Welcome! Share Questions and Feedback

Before our meeting officially starts, please use post-it notes to share **your questions** and **feedback you've heard from other residents**.





PLANNING COMMITTEE Meeting #6: Tuesday, Dec 19, 2023



Welcome

Dr. Deana Steeber Superintendent

Valued Committee Member

- · Ask Questions
- · Do Research
- · Value in All Opinions
- · learn from Each Other · Speak from V
- · Be involved own it.
- · Think about Future Needs Try to Understand Why Book Failed
 I dentifying Mitainformation
 Share Facts

Meeting Norms

- Presentations and activities will begin by 5:30 pm
- Committee members are expected to attend each meeting, as information and understanding builds from one meeting to the next
- Keep phones and other devices on silent
- Be a valued committee member



Tonight's Agenda

- Meeting #5 Recap
- Establishing Consensus
- Slido Input & Re-Vote
- Q&A and Construction Budget Info
- Final Vote to Reach Consensus, if needed Recommendation
- Educating the Community
- Looking Ahead / Important Dates



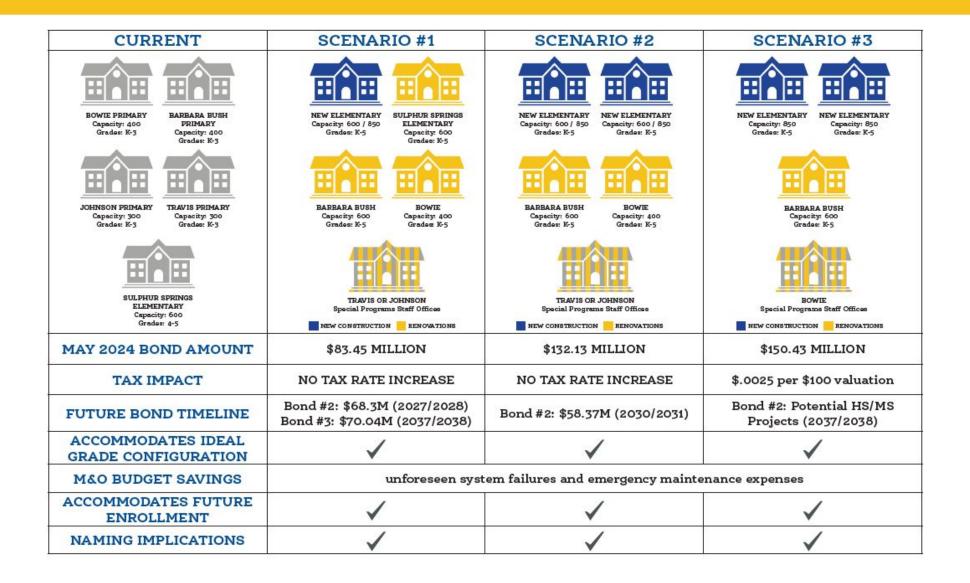
Meeting #5 Recap

- Three ES scenarios emerged:
 - 1 new ES (approximately \$80M total)
 - 2 new ESs (approximately \$132M)
 - 2850 ESs and 1600 ES (address all ES)
- Committee members showed interest/passion toward particular scenarios
- Committee members were asked to have conversations with neighbors and other SSISD residents

Elementary Scenarios



Scenarios At-A-Glance



Scenario 1

| Bond #1 (Timeframe: May 2024) | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| New 600/850 Elementary School (Site TBD) | \$53.78M | | | | | |
| Renovate SSES | \$9.31M | | | | | |
| Renovate Bush ES | \$3.59M | | | | | |
| Renovate Bowie ES | \$12.50M | | | | | |
| Renovate Travis or Johnson ES (staff relocation) | \$2.94M | | | | | |
| Land Acquisition | \$1.33M | | | | | |
| Total | \$ 83.45M | | | | | |
| Douglass ECC | \$6.72M | | | | | |

| Bond #2 (Timeframe: ~2027/28) | | | | | |
|---|----------|--|--|--|--|
| New 600/850 Elementary School (SSES) | \$59.95M | | | | |
| Bush Site Improvements | \$3.26M | | | | |
| SSMS Infrastructure Upgrades | \$5.09M | | | | |
| SSHS Phase I Additions/Renovations | TBD | | | | |
| Total (+SSHS) | \$68.30M | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Bond #3 (Timeframe: ~2037/38) | | | | | |
| Two Elementary Expansions to 850 students | \$70.04M | | | | |
| Total | \$70.04M | | | | |

