



LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

MEETING NO. 2

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Time of Meeting: 6:00 pm
Place of Meeting: Middle School North Library

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Welcome – Committee chairman Bryan D’Spain welcomed members, asking first that U.S. military service veterans stand to be recognized. He emphasized that this meeting would focus primarily on information gathering, specifically in the areas of enrollment growth and school finance. He introduced Bob Templeton of Templeton Demographics, noting that the company is highly regarded for its work throughout the state in helping school districts project enrollment and plan for growth.

Templeton Demographics – Bob Templeton walked the committee through his report, highlighting several points:

- BISD ranked 6th in Region 20 in enrollment growth
- New home construction: BISD is 4th in SA region. 1,357 current lots for new housing within district boundaries; 11,496 “future lots” which addresses capacity for residential growth over an extended period of time.
- “It is not a matter of if your enrollment will grow, it is a matter of how fast.”
- 505 home starts through third quarter of this year; 650-700 in 2015 estimated.
- Templeton gave a detailed overview neighborhoods under development currently. (See report)
- BISD enrollment forecast information: 7,879 student in the district for the October 30 snapshot that is presented to Texas Education Agency. But the district will be growing all year long.
- Not uncommon for 9th grade to be largest grade in virtually all high schools in Texas, due to having students get the right number of credits to advance to the next grade.
- BISD is a “destination district.” Many families begin making decisions about where they want their children to attend school as they enter and pass through the elementary grades. The classroom teacher drives experience at elementary level; however, when students get older, parents start looking at middle/high schools with good academics, good extracurricular opportunities.
- Templeton places Boerne ISD in a category along with districts such as Aledo, Spring Branch, Southlake Carroll in terms of desirability and the rate at which families move into the area for the schools.
- “I have 100 percent confidence you will get to 12,000 students; the only question is when ... 8 years? 10 years? 12 years?”
- Campus capacity: Champion HS attendance zone has more housing starts than Boerne HS zone.
- Templeton addressed how cohort patterns are used to determine projections for neighborhood development and expansion. Retail/commercial growth follows residential rooftops. Mobility in BISD is low compared to some districts.
- A new elementary school in an area is an amenity that draws developers and home builders to the area.
- Full report is posted on the BISD website: www.boerne-isd.net/plan2016.

How School Finance Works & BISD Financial Overview – Tish Grill, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Finance, presented a thorough report on the fundamental and unique aspects of school finance.

- The report (posted at www.boerne-isd.net/plan2016) covered revenue sources, including a discussion about local school taxes.
- Descriptions and uses of the M&O tax and the I&S tax were discussed.
- BISD's status as a Chapter 41 ("Robin Hood") district and the impact of that status was covered.
- The purpose of a district incurring debt was discussed. Becky Petter, as association of Huckabee consultants, walked through the process of calling a bond election, educating voters on the bond referendum and the steps between selling bonds to investors and initiating construction of new school facilities.
- Grill gave a detailed report on the current BISD tax rate, historical tax rates, and comparisons with neighboring districts as well as fast-growth districts around the state.
- Grill addressed the district's current debt and again gave comparisons between BISD and other districts. The committee had a number of questions about the district's capacity to incur additional debt (which will be answered in an upcoming meeting with bond advisor SAMCO) and how BISD compares with other districts in terms of debt per student (that question is being researched and answered as a follow up to the meeting).

Adjourn. D'Spain adjourned the committee until the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm