



## **KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*The community of KISD will educate our students to achieve their highest standards of performance engaging them in exceptional opportunities.*

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### **Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes The Keller ISD Education Center Board Room 350 Keller Parkway, Keller, TX 72648 Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

**Present: Cheri Moeller, Heather Washington, John Klein, Julie Nors, Karina Davis, Lloyd Condon, Lourdes Vigoren, Paul Hughey, Sandi Williamson, Shellie Johnson**

Paul Hughey welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He discussed the agenda and stated that the bond team was very busy with over 30 campuses in some sort of construction activity this summer.

Paul shared the Bond program financial metrics as of June 9, 2021. A total of \$227,565,667 of the \$315M has been encumbered and of that amount \$80,340,972 has been paid to vendors to date. Please refer to slide 4.

Next was a review of the projects in construction and projects in design. Paul highlighted the schedule and stated that we are behind on a couple of projects which is not unusual during the construction phase and in many instances get caught up. The team will continue to monitor progress and assess impacts to schedules. Please refer to slides 5 and 6.

Paul then discussed the projects to be presented to the Board on June 21 and July 26. A committee member asked why Florence was getting new playground equipment and not Heritage. Paul stated that Heritage has playground equipment that is less than two years old, and in excellent condition. Please refer to slide 7.

Paul next explained the market challenges we are facing with pricing volatility and delayed lead times, and solutions. We have done some things to buy time back. We reviewed contracts and created templates for all contracts, so vendors now know how we do business and negotiations are taking a lot less time. We are watching what is happening and changing materials where necessary to stay on track. Please refer to slides 8 and 9.

Paul then shared an update of noteworthy projects:

### Florence and Heritage Elementary Schools

We continue to make significant progress at Florence and Heritage. Both campuses will be ready for students and staff for the start of school in August, however, site work will not be finished until November or December. Please refer to slides 10 and 11.

### Parkview and Whitley Road Elementary Schools

As stated in previous meetings, we have had setbacks at Parkview ES and Whitley Road ES due to weather and concrete shortages. However, a significant amount of work is in progress, and we will continue to monitor the schedule and market challenges related to the supply chain. Please refer to slides 12 and 13.

### Fossil Hill Middle School Fine Arts Addition/Renovation Progress

Demolition and utility work is underway for the addition. Gym renovations have started, the lockers were gutted, and the school will essentially have a brand-new gym at the end of the summer. Please refer to slide 14.

### Secure Entry Vestibules Phase No. 2

Work has begun on the secure vestibules for the remaining 10 campuses. We are making great progress in securing the front office areas of our district campuses. This phase includes installing vandal resistant film on all campus vestibule windows. Please refer to slide 15.

### Summer MEP Projects

Paul gave a recap of the extensive MEP projects scheduled throughout this summer. All three contractors are on schedule to complete installations prior to the start of the new school year. Please refer to slide 16.

### Keller Middle School Fine Arts Addition/Renovation Schematic Design

This project is in the schematic design phase and will be presented to the Board on June 21. John Klein from VLK gave an overview of the fine arts addition scope and discussed the select renovations planned for Keller Middle School. Please refer to slides 17, 18, and 19.

The VLK team has been meeting with campus staff and administration on the addition look and feel as well as materials selections. The rendering on slide 20 represents the option that the campus and district would like to achieve but budgets may require a more traditional use of locally available materials as indicated in slide 21. A committee member asked for clarification of what will be included in the addition – drama, art, the gym etc. Paul stated that the project includes the entire fine arts program spaces, a small classroom addition to relocate programs that will be demolished to allow for the fine arts addition and select renovations to end of life infrastructure. The goal is to do as much renovation work as budgets will allow and the team will work with campus administration to prioritize the renovation work.

A committee member asked about furnishings at the new campuses. Paul stated that Florence and Heritage are getting all new student and teacher desks, cafeteria tables and chairs, administrative area furniture etc. All vendors are holding to delivery dates except for one item per Purchasing Director, Lori Vechione.

Florence and Heritage campuses are totally shut down, and we have a contractor doing asbestos abatement work. After the abatement work is completed, we will begin demolition of each

campus. We are salvaging 200-300 bricks per school for anyone interested in taking one as a memento.

A committee member asked about the capacity difference between Florence and Heritage. Paul stated that Heritage added 5<sup>th</sup> grade, so we had to add square footage to accommodate these students and Paul indicated that both campuses were designed to meet anticipated growth over the next ten years. Paul indicated that KISD is not in a large growth mode as there are not a lot of new housing starts within district boundaries remaining. Lloyd Condon stated that the new Parkview campus will also have a 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

There were no further questions and the meeting adjourned at 7:35.