

2020 Citizens' Bond Committee Questions 5-18-20

General Questions

1. During my entire career I have never had an occasion to use, nor been told by statistical experts, that you can get a full view of opinion without having a broader range of choice than the committee survey allows for. Based on my experience, I believe the survey is flawed on its face. The survey assumes that all choices are prematurely agreeable to all participants. A survey of the type used, by the committee, only narrows a previously expressed positive agreement to the questions. That affirmative had not been established by the committee up to the point of taking the survey. During meeting #4 the consensus bar was lowered to 75% from 80%. This was done when there was already a survey that said these items did not meet the 80% acceptance bar. The changing of the bar is inappropriate without prior notice to all committee participants. When you do this you discount the previous votes. Imagine going to the polls and voting for your favorite candidate and then the looses decides to get some voters to change the rules on a bond issue after the vote. What would you say to that?

The facilitator created several tools to gather input from the 2020 Citizens' Bond Committee. The intent of each tool is not to be scientifically accurate, but rather, its purpose is to help move the dialogue of the committee forward. Ultimately, the charge of the committee is to provide a recommendation to the School Board on a potential 2020 Bond referendum. The survey and poll are just two of the ways the facilitator and the committee can gauge interest or disinterest in certain items for potential inclusion or future discussion.

2. There was discussion regarding land purchases. Does the district have a land bank for future development? If they do, how much of the land that the district currently owns will be used for the 2020 buildings proposed? How much of the land being proposed for purchase has been studied for the appropriate future use of the district?

The District has funds allocated to purchase needed lands from the 2017 Bond Election. Attached is a document outlining the land funds from the 2017 Bond and the proposed land funds in the 2020 needs assessment.

3. There was discussion of the 2003 Master Plan as a basis of the driving force for the proposals in 2020 bond proposal. I have heard committee members state the district administrators and the school board talk from time to time on the Master Plan. I would ask what changes have been made to the plan since 2003? Can these be documented for me?

The charge of the Citizens' Bond Committee is to provide a recommendation to the School Board on a potential 2020 Bond referendum. The Master Plan Principles are

solely a School Board decision. As outlined in the “2020 Citizens’ Bond Committee Questions 4-27-20” document, General Questions #5: *The Master Plan Principles have been periodically revisited. Feedback from the community is solicited regarding the number of students per campus and academic impact of changes. The School Board also reviews the Master Plan Principles prior to every bond planning process. The Master Plan Principles are a Board decision. They guide the work of the Citizens’ Bond Committee, but the committee does not have any input into the Master Plan Principles. The Master Plan Principles are attached for your review. They are also posted online.*

The School Board reviewed the Master Plan Principles prior to the 2020 Citizens’ Bond Committee and has plans to review the Master Plan Principles in detail, which will occur in the coming months.