

Longview ISD Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes February 3, 2025

Leah Hickman made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passes.

Construction and Planning Updates

- **Longview High School Renovations**

- RP's are going out and are focused on flooring, painting and lighting upgrades
- The original floor plans are back and packages with drawings have been put together
- There is a projected savings of \$4,803
- The group wants to know who will be in charge of these projects regarding what happens with new spaces
 - Confirmed that the staff in charge of these programs will be included in discussions
- Confirmed that Fine Arts and the band hall will be expanded. It was noted that the band expansion will be challenging but is doable

- **LHS Cafeteria**

- Currently approving architects
- Plan to expand the existing cafeteria, do interior facelifts and focus on making it a place students want to go into
- Some of the breezeway will be used for cafeteria expansion
- Architects are looking at an outdoor patio but plan to work with what's already there
- Question was asked about the current cafeteria seating and that information will be confirmed
- Noted that a lot of students currently eat in classrooms
- Leah Hickman commented that the administration planned this fall for all students to have lunch at the same time but this didn't work. Wants to make sure this doesn't happen again before the renovation is complete
- Question was asked about who is leading the discussions and was told that, once the architect is approved, the staff in charge of the cafeteria will be included in the planning and the superintendent will give final approval

- **Fencing**

- Rolling gates will be installed that have remote access
- Fencing will be built to the bus entrance and there could be some temporary fencing put into place before official construction
- Gates will have remote access from a computer
- Students will have to go through the guard shack to leave campus

- The public will still be able to access Lobo Stadium track but not the campus
- Fencing costs have been approved with lightning totalling \$4 million and fencing construction/materials totaling \$803,303

Procedeo Presentation

- Procedeo is working on 5 new construction projects
- They presented a budget update with bond funds split into 3 buckets of money
 - Note: Procedeo, E-4 and other direct purchasing for services required must be done by LISD
- Presented the status of the design phase and noted there has been a little delay in surveys
- **CTE**
 - Hit the first milestone (30% of timeline)
 - The current task is getting ready to file for permits
 - The schematic design has a rendering from the architect. Procedeo showed the basic concepts and what they are working towards
 - The team is in close conversation with key LHS personnel to determine what's most needed. This includes specific classes (law, etc.) and classroom space
 - The team is moving quickly toward 50% completion with drawings.
 - 8-9 architects come down from Dallas weekly for planning and design
 - The design of the CTE building will have an open atrium in the middle. It's not functional but opens up the space and gives the students a common area
 - The CTE addition will be added to the existing building.
 - All entry/exit doors will have controlled access
- **Transportation**
 - Design is 25% complete
 - There will be new renderings given to the school board at the February 10 meeting
 - New parking and building facelifts are planned
- **Early Childhood Center**
 - The plan is at 30% of completion
 - The new site will have convenient parking and drop-offs off of Green Street and will have two entrances for efficiency and safety
 - The designers want to take advantage of the "wow" factor of the new building since you can see it from I-10

- There will be a minimum of 30 classrooms, a library, kitchen, gymnasium and expanded Pre-K access
- The creek can't be touched because it's FEMA protected. An application has been sent to FEMA but this process can take a long time because they have to convince FEMA that flooding won't occur during construction
 - The purpose of this is to create a new entrance off Ridgecrest
- **Multi-Purpose**
 - The design is 25% completed
 - Will be built in the site of the current softball field
 - There are renderings of the indoor practice facility, weight room (8,000 sq. ft.) classrooms and offices
 - There will still be a small outdoor practice area
 - There is a planned bank which would give students the opportunity to gain work experience.
 - There was discussion about whether the bank would allow the public to come onto campus and group was assured there will be a separate entrance
 - This will be part of CTE finance classes and curriculum
 - This is feature being added to a number of schools around the state and a good opportunity for LISD to add for students
 - The Lobo Store will also be in this facility
 - The first floor will have storage, golf simulator, restrooms and locker rooms, weight rooms, a lounge area and offices
 - The doors will be locked by the coaches and students must be allowed inside so that no one can just walk in and go inside
 - The second floor will dedicate the majority of the space to the Culinary program. This allows for banquets and events. The 11th and 12th graders will use this space for classes
 - The beauty of this space is that it's flexible and functional
 - The multi-purpose center allows LISD to have even more CTE space and is a full educational facility
 - The group gave special thanks to the entire team who is working so hard to put this multi-purpose in the heart of campus.
 - The architects, Precedeo and other key team members have listened to the community's input and are continuing to gather complete information.
 - The team is committed to doing this the right way by being transparent, accountable and talking with the public throughout the process
 - Information and input from the community dictated the path

- **Natatorium**

- The house is fully torn down (this area is the site of the softball field and natatorium)
- The design is between 15-20% completed
- The focus right now is the interior drawings
- They are working on the crosswalk design which will be presented at a later date
- There will be concession stands and parking
- The plan is to have two bridges to the natatorium
- There is concern about adding parking to the current green space. An additional parking lot is being discussed to accommodate sporting events
 - There is discussion about exactly how much parking will be added. The multi-purpose facility will add several hundred parking spots.
 - A lot of parking will be built between the natatorium and the softball field
- There are currently no plans for the City of Longview to partner with the natatorium and they plan to build an outdoor pool.
 - LISD answers to our voters alone
 - The city can get on board but will not change LISD's plans

- **Current athletic building**

- There is still discussion about what will be done with the current athletic building
- The Lobo Den space is under discussion as to whether or not some of the current facilities will be renovated
- **Tennis**
- 4 new covered tennis courts will be constructed
- New dressing and locker rooms will also be built

- **XC**

- Conversations and planning are definitely in the mix
- The XC course will be included in the plan
- Details and all renovations and features are still being discussed
- The city wants to do something with Spring Hill Road and there are discussions about what can be shifted to allow for a new XC course

- Note: there is a LOT of planning left to do. It could be 4-5 years before everything is completed because the team wants to be thoughtful and accountable and do it right
- Matthew Prosser noted that LISD is trying to create a campus that surrounds the students. It is very important to keep the students safe and cozy.
- In all things, LISD is fulfilling the mandates of the board that the voters chose

- There are some discussions about updates to the visitor's side of the stadium (facelift, concessions) but nothing has been determined

ION Wave Technologies

- The website **bids.lisd.org** is where all bidding opportunities are listed
 - To submit a bid you must create an account and can get alerted about new opportunities
 - All of this can be tracked for consistency and is fully transparent
- Bids are open to all vendors
- There is no favoritism in the bids. LISD will choose who is doing the best work and is the best fit

Next Meeting

- Possible dates:
 - Monday, May 5
 - Monday, August 4
 - Monday, November 3
- The LISD School Board receives regular reports where action items and details are presented

Meeting adjourned