Total Cost: \$221.79M

Scenario 2

| Bond #1 (Timeframe: May 2024) | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| New Elementary School (SSES) | \$54.86M | | | | |
| New Elementary School (Site TBD) | \$53.78M | | | | |
| Renovate Bush ES | \$6.72M | | | | |
| Renovate Bowie ES | \$12.50M | | | | |
| Renovate Travis or Johnson ES (staff relocation) | \$2.94M | | | | |
| Land Acquisition | \$1.33M | | | | |
| Total | \$132.13M | | | | |
| Douglass ECC | \$6.72M | | | | |

Bond #2 (Timeframe: ~2030/31)

| Elementary Expansions to 850 | \$51.90M |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| SSMS Infrastructure Upgrades | \$6.47M |
| SSHS Phase I Additions/Renovations | TBD |
| Total (+SSHS) | \$58.37M |

Total Cost: \$190.5M

Scenario 3

| Bond #1 (Timeframe: May 2024) | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| New 850 Elementary School (SSES) | \$69.91M | | | | |
| New 850 Elementary School (Site TBD) | \$68.72M | | | | |
| Renovate Bush ES | \$6.72M | | | | |
| Bowie Upgrades (saff relocation) | \$3.75M | | | | |
| Land Acquisition | \$1.33M | | | | |
| Total | \$150.43M | | | | |
| Douglass ECC | \$6.72M | | | | |

Bond #2 (Timeframe: ~2030/31)

| SSMS Infrastructure Upgrades | \$6.47M |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| SSHS Phase I Additions/Renovations | TBD |
| Total (+SSHS) | \$6.47M |

Total Cost: \$156.9M

Striving for Consensus



Establishing Consensus

As part of the decision-making process, Committee members need to reach consensus before taking a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Definition:

- a general agreement
- the judgment arrived at by most of those concerned
- group solidarity in sentiment and belief;
- concerned with the process of deliberating and finalizing a decision

