

The District Budget Steering Committee met on October 21, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Arzell Ball Center, 410 South Greenville Avenue, Richardson, Texas 75081, with the following present: Tabitha Branum, Superintendent; Mike Jasso, Chief of Staff; David Pate, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Support Services; Sandra Hayes, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations; Melissa Heller, Assistant Superintendent of Strategy and Engagement; Matthew Gibbins, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services; Leticia McGowan, General Counsel; Kristin Leeper, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; Chris Goodson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Henry Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Technology; James Watson, Senior Executive Director of Operations; Joe Miniscalco, Senior Executive Director of Student Services; Michael Freeman, Coordinator Director for Special Projects; Nancy Kinzie, Executive Director, Pearce Learning Community; Charles Bruner, Executive Director, Lake Highlands Learning Community; Vince Dawes, Executive Director, Richardson Learning Community; Allison Davenport, Executive Director of Finance; as well as the following committee members: Chanda Ash, Matt Ballard, Euan Blackman, Lauren Bolack, Sheridan Dixon, Whitney DuBroc, Aurora Everett, Anne Foster, Bryson Graves, Ginger Greenberg, Lena Ho, Mark Holmes, Thomas Howery, Jeff Jarvis, Jenny King, Stephanie Miller, John Monroe, Kevin Pitts, Scott Ricamore, Jennifer Schmiel, Sarah Southward, G. Scott Waddell, Mechelle Wahlberg, Gary Wolff, Katie Yacharn, John Zancana.

Community Budget Steering Committee members went directly into their sub-committee groups which included the following: Voter Approval Tax Rate/Bond Election, Inter-District Transfer Options/Choice Programming, and Standard Staffing Model.

The Voter Approval Tax Rate/Bond Election

Mr. David Pate answered questions and provided the requested information, from the September meeting. The past bond and voter approval tax rate elections of May 2022 - May 2024 results were provided for review. The upcoming November 2024 bond election and voter approval tax rate was discussed. Property tax and bond information was delivered. The sub-committee members generated recommendations to present at the next meeting in November.

Inter-District Transfer Options/Choice Programming

The sub-committee was divided into three groups, the following topics included: Magnet, Transfers (inter/intra), and Choice/Innovative Programs. Community members researched surrounding school district programs and reviewed Richardson ISD's current programs and policies. The sub-committee members collaborated and determined recommendations to bring before the committee in November.

Standard Staffing Model

The sub-committee reviewed expectations of their role, purpose, and responsibilities. Schedule comparisons of districts within the DFW area were examined. Sample schedules for students and teachers were explained and discussed. Examples of staffing model scenarios were presented and deliberated. Priorities, budget needs, and the impact of block and traditional scheduling models were considered to determine recommendations to bring before the committee in November.

Committee members will come together and meet as a group, on November 18th to present each sub-committee's recommendations to bring before the Board of Trustees.

The meetings were adjourned between 7:30pm – 8:05pm.