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**Keller Independent School District
The Education Center, Texas I, 350 Keller Parkway, Keller, Texas
Board of School
Trustees**

**Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

Attendance: Mr. Craig Allen, Mr. David Gerda, Mr. Brad Tyler, Mr. Matthew Mucker, Ms. Jennifer Upton, Ms. Bev Dixon, Mr. Hudson Huff, Mr. Billy Kidd, Ms. Karina Davis, Mr. Jim Stitt; Mr. John Grubb; Mr. Lucky Lofton, Ms. Rachel Epperson; Ms. Colleen Demel; JoLynn Haussmann; Ms. Shellie Johnson; Dr. Nasra; Dr. Reid; Leesa Vardeman; Clinton Shiver

Mr. Allen called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Mr. Huff welcomed everyone to the meeting and started the meeting off by having Mr. Kidd speak about his new employees. Mr. Kidd welcomed the committee. He spoke briefly about his two new employees, Mr. Lucky Lofton and Ms. Rachel Epperson.

Mr. Kidd then went on to speak briefly about the renovation at Keller High School. Mr. Kidd introduced Ms. Leesa Vardeman and Mr. Clinton Shiver from VLK Architects. They showed the committee a power point presentation on the proposed renovations. Ms. Vardeman spoke about the meetings they had with students, staff and parents and how important it was to get a feel for what the District wanted in the building instead of just the architects designing a building. They reviewed the scope of the bond renovations; alignment of feeder patterns, classroom additions; band hall and fine arts expansion; science lab renovations, restroom renovations, cafeteria and administration renovation; improvement of interior building circulation; secured entry vestibule; parking and traffic improvements; wireless upgrade and network upgrade.

Ms. Vardeman spoke about a few specific items relating to this project. She noted the plans to move the band hall closer to the Fine Arts Center and building a new secured main entry. Ms. Vardeman also noted that this project will be also concentrating on the flow of people in the building, something that is very important because of the many additions on the school over the years. Ms. Vardeman added that the committee spoke about getting natural light into the school. Mr. Shiver noted that there will be a loading dock for the new band hall. He also added that there is a plan to swing the classroom doors into the classrooms instead of into the hallway, which will allow for greater movement in the hallways, as well as moving some walls in the busiest areas. Mr. Shiver also noted that they planned to concentrate the administrative offices on the first floor, and put the classrooms on the second floor. Ms. Demel asked if the added classrooms will be enough so that we will no longer need portables. Mr. Huff said yes. Mr. Huff added that with the new Career Technology school,

KHS will have less students in the building during school hours.

Mr. Gerda asked where the proposed design is on budget. Ms. Vardeman said it was in the target area. Mr. Huff added that at this point there is less square feet but we are in the range proposed. Mr. Gerda asked which was used first, the design or the cost of the design. Mr. Huff said they were cutting back on added square footage, but making more revisions inside to allow for better usage of the current space. Dr. Reid added that they were still adding approximately 24 new classrooms. Dr. Nasra added that he was excited with what VLK has proposed for his school. He added that he has worked with staff to make sure their voices were heard and they were kept up to date on plans.

Ms. Vardeman then moved on to the Bear Creek Intermediate plans. She showed a power point presentation on the plans for this project. She spoke about the scope of the bond for this school; alignment of feeder patterns, classroom addition, security camera system upgrades, technology improvements, updating of HVAC and electrical equipment, public address equipment upgrade, cafeteria sound system upgrade, parking and traffic improvements, wireless upgrade and network upgrades. Mr. Gerda asked about visitor parking at Bear Creek Intermediate. Mr. Huff said he has worked with the City of Keller in the past regarding parking in the front of the school. He added that we are limited because of flooding from Bear Creek.

Mr. Tyler noted that the plan shows more spaces on the west side of the school. Mr. Shiver noted the new fenced in play area and extra parking spaces around it. Ms. Vardeman spoke about the canopy between the parent drop off area and the bus area, saying the canopy will be a good buffer between the two lots. Mr. Huff noted that these plans still have to go before the City of Keller planning and zoning department for approval. JoLynn Hausmann suggested that the large playground area be fenced in to make it safer for the students. Mr. Huff replied that they had looked into fencing part of the area. Dr. Reid added that they would not be able to put a fence around the large area. Mr. Mucker asked about the area in the front of the school and how secure it was from traffic. Dr. Reid noted that there was a ditch between the school property and the road.

Mr. Huff then went on to speak about the Materials Testing Firms. He noted that they considered professional services so a firm is chosen based on fees but also several other factors.

Mr. Huff added that Mr. Kidd will be working with the engineers on our behalf.

Mr. Huff spoke about the importance of getting our projects out as soon as possible to allow us the best choices. He added that at this point we are on budget and on schedule with our plans. April 1st has been scheduled for the next pre bid conference. He added that he is expecting between 200 and 250 contractors at the Education Center. There will be a 30-45 minute presentation, time for questions and then the contractors will be going to the campuses for a walk around. Bid day is April 9th. Mr. Huff extended an invitation to anyone on the committee to participate in this process. He is hoping to take this before the Board at the April 23rd Board Meeting.

Mr. Huff then went on to speak about the upcoming schedule. He said we are on track now and that it was an aggressive schedule but that we could do it. He added that Keller High School and Bear Creek Intermediate were scheduled to start in August. Mr. Huff also added that we will be having many more meetings in the next seven to ten days regarding our

projects.

Mr. Gerda asked about the progress on the land options. Mr. Huff said we had some solid options but were still in negotiations.

Ms. Davis asked if the next meeting was going to be April 9th. Mr. Huff said it was scheduled for then but he would have a better idea next week before he could confirm.

Mr. Allen then spoke to the committee. He said the agenda read "for approval" on a couple of items but that was really only a suggestion. He wanted to make sure everyone on the committee was supportive of these items. No one had any concerns.

Mr. Huff reminded the group that this coming Tuesday will be the next CM@ Risk meeting.

Mr. Allen and Ms. Davis adjourned the meeting.