

The District Budget Steering Committee met on November 18, 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; Melissa Heller, Assistant Superintendent of Strategy and Engagement; Matthew Gibbins, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services; Kristin Leeper, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; Chris Goodson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Henry Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Technology; Joe Miniscalco, Senior Executive Director of Student Services; Michael Freeman, Coordinator Director for Special Projects; Charles Bruner, Executive Director of Secondary Education; Cecilia Galvan, Director of Attendance and Truancy; Allison Davenport, Executive Director of Finance; as well as the following committee members: Chanda Ash, Euan Blackman, Lauren Bolack, Trey Bryant, Sheridan Dixon, Anne Foster, Ginger Greenberg, Lena Ho, Mark Holmes, Thomas Howery, Jeff Jarvis, Jenny King, Woot Lervisit, Mariama Maiga, Stephanie Miller, Kevin Pitts, Scott Ricamore, Tammy Richards, Charles Rothermel, Blake Sawyer, Jennifer Schmiel, Sarah Southward, G. Scott Waddell, Mechelle Wahlberg, Gary Wolff, Katie Yacharn, John Zancana.

Mr. David Pate welcomed committee members and reviewed the meeting norms.

Community Budget Steering Committee member, Mr. Mark Holmes, discussed the findings of the Voter Approval Tax Rate Election/Bond Election sub-committee.

The following recommendations were presented to the committee:

- Move forward with VATRE for the November general election date.
- Conduct a survey to gauge support for the VATRE and bond election together in November 2025 or VATRE in November 2025 and bond election in May of 2026.

Mr. Matthew Gibbins introduced the Inter-District Transfer Options/Choice Programming sub-committee spokesperson, Ms. Jenny King. Ms. King presented the following recommendations:

- Magnet Programming – Expand the range of magnet program offerings to address diverse student interests and learning styles. A selection process will need to be developed for each magnet type to ensure equitable access and proper placement of students.
- Choice Programming – Expand choice programming at all levels to ensure equitable distribution of these programs across Richardson ISD.

A summary was provided from the Webex meeting on November 13, 2024.

Dr. Chris Goodson and Mr. Mike Jasso provided key findings from the Standard Staffing Model/Secondary Schedule Changes sub-committee. The following recommendations were made:

- Study possible changes to the secondary school bell schedule.
- Initiate a committee to conduct the schedule change possibility study that is a representative of the district's demographics, as well as representative of students, parents, teachers, campus, and district administration.

The Community Budget Steering Committee members voted unanimously on the suggested recommendations to submit to the Board of Trustees at the next board meeting, on December 12, 2024. Each sub-committee will select a spokesperson to present the recommendations to the board and respond to questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.