



CBAC Meeting #3, April 12, 2023

Questions & Clarifying Topics Submitted by Committee Members

OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE/FACILITIES QUESTIONS

1. **(Operations)** If we allot a certain amount of money to a particular project, and the actual cost comes in under budget, who determines where the remaining funding is spent? *For example, it was my understanding that the major Fielder renovations a few years ago came in about 2 million dollars under budget. That 2 million dollars was then shifted to other projects such as upgrades to Katy High School. Is there a way for us to predetermine where remaining funding should go, or for the community to give their input after the fact? Could we have a “bonus project” addendum where additional funding goes towards projects x, y and z as the remaining funding allows?*

RESPONSE:

Any underspent bond funds from a specific project go into a line item identified as “project savings” in the overall bond budget. These savings are kept separate according to the proposition in which they were originally approved. These project savings can be utilized for projects that come in over budget or can be used for additional projects that did not make the final bond list but are designated on the long-range facilities plan needs. Generally, these are large projects that will require school board approval.

2. **(Operations) STEAM Center renovations: Was there consideration given to adding additional classroom and storage space as well as the 4 new bays? These classrooms are utilized as much as the bays, and with our district growth, they will be necessary.**

RESPONSE:

If the bond is approved for this project, we will go through a programming process with all departments involved to assess the more specific needs of the center and the students/staff who use it. The current pricing that was presented to the Bond Committee does not include additional classroom space.

CBAC PROCESS QUESTIONS

1. **(CBAC Process)** Please provide the headcount of the bond advisory committee in terms of two buckets. KISD Badged Employees and Contractors (Bucket 1) and Private Citizen (Bucket 2 - do not include KISD Badged Employees who are also residents in this bucket).

RESPONSE:

The advisory committee is comprised of 142 active members. All members are Katy ISD residents and taxpayers. Of those active committee members, 104 have identified as parents and/or community members only, 2 students, and 36 as current employees of the school district. Another 28 individuals who identified as parent/community members, applied and were invited to serve on the committee, though were unable to fulfill their commitment to attend meetings. The Katy ISD table facilitators assigned to each table are there to assist committee members with their informational needs, though they are not voting members of the group.

2. (CBAC Process) If a member of the committee does not attend next week's vote, is their absence deemed a "No" vote or an uncounted/Void vote.

RESPONSE:

Any committee member who does not appear in person for the final vote is unable to participate in, nor record a vote in the final tally.