

Presentation by Dennis Snyder and April Daniels, Co-Chairs
Smithville ISD Community Facilities Committee
SISD Board of Trustees Meeting, July 18, 2016

Mr. President, Board Members and Dr. McNulty:

We were honored to serve as co-chairs of the Smithville ISD Community Facilities Committee you appointed and to present the Committee's recommendation tonight.

Our Committee has met 5 times since late April and we have learned a great deal about the District's projected growth, educational vision, existing facility conditions, and financial status. We have heard from a variety of presenters, asked questions, and participated in activities that helped us better understand the District's facility needs and goals.

We are proud to have served as members of this group of committed community members from across the District. Everyone took their responsibility seriously and truly had the best interest of the students at heart. There were many questions and comments shared at every meeting. We provided a great deal of input into the long-range facilities plan you will consider.

During our final Committee meeting on June 28, we unanimously approved this Recommendation for Board consideration:

The Smithville ISD Community Facilities Committee has spent 10 weeks learning about the District's facility conditions, educational vision, financial issues, and future growth. Through this process, we recognize the facility improvements needed to address retiring aging buildings and removal of portable buildings; to provide a safe and positive environment for students and staff; to reconfigure campuses to support accountability and maintenance & operations costs; and to enhance 21st century learning environments.

Recognizing the financial constraints of SISD, we understand a Long Range Facility Master Plan will be needed and recommend the Board adopt the Bengal 1A Long Range Facility Master Plan to support the priorities identified. We further understand that multiple bond elections will be needed to fund the entire long range plan. The Committee recommends the Board of Trustees plan for a bond election as soon as November 2016 to fund some of these facilities needs. We recommend the Board carefully consider bond packaging to facilitate options, fiscal conservatism, and improvements for students at all grade levels.

We appreciate your consideration. We would now be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Committee process and our recommendation.