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# Smithville ISD

## Community Facility Committee Meeting

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April 28, 2016  
SISD Administration Building



# Welcome & Introductions

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- Dr. Rock McNulty, Superintendent
- Introductions of Board Members, staff, special guests



# O'Connell Robertson

- Architecture, engineering and interior design firm
- Established in Austin in 1950
- 50+ professional staff members
- Specialize in educational planning and design
- Worked with 25+ school district clients
- Bond election & communications expertise



# Committee Introductions

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- Share your Name,
- SISD Connection, Occupation
- What is one thing you hope to learn or make a difference with from participating in this process?

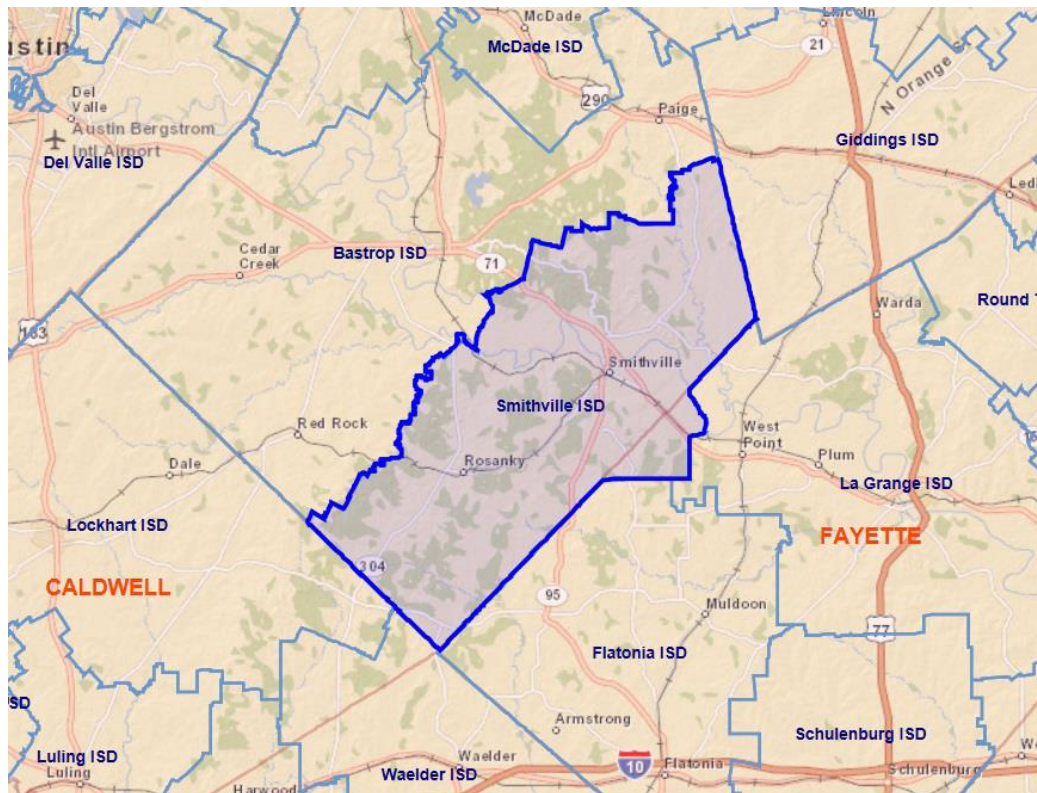
OR

- What is one thing you really like about SISD?





- Established 1895 in a rented building (Masonic Lodge)
- Covers 282 square miles of the eastern third of Bastrop County.





- 5 campuses, Administration Building (Red Brick), and Bus Yard
- District Student Enrollment: 1,757
  - Brown Primary: 461
    - Grades PK-2
  - Elementary: 388
    - Grades 3-5
  - Junior High: 373
    - Grades 6-8
  - High School: 535
    - Grades 9-12



# Smithville

Independent School District

*Committed to Excellence*



- **Student Ethnic Composition**

- White: 58%
- Hispanic: 30%
- African American: 8%
- Other: 4%

- **District Staff: 273**

- Professional Staff: 166
- Para-Professional Staff: 31
- Auxiliary Staff: 76

- **Bond History**

- Buildings, Systems, and Facilities Construction Range: 1924-2002
- Successful bonds in 1907, 1924, 1986, 1994, and 2001.
- The last bond election was March 3, 2001 for construction of the high school for \$14,100,000.
  - Board approved refinancing to lower interest rates on February 10, 2010 and March 30, 2015.