Examples:Simple MajoritySupermajority51%2/3 is commonly used

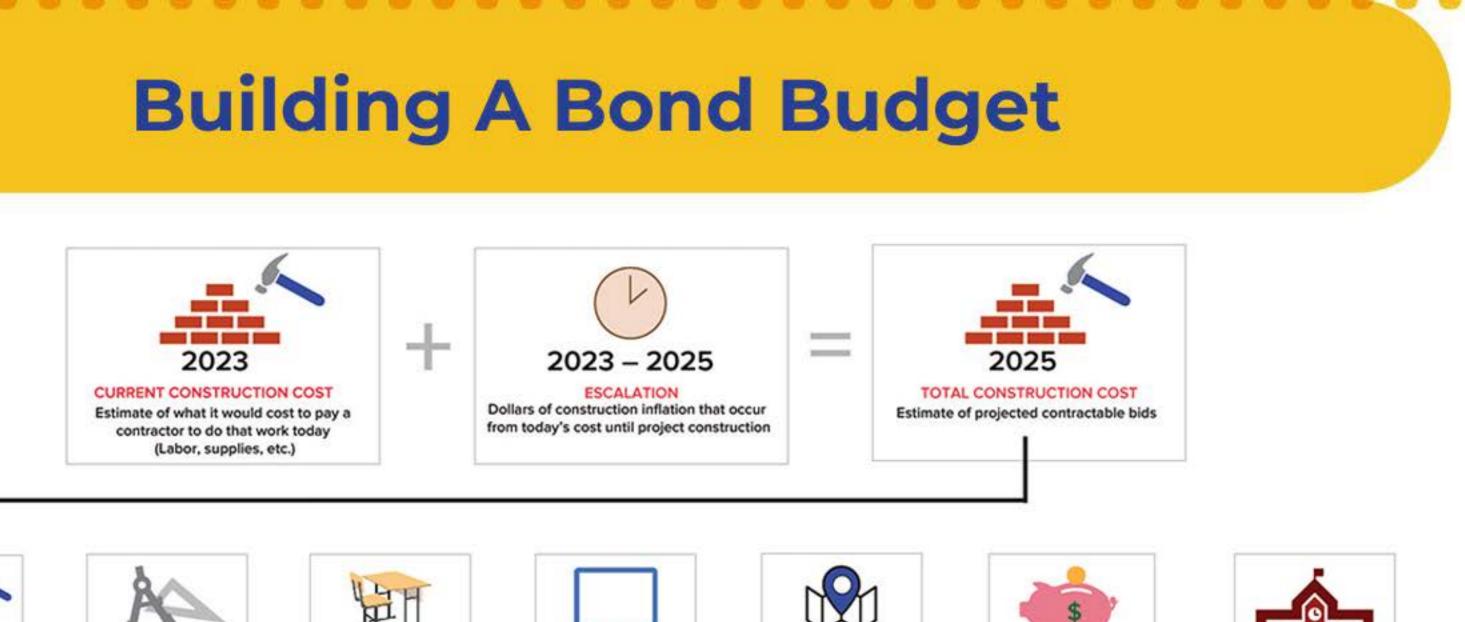


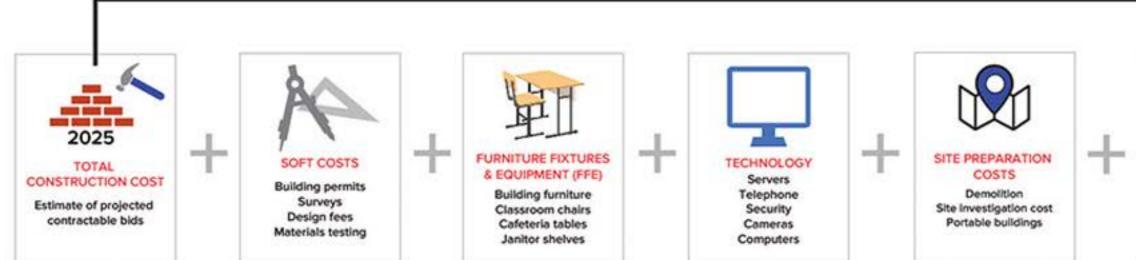
Individual Vote



Additional Construction Budget Information







CONTINGENCY

Emergency fund to cover unforseen/unexpected items such as material spikes, labor shortages or natural disasters





\$55,500,000

2025

Construction Budget

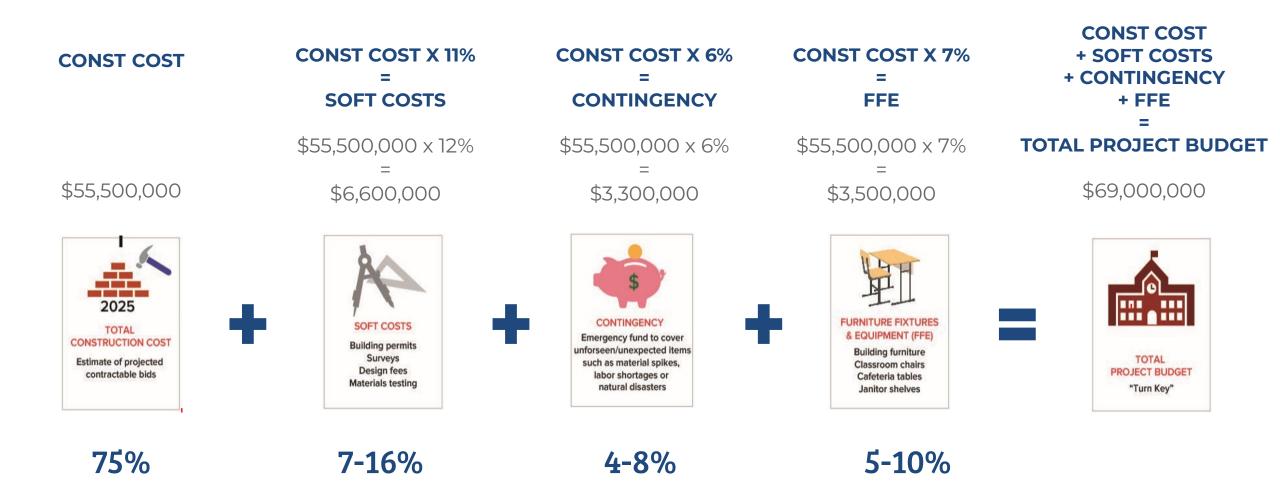


Today, an elementary school in Texas will cost \$428 - \$526 / SF.

