

September 30, 2024

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SDMC Metting

Attending:

Klinger Casquete; Linda Chen; Keisha Berry; John Santos; Laurie Schultz; Reuben Nicholas; Terrell Simien; Jennifer Green; Johanna Rivas; Erica Dean; Beatriz Sweeney; Nancy Moreno; Kimberly Lewis

Agenda: 4:15pm-5:15pm

- Welcome SDMC members
- Introduction/Celebrations
- Current information presentation
- Final statements

Minutes:

Topics presentation by Mr. Casquete:

Mr. Casquete provided updates on the current Bond Renovation Proposal.

He explained that the bond estimated is \$4.4 billion and it is expected that there will be no tax increased for the community taxpayers. Out of these \$4.4billion there is 1 billion for safety and healthy campuses, there is another billion to get the school ready, and there is 2.2 billion for restoring HISD schools. We are not going to have a totally new building. The proposal is for BCMAR to share location with Blackshear Elementary School. It is called the co-location of two schools in one building with different administrations and systems. It was also mentioned that the facilities are very old and with a lot of maintenance problems. Baylor is 99 years old and it's becoming more difficult to maintain the building with placing work orders every time that things break. It is estimated that the total investment for Baylor would be \$34 million: Blackshear would be allocated less than this amount. If this project is approved on November's elections, it will be expected that the building will be ready to open in 2028. Department Bond proposal did not mention closing of schools at all. In the case of Baylor and Blackshear, we will have two educational systems, middle school and elementary school in the same building but with two different administrations. It was also mentioned the importance of conducting a process that is transparent and one that voters can trust and feel confident about that the money is utilized appropriately. It was also explained that there are oversight groups or committees to ensure that the process is transparent. Among these groups is the school board, an additional committee, there is also the public dashboard as well as an auditing process. Before the project was conceived, there was a very extensive consultation to come up with the dollar amounts to be proposed. We are all waiting to see if the proposed bond will pass during November 4th election. In the meantime, we will continue having conversations with community

SDMC, PTO, Faculty and Staff and other shareholders. Some of the meetings will be conducted in conjunction with Blackshear's principal, Ms. Brown.

Clarification Questions from SDMC Members:

SDMC Members had the opportunity to ask clarification questions to Mr. Casquete regarding operational procedures like arrival and dismissal for the two campuses.

Closing:

The meeting concluded with members expressing some concerns like the possibility of losing Blackshear as they did with Ryan MS in the past.

Meeting adjourns at 5:15pm.

Next Meeting: