related to a Tax Ratification Election (TRE), not due to a bond. The Plano ISD tax rate is the second lowest in Collin County. Frisco ISD has the lowest tax rate due their growth and higher tax compression. Johnny then introduced Matt Gamble of Baselice and Associates, Inc.

# Polling Information: Matt Gamble, Baselice and Associates, Inc.

Matt Gamble of Baselice and Associates, Inc. presented the results of a polling survey conducted between June 29th and July 5th. This survey polled 400 Plano ISD community members

Polling Results

# Additional Polling of Task Force and Information: Dr. Ken Helvey and Sherri Sides, Facilitators

Dr. Helvey polled the task force on the additional \$40 million funding to the Safety and Security portion of the bond. The requested amount passed with a consensus.

Sherri Sides then encouraged the Task Force to give them talking points of the bond and what helped them understand the needs and process.

## Next Steps: Marshall Jackson, Bond Task Force Co-Chair

The two Co-Chairs, Marshall Jackson and Rick Cinclair will give a bond presentation to the Plano ISD Board of Trustees at the next board meeting on August 2, 2022. Marshall asked the sub committee leaders to attend the board meeting to assist with any in depth questions that arise regarding their committee.

Marshall then thanked the group for their participation and dedication to this bond and District. Marshall said that for the last 24 bonds that have been called, 100% of them passed. The community stepped up and passed each bond.

Rick Cinclair also thanked Dr. Helvey and Ms. Sides for their work with the Task Force, citing their professionalism and hard work.

Rick asked the Task Force to contact either Marshall or himself if they would like to be a part of the Political Action Committee (PAC), which will inform the community of the propositions of the bond and is the next step of the bond process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.