We anticipate escalation to increase 8% per year.

We consider location and design complexity.

Project Budget



Budget Questions

How do we know the construction cost/SF?

What if we're wrong about the escalation estimate?

What if we're wrong about the construction estimate?

What is a budget? What is an estimate?

If the escalation or construction cost is less, where does the money go?

If the escalation or construction cost is more, where does the money go?



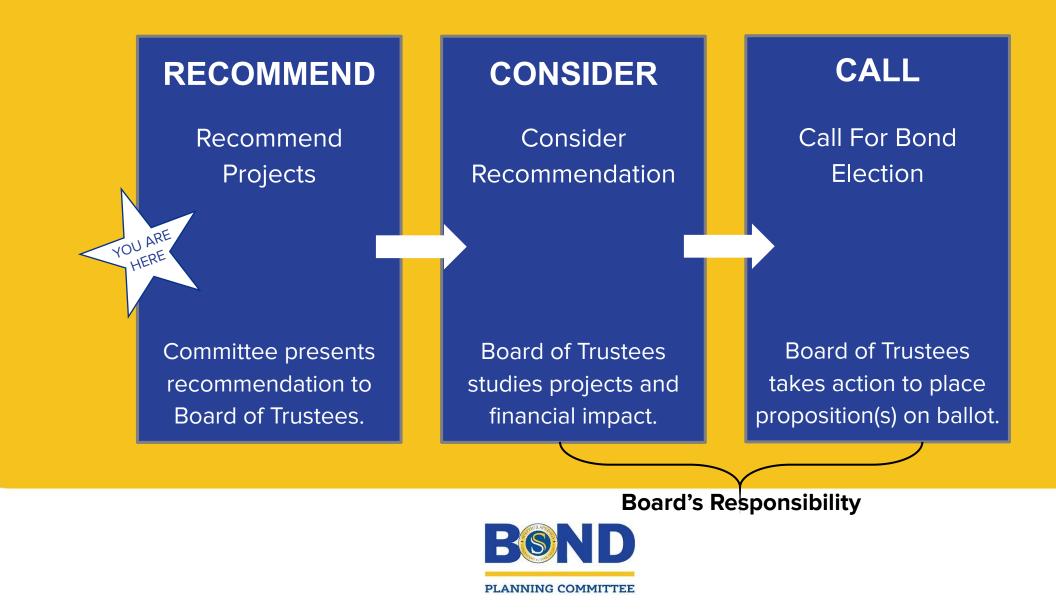
Reach Consensus on Recommendation



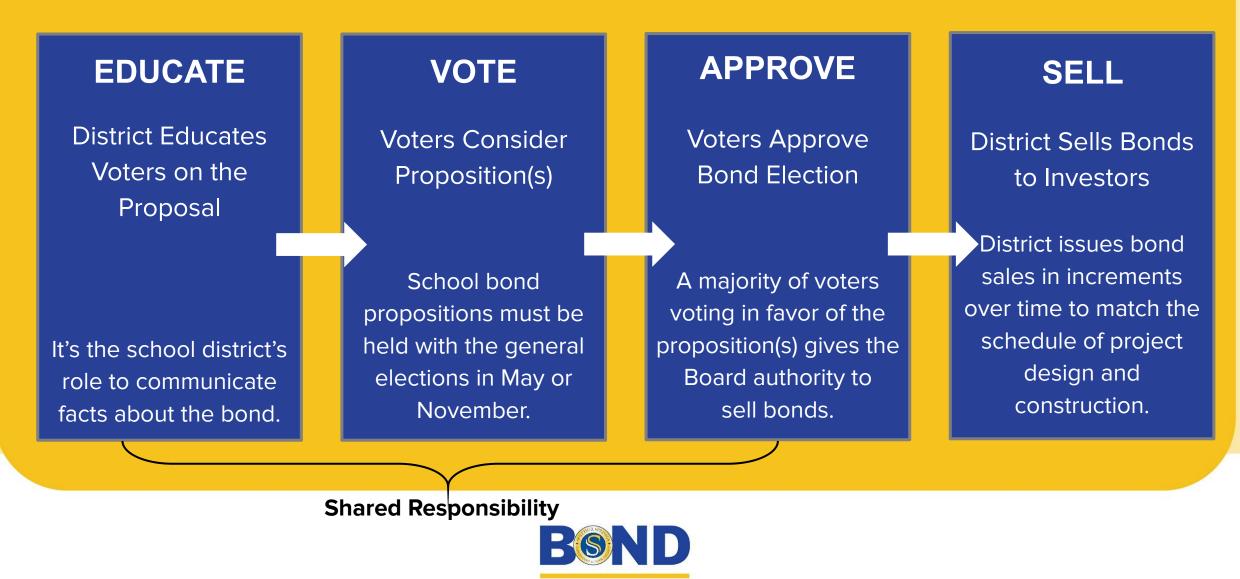
Educating the Community



Next Steps in Process



After Board Calls Election



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After Voters Approve... and SSISD Sells Bonds

| LEVY | DESIGN | BID | CONSTRUCT |
|---|--|--|--|
| Board Levies I&S Tax Rate | Project Design | Projects Bid | Project Construction |
| | Project design is a | | |
| The Interest & Sinking tax rate (set annually) is levied to make annual debt payments. | multifaceted process that begins conceptual and concludes with construction documents. | Projects are bid in the competitive market to select a contractor and get the best value for the district. | Project durations can vary. Construction can take several years for new schools and renovations. |



Roles and Responsibilities

Bond Planning Committee

- Present Recommendation to School Board
- Communicate with Friends, Family and Neighbors

Board of Trustees

- Receive and Study Committee's Recommendation
- Consider Calling Bond Election (Bond Amount & Propositions)
- Take Action by Voting to Call a Bond Election by February 16 (for May 2024 ballot)

SSISD Staff

- Work with Board to Prepare for Calling Election
- Train Staff on Election Ethics
- Engage with Voters / Community Outreach
- Share Facts about Bond Election

Election Ethics

- Section 255.003 of the Texas Election Code prohibits an employee or officer of the district from using school resources, funds or time for political advertising or advocacy.
