



Bond Exploration Committee Charter

Challenge: Belton ISD continues to experience accelerated student enrollment growth. While other districts across the state witnessed a decrease in student enrollment due to the COVID - 19 pandemic, Belton ISD grew. Student enrollment growth and aging facilities, although well maintained, pose challenges for providing equitable facilities for each and every student. The District, with these challenges in mind, seeks to commission a Bond Exploration Committee beginning September 2021.

Committee Purpose: To assist the Superintendent and Board of Trustees in developing recommended projects to address growth, facilities, and learning environment needs to support exceptional learning for each and every student.

Committee and District Roles:

1. Bond Exploration Committee (BEC): Will consist of approximately 50 stakeholders identified by Board and administration nomination and volunteers representing the various BISS communities. The Committee will review demographic information, growth trends, facilities assessment data, and school/district needs. The Committee will also participate in school and district facilities tours. After reviewing and discussing District data and facilities tours, the Committee will collaborate in the development of prioritized recommendations for projects to address District needs.
2. Administrative Support: Will facilitate committee meetings and serve as a resource for information and support.
3. Superintendent: Will collaborate with the administrative team and Bond Exploration Committee to further refine the list of project recommendations to ensure items fit within the threshold of highest need, impact on student learning experiences and feasibility. The Superintendent will also collaborate with the administrative team and BEC members to refine proposal(s) and develop a presentation to the Board.
4. Board of Trustees: Will each nominate 2 community members for the Bond Exploration Committee. The Board will receive updates on the Bond Exploration Committee meeting agendas and progress. They will observe Committee meetings. And, the Board will consider proposals and determine if a bond election will be called.



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Parameters:

1. The BISD Vision, Journey of a Graduate, Values and Beliefs, Goals, and Strategic Plan will be reviewed by all committee members.
2. Only the Board of Trustees can call for a Bond Election.
3. Processes for gathering community input into the bond exploration process will be established and communicated.
4. Demographic information and cost estimates for each recommended project will be provided by the BISD administration.
5. Meetings will be facilitated by BISD administrators and agendas and resources will be posted on the BISD website.
6. The committee will not make decisions on locations of possible facilities.

Bond Exploration Committee Decision-making Process:

- The Committee will make recommendations to the Superintendent.
- Recommendations will be made by consensus. Consensus has been reached when committee members can support a decision as the priority selection for the group as a whole, although it may not be individual members' favorite idea.
- If the committee cannot reach a consensus, at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Committee must agree in order for the project to be on the list presented to the Superintendent.

Timeline:

Bond Exploration Committee Meeting Dates 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Location for Meetings
September 15	Lake Belton HS
September 27	Belton HS
October 13	Chisholm Trail Elem
October 25	Miller Heights Elem
November 8	BNTH/Administration
November 29	Lake Belton MS
December 8	North Belton MS
<i>January 5 (tentative)</i>	<i>Southwest Elem</i>

Note: Additional community input opportunities will be identified and communicated throughout the Bond Exploration Process.