

Committee Discussions

December 18, 2019

Following the presentation on bonding capacity and tax rate, the following questions were discussed at the individual tables.

1) What's the impact to our community?

POSITIVES:

- New facilities.
- More opportunities for students.
- Attract new businesses and people to move to Gainesville.
- The possibility that some of the students who transfer out will return to GISD.

CONCERNS:

- Increase in taxes.
- Homeowners will feel the biggest impact of the tax increase.
- Impact on stakeholders that own many rental properties within the district.
- Bond will need to be for a larger amount than previous bonds due to the facility needs incurred since the last bond election in 2005.
- Previous bond failures
- Previous bond elections; low voter turnout and close election results
- Requesting anything over 50 million will be too much.
- Perceptions of the community
- Getting correct information out to stakeholders.
- How to get stakeholders that no longer have students in school on board.
- Stakeholders that are transferring their children to other schools will automatically vote no.
- Although the district has continued to lower tax rate, property values are increasing.
- Will projected growth estimates be correct.

2) What additional questions do you have? No additional questions were asked by committee members.

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION:

The top eight projects from the previous meeting were prioritized by committee members. Members placed dots next to the projects they felt were a priority. Dot values: Pink 3, Orange 2, Green 1.

- 1) New Junior High at current site.
Total Points – 23
- 2) New Junior High – Relocation (High School site)
Total Points – 101
- 3) Auditorium / Fine Arts Center at High School Campus
Total Points – 61
- 4) Fine Arts Center (Stand Alone)
Total Points - 0
- 5) CATE Building
Total Points – 18
- 6) Relocation of Edison Elementary
Total Points – 57
- 7) Safety Entryways
Total Points – 37
- 8) Ag Facility
Total Points - 0