

Community Bond Committee
Questions - Meeting #13 on February 3, 2021

Questions pertaining to Facilities	Response
Is the LHS Press Box the same as Marcus HS?	Yes, the Marcus HS press box was the model that we started with. Some modifications were made, but it is a comparable press box.
Will the concession buildings be ready for football season at LHS?	Yes, they will be ready.
Where did Focus on the Future move to?	FOF moved to the newly renovated space at Central Elementary School along with the Special Education administrative offices.
Questions pertaining to Technology	Response
Is the new data center at the new elementary school on Josey Lane the last thing we need to complete the fiber ring and make it active?	No, we are still waiting on a Federal Erate application that will fund a portion of the network electronics needed to “light” the portion of the fiber ring that has been built. There are 15 sites included in this phase of the project.
What has the TAC been up to?	We have not met with TAC this year. The year has been mostly consumed with COVID response and developing new systems and processes. We are planning to begin meeting with TAC in the coming months. The next meeting is tentatively planned for Monday, June 21.
Does LISD offer typing classes to ensure students can utilize technology efficiently?	LISD does not offer a typing class. Typing is integrated in classes. LISD uses an electronic typing application from typing.com to help develop keyboarding skills and improve students speed and accuracy. In addition, in the Middle School Technology Application course, students develop keyboarding skills as they progress through the curriculum.
Will there be WiFi on the buses? If so, can it be used as a potential revenue stream by pushing advertisements out to users of the WiFi? Keep in mind the target audience would be students.	LISD is piloting putting WiFi on buses. So far this is being accomplished with MiFi hotspots. While setting up some level of advertising is technically possible, it is not something being considered at this time.
In the last Bond, we had (3) options for Technology (less, the same level, more). We have gone more advanced with the technology used in the District. Will this set the new benchmark moving forward and if so, would	This is something that will be discussed with the Technology Advisory Council and needs to be considered in the next bond planning cycle. It is possible that multiple levels of access will be considered.

there still be (3) options in the next Bond?	
In the hybrid technology classroom, can the teacher roam around and how does that work?	<p>Yes, in the equipment we are piloting, teachers do have the ability to walk around the room and be seen on the remote end. This is accomplished with three primary features we are seeking from the equipment we are testing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ability to track a speaker and follow the subject as they move. 2. The ability to use camera presets and a remote that allow a teacher to select different location and zoom settings on a camera. 3. Provide microphone and speaker options that amplify room audio so that someone's voice can be picked up almost anywhere in a room.
General Questions	Response
What is the status of the bus route app?	<p>In November, Texas Central School Bus (TCSB) resolved some technical issues that were keeping the Here Comes the Bus (HCTB) parent app from pulling data correctly from the routing software. TCSB staff then conducted an internal pilot of the HCTB parent app to ensure that it was working properly. In December, Jim Koons, District Manager with TCSB, began working with a pilot group of LISD staff including campus assistant principals from LHS-Main, Downing MS, and Ethridge ES, as well as individuals from the LISD Safety/Security, Procurement and Contracts, and Technology departments. During this pilot period, some further technical issues were identified and resolved through additional training of the TCSB dispatch team.</p> <p>After returning from the winter break in January, the LISD staff continued to conduct the pilot program of the parent app. It was decided to include some parents from the pilot campuses in the test group. Currently, TCSB staff are contacting a small number of parents from these campuses to include in the pilot. TCSB is now targeting February 22 as the date to roll out the parent app to LISD parents. Jim Koons will be meeting with the Communications Department to coordinate the appropriate communication regarding the parent app ahead of February 22.</p> <p>UPDATE: The HCTB app is in full operation.</p>