- Political advertising is a communication that pushes for a particular outcome (passage or defeat) in an election and includes statements made orally or in writing.
- This explains why you won't see Dr. Steeber wearing a t-shirt that says: VOTE YES for THE BOND. Dr. Steeber is always the Superintendent. She does not ever take off her "Superintendent Hat" and put on her "Private Citizen Hat."



Board of Trustees and District Staff

- Board Members and Staff may wear two hats.
- When acting in an official capacity, Board Members and Staff can <u>educate only</u>.

Official Representative



- Board Member
- Coach
- Director
- Teacher
- Staff
- Administrator

<u>Private Citizen</u>

- Private citizen
- Voter
- Friend
- Community activist
- Educator



Educate

- Distribute district-developed materials + share district website
 - Share proposed bond projects & estimated costs
 - Provide information about age and condition of facilities
 - Give tax rate and financial information
- Describe the process
 - Give details about the BPC and the planning that led to the decision to call a bond
- Provide information about voting
 - Project information + ballot language
 - Voter registration information
 - Election dates, times & polling locations



Looking Ahead/ Important Dates



Recommendation to Board of Trustees

Please Attend! Your support of the final recommendation speaks volumes.

Monday, Jan. 22, 2024 Sulphur Springs ISD Board Room 6 pm



Thank you in advance to committee representatives!

Election Dates

| | April 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE | 5 | 6 | | | |
|--------------|--------------|---|-------|--|-----|---------------|--|--|--|
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 BEADLINE TO APPLY FOR BALLOT BY MAIL | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | | | |
| | EARLY VOTING | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | May 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 ELECTION | | | |
| EARLY VOTING | | | | | DAY | | | | |