

**SPECIAL CALLED
MEETING: BOND
PLANNING WORKSHOP**

West Independent School District

Presentation – Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Presenter: David Truitt, Superintendent



THE “WHY”

- Last District Project: 50 Year Decision
- West Explosion: From Five to Seven Grade Levels
- All Means ALL When Planning for & Serving our Students in West
- The Needs from 2017-2018 are even Greater in 2019-2020
 - Accepted the recommendation of the West ISD Strategic Planning Team
 - Unanimously Called the Bond for \$20,000,000.
 - Believed in the Vision then... Believe in the Vision now
 - Student Enrollment: Grown 69 Students over the Past Three Years; Now at 588 Students



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- **Not Just One Thing...**
- Facility Layout and Hallway Space
- Classroom and Lab Setting
Technology for the Students
- Bathroom Space (Early Childhood needs bathrooms in their classrooms.)
- Cafeteria and Kitchen Space
- Classroom Size for Older Students
- Elective, Intervention, and Special Education Space
- Bus and Student Drop-off and Pick-up
- Secure Front Entrance
- Meeting and Work Space
- Additional Classroom & Storage Space
- Playground Equipment for Early Childhood Grades and Surface
- Staff and Visitor Parking
- Library Space
- Proximity to Interstate 35
- ADA Compliance
- AC Units
- Wiring, Electrical Plugs, and Wireless Network



STRATEGIC PLANNING

Option	Idea/Considered Response
Option 1	Add Temporary Buildings at Current Campus
Option 2	Remove one grade level from the Current Campus
Option 3	Renovate and/or add-on to the Current Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1,495,000. (Roofing, Fire Alarm, Sprinkler System, Electrical Work, ADA Accessibility, Fencing, and HVAC Work)• \$8,640,000. (All Functional Space)• \$13,219,000. (Expansion of the Kitchen and Cafeteria, New Classroom Wing, and New Art Room)
Option 4	Build new at the Current Campus
Option 5	Build new at a New Site



2018 BOND ELECTION RECAP

PROPOSED 2018 BOND TOTAL

\$20,000,000

The 2018 West ISD construction model of 80,000 sq. feet at \$213 would have been approximately \$17,040,000. It included 32 Prekindergarten through Grade 5 Academic Classrooms and all Shared/Support Areas. (Note: This was for construction costs only and did not include architect fees, furniture, technology, playground equipment, etc.)



WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND

2018

EARLY VOTING **ELECTION DAY**
APRIL 23 – MAY 1 SATURDAY, MAY 5

The sign is a rectangular graphic with a black border. At the top, it reads 'WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT' in a small, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the word 'BOND' is written in large, bold, black letters. A circular logo is positioned between the 'O' and 'N' of 'BOND'. The logo features a white outline of the state of Texas with the word 'West' in red script across it, and 'WEST, TEXAS' in small black letters below. Underneath 'BOND', the year '2018' is written in large, bold, red letters. At the bottom of the sign, there are two columns of text: 'EARLY VOTING' and 'ELECTION DAY' in bold black letters, with 'APRIL 23 – MAY 1' and 'SATURDAY, MAY 5' in smaller black letters below them respectively.



ELECTION TOTALS

2018 WEST ISD BOND				
YES/NO/TALLY	EARLY VOTING	MAIL BALLOTS	ELECTION DAY	TOTAL
FOR	235	58	175	468
AGAINST	205	66	258	529
TOTAL	440	124	438	1002

With 5 non-votes **+30** **-8** **-83** **-61**

- 71% of Eligible West ISD Staff Voted
- 35% of all Voters were 65 and Older
- 9% of Eligible West Elementary School Parents Voted



2018 BOND PROJECT ELECTION FEEDBACK

- Get back to a “Grassroots Movement” with the Bond information
- Acquire the needed acreage for the new school site
- Complete a new campus rendering of the outside of the campus (even show how it would sit on the new land)
- Complete a layout of the new campus (even list square footage and how many classrooms, offices, electives, etc.) and list the “as accurate as possible” construction cost
- Call for a Bond amount less than the District’s Bond Capacity; Do not max out the Bond
- “Value engineer” the new campus
- Keep the design of the new campus below 700-750 students



BOND ELECTION FEEDBACK – CONT.

- Reduce the West ISD tax rate
- Improve communication and discussion of the new Bond tasks and timeline with the community; Frontload if possible
- Consider a different architect and construction company for the next Bond
- Rethink the voting location
- Craft a voter registration campaign
- Increase the compensation plan for all West ISD staff members
- Improve the West Elementary School state accountability rating and letter grade
- Complete other district projects



BOND ELECTION FEEDBACK – CONT.

Added during the July 16 Meeting...

- Complete the clean-up of the Intermediate Campus and old Trojan Field sites AND sell the land
- Craft a plan for the current WES campus if the Bond is approved
- Improve the staff retention rate at West Elementary

