

Denton Independent School District
2018/2023 Bond Progress Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Location: LaGrone Academy ATC

Committee Members Present:

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| • Dean Anthony | • Todd Price |
| • Becca Burris | • Rod Reeves |
| • Suzanne Danhof | • Brian Roberson |
| • Andrew Evans | • Katie Scholes |
| • LaQuita Harmon | • Shawn Self |
| • Chrissy Mallouf | • Amy Terrell |
| • Anita Martinez-Strickland | • Mike Vance |
| • Susan McGuire-Cooksey | • Artie Williams |
| • Andrew Morris | • Jeff Williams |
| • Nancy Murphy-Chadwick | • Crystal Wright |

DISD Staff Present: Crystle Abbott, Paul Address, Robin Brownwell, Kathleen Carmona, Colby Cervantes, Susan Cheatham, Mary Davis, Jairia Diggs, Vicki Garcia, Barbara Hoyle, Sandra Nulty, Susannah O'Bara, Charlene Parham, Robert Pierce, Lacey Rainey, Deron Robinson, Carla Ruge, Jeff Russell, Luci Schulz, Sarah Simpson, Emily Smith, Kim Smith, Kim Stevenson, Jennifer Stewart, Caleb Straughan, Phil Thomas, Reece Waddell, Leigh Ann Weaver, Cindy Willis, Jamie Wilson, Wally Younger, Julia Zwahr

Other Attendees:

Jonathan Aldis – VLK Architects

Dr. Jaime Wilson, Superintendent, welcomed everyone to LaGrone ATC and introduced Marcus Bourland, the Principal at LaGrone.

Marcus Bourland, Principal at LaGrone ATC, welcomed everyone to LaGrone. He is very glad to host this event here at LaGrone. It is exciting to show everyone that put so much effort into the planning and was a part of the process the building finished. When you hear and see the kids engaging with one another as you walk around you will see that is really what it is all about. We serve about 2200 students on campus over a two-day period who come and go from our four different High Schools. We have about 200 students full time all day enjoying the space. Thank you for all that you do, and he is excited to meet everyone.

Dr. Jaime Wilson, Superintendent, in 2006 LaGrone opened, and programs became so populated that we had to add on. In the 2018 bond as you can see here, we had to add on, and in the 2023 bond there is another center to go up in the Eastern center of the district in the Town of Crossroads and additional expansions of this building.

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Dr. Jaime Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

Dr. Jaime Wilson, Superintendent, Explained that in this meeting you will see the financial report, bond sale update and the construction report. The construction report is still the 2018 bond. When we get together in November, we will begin phasing to the 2023 bond. If someone was in the 2018 bond oversight and would like to stay in the 2023 bond oversight, you are welcome to.

Kathy Lawson has been the chair for some time now but can no longer continue to do so. We will elect a new chair in November if you are interested.

Nancy Murphy-Chadwick, committee member, welcomed everyone and called for the minutes for the April 26, 2023, meeting to be approved. Motion by Mike Vance and seconded by Jeff Williams to approve the minutes.

Sarah Simpson, Director of Budget and Bonds, informed us that the remaining funds from the 2013 bond have been spent down and is now finished. The 2018 Bond financials focus on Newton Rayzor Elementary, Calhoun Middle School, LaGrone ATC budgets. Details on all projects are listed on the Denton ISD website.

Jennifer Stewart, Executive Director of Budget, Denton ISD had the largest bond sale in the state of Texas, and the largest bond sale in the country for the week of July 10-14, 2023. Resulting in payments of \$29,940,817 **less** than originally anticipated, saving taxpayers money. Denton ISD has had smart decision making from the Board of Trustees all the way down and maintained the "AA" bond rating that has had positive results. All 2023 Bond Sale information is located on the Denton ISD website.

Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations, Denton ISD will be investing \$705 million in a three-year period. We will work with the construction department to follow a project cashflow timeline need. Our projected investment income is \$57.9million, and that excludes earnings on cash and reinvestments. All 2023 Bond Investment information is located on the Denton ISD website.

Dr. Jaime Wilson, What happens to those dollars? If growth were to continue to go fast and you needed another elementary school at the end of this bond you would have the resources to do that. You would also pay down the debt early. The committee would send in a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on how the money could be spent.

Robert Pierce, Chief Technology Officer, In the 2018 bond printer refresh saved 1.5 million, and that is coming up again. The camera refresh was done in the 2018 bond and the high-definition cameras are excellent and save time. 82 projects are happening in the 2023 bond including getting caught up to life cycles. New chrome books will be given to kinder, 5th & 9th grade students to keep with them for 4 years and given a new one at the next block year. Next year the project is the zero blind spot initiative. This initiative is to put extra cameras on every campus and have them streaming 24/7.

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Caleb Straughan, Construction Coordinator, presented information regarding the renovations underway to Newton Rayzor Elementary, Calhoun Middle School Replacement, LaGrone ATC, Hill Elementary and Martinez Elementary. He also gave an update on future upcoming projects that are in the planning and design phases. Information on the projects is on the Denton ISD website to view and the time lapse videos are updated weekly to the website. Caleb also presented to the committee the previous, current, and upcoming progress of the following projects:

Calhoun Middle School project

Tasks completed previous 90 days:

- Walls, Windows and Door Frame Installation
- MEP Utilities Installed in Existing Buildings
- Texture & Paint in Progress
- Piers, Grade Beams and Utilities in New Buildings
- New Turf on Football Field

Upcoming tasks:

- Texture, Paint & Tile in progress
- Existing Roof Repairs
- Concrete Building and Steel Structure in New Buildings
- New Track Surface
- Concrete Parking and Utilities
- Permanent Power and Conditioned Air Installed

Newton Rayzor Elementary School project

Tasks completed previous 90 days:

- Concrete Building Slab
- Steel Structure including Roof Installed from Admin Offices thru Kitchen
- Wall & MEP Started
- Utilities Installed

Upcoming tasks:

- Site Drives and Parking
- Steel Structure and Roof
- Walls, Windows and Brick under construction
- Storm Shelter
- Permanent Power and Conditioned Air Installed

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LaGrone Advanced Technical Center project

Tasks completed previous 90 days:

- New Addition –
 - Millwork and Lab Casework
 - Wainscot and Restroom Tiling
 - Tape, Bed and Paint
 - Electrical and Plumbing Fixtures
 - Ceilings

Upcoming tasks:

- New Addition –
 - Finish Punch Lists
 - Warranty Work
 - Finish Job Out Financially

The next meeting will be held at Cheek Middle School on November 15th, 2023, Noon.

Nancy Murphy-Chadwick will be presenting before the Board of Trustees on September 26, 2023.

Meeting ended at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, the Denton ISD, Construction, Planning, & Growth Team