



COMMITMENT TO  
Classrooms  
FORT WORTH ISD

Citizens Oversight Committee  
Quarterly Report on the  
FWISD 2013 Capital Improvement Program

January 13, 2015

# INTRODUCTIONS

- ❖ Introduce members of Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) who are present.

COC Member	Referred By	Area of Expertise
Benda, Bob*	Fort Worth Chamber	Construction
Brown, Jason D.*	Matthew Avila	Financial Management
Cauthen, Tammi*	Walter Dansby	Banking
Frank, Jennifer*	Ann Sutherland	Parent Leader
Hyry, Molly*	Judy Needham	Parent Leader
Johnson, W. Paul.***	T. A. Sims	Business Community Leader
Manning, Isaac*	Walter Dansby	Land Development
Martinez, Rosalinda**	Jacinto Ramos	Community Leader PTA
McKinney, Tim*	Walter Dansby	Public Agency Coordinator
Morrison, Jonathan*	Christene Moss	Community Leader
Parmer, Travis Q.**	Ashley Paz	Marketing Consultant
Poole, Steven*	Walter Dansby	UEA Representative
Schroeder, Mike**	Norm Robbins	Construction
Villegas, Veronica**	Walter Dansby	Community Leader PTA
Williams, Bert**	Tobi Jackson	Community Leader

# PURPOSE

- ❖ Monitor the District's 2013 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- ❖ Advise the Superintendent & Board of any CIP issues
- ❖ Carry forth the duties of the COC bylaws

# DUTIES

- ❖ Review Expenditures of 2013 CIP
- ❖ Provide Quarterly & Annual Reports

# MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ 15 Members, recommended by the Superintendent, approved by the Board
- ❖ Two or Three year terms
- ❖ Regular meetings, at least quarterly
  - Currently meeting monthly
- ❖ Officers include a Chair and Vice-Chair
  - Isaac Manning – Chair
  - Tammi Cauthen – Vice-Chair

# AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Review copies of the District's annual external audit report
  
- ❖ Suggest improvements to maximize CIP funds
  - Incorporate efficiencies in school design, procurement, and construction.
  - Encourage inter-agency coordination.
  - Encourage participation with underutilized businesses.
  - Monitor compliance with overall CIP schedules, quality and cost.

# BOND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ❖ **Proposition 1** includes District-wide security and technology upgrades at every school, District-wide Pre-Kindergarten, nearly 300 classroom additions, new kitchens and school cafeterias, two new elementary schools, new field houses, Wi-Fi study areas and renovations to bring facilities into compliance with accessibility standards.
- ❖ **Proposition 2** provides funding for a Performing and Fine Arts Academy and a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy.
- ❖ **Proposition 3** is reserved for non-construction items that require periodic refreshing such as school buses, musical instruments and uniforms, furniture and fixtures.

# CIP FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## ❖ FWISD Division of Technology - \$102.6M

**Kyle Davie, Chief Technology Officer**

- Network Electronics - \$27.1M
- Student Mobile Devices (High Schools) - \$15M
- Campus Based Computer/Printer Replacement - \$60.5M

## ❖ FWISD District Operations - \$30M

**Art Cavazos, Chief of District Operations**

- Buses/Vehicles - \$22M
- Furniture, Fixture & Equipment (FF&E) Refresh - \$5.5M
- Student Uniforms & Instruments - \$2.5M

## ❖ CIP Construction/Capital Projects - \$357.3M

**Vicki Burris, Chief Officer of Capital Projects Administration**



# BOARD APPROVED REVISIONS TO 2013 CIP

- ❖ Amended the locations for Pre-K classrooms at six sites.
- ❖ Adjusted Scope of Work related to renovation/remodel of existing campus Athletic Facilities for all thirteen High Schools.
- ❖ Recommended deferment or change of various scopes of work. The purpose was to replenish contingency funds to execute the highest priority projects.

# 2013 CIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

## ❖ Division of Technology

- Data Center core electronics upgrade 80% complete
- IWB (Interactive White Board) projector refresh at 70%
- New wireless/campus electronics updated at 6 pilot schools

## ❖ District Operations

- 50 Buses and 50 trucks/vans purchased
- Classroom furniture purchased and delivered
- Band uniforms purchased for three high school programs
- Instruments purchased for start of one new high school program

## ❖ CIP Construction/Capital Projects

- Safety and security upgrades at elementary schools Installation Complete; Verification in Progress
- YWLA Phase 2 Complete
- Washington Heights Elementary Design Complete
- Pre-K Additions for Bid Packages 1-7 Design Complete
- Kitchen/Cafeteria and Classroom Additions for Bid Packages 1-7 Design Complete

# OBSTACLES

- ❖ Budget projections for construction projects were underestimated.
- ❖ Cost escalation is affecting all proposed projects and negatively impacting project completion.
- ❖ Reassessment of bond projects and amendments to projects have caused delays in the timeline.
- ❖ Intermittent dialogue between COC and Board.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ As reassessments are being made, remember to stay focused on the children; classrooms and Pre-K additions first.
- ❖ As reassessments of Bond projects are being made, we recommend considerations be done in an open Board work session.
- ❖ Put together a long term facilities master plan.
- ❖ To improve communication with our groups, consider appointing three Board members who will attend each COC meeting.
- ❖ Once the reassessments are complete, continue the communication strategy to inform the public.
- ❖ Use the COC. We are an excellent representation of the Fort Worth Community and care about the students in FWISD.

**QUESTIONS?**