## • Why Now?

- Bastrop County is the 10<sup>th</sup> fastest growing county in the state.
- Every campus appears to have facility needs, all are utilizing portable buildings.
- The School District is now financially stable in maintenance and operations costs and is in a position to consider capital projects.
- Business and community expectations of educational classrooms and services have changed and the forecast is that it will continue to change. Example: Technology, how teachers use resources for instruction and application of learning.

## • How did we get here?

- July-November 2014
  - Walked facilities with individual School Board members
- August 2015
  - School Board members viewed all facilities as a group
- October 2015
  - Board Facility Workshop to identify priorities- facilities made the top three
- November 2015
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Facility Workshop
- December 2015
  - Board Facility Assessment Training; A formal facility assessment was conducted by TASB Facility Services
- January 2016
  - Board Financial Training and Bond Capacity Presentation; Interviewed architect firms and selected a firm
- March 2016
  - Received Final Facility Assessment Report by TASB Facility Services
- May 2015-March 2016
  - Selected and approved community committee members and Board charge to the committee





# Committee Charge

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**Purpose:** A committee of community members and SISD staff to study the District's facility needs and help develop recommendations for a possible bond election.

The SISD Community Bond Planning Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to help the Board of Trustees assess and prioritize capital improvement needs and long range facility needs for a possible November 2016 bond election.

The committee will review potential projects based on anticipated growth, desired operational efficiencies, and identified safety, educational and technology needs.

Recommendations will be made to the Board to consider in determining whether to call an election by August 22, 2016 and the proposed projects to include.



# Committee Charge

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## **Committee Goals/Expectations:**

- Review information to develop list of the capital improvement projects needed over the next 5 years to address growth, safety and health, educational programs and technology in a financially responsible manner.
- Prioritize projects for a bond election.
- Discuss proposition strategy.
- Recommend project priorities to Board before August 22, 2016, for proposed bond election.
- Share information with the community regarding the process and recommendations presented to the Board.

## **Committee Responsibilities:**

Attend five meetings, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from April 28 to June 28, 2016.

Objectively consider all information presented, provide input, and share with their network of organizations, friends, and colleagues the information gathered regarding SISD facilities.

Provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees to consider in determining whether to call a bond election and the proposed projects to include in the bond election.



# Meeting Schedule & Process

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- Meetings: 7:00-9:00 p.m. at SISD Admin. Building\*
  - Thursday, April 28
  - Tuesday, May 10
  - Tuesday, May 24\* (*\*Meeting may be held in another location*)
  - Tuesday, June 14
  - Tuesday, June 28

*Monday, July 18: Present recommendations to the Board*



# Meeting Process

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- Ground Rules:
  - Start on time, finish on time
  - Participate and communicate
  - Allow each person to complete his/her thoughts without interrupting
  - Treat each other with honesty, courtesy, and respect
  - Have fun!



# Bond Planning Process

## PRE-BOND PLANNING SERVICES



## BOND ELECTION-PHASE SERVICES



## POST-ELECTION



# Timeline & Activities

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- ***Pre-Bond Planning Services: April-July 2016***
  - Community Facility Committee Meetings
  - Review & Analysis of TASB Facility Assessment
  - Educational Vision of SISD
  - Presentation of District Financial Information
  - Development of Facilities Master Plan
- ***Election Phase Services: June – November***
  - Election Planning – Early Voting, Proposition Development
  - Communications – District Factual Information
- ***Post-Election Services: to be determined***



# Next Steps

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- Review assignments, if applicable
- Next meeting: **May 10** (SISD Admin. Building)
  - Presentation of Smithville ISD Facility Assessment – TASB
  - SISD Educational Vision presentation
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environments discussion

