

Bond Issue Information

Building for the kids and the future of Mooreland and Mooreland Public Schools

What will be our legacy?

Bond information-Bond issue is for a new high school and a tornado storm shelter/practice gym.

Election Date-Tuesday, October 10th.

Cost of the Bond-The entire bond will be for \$19.1350 million over 15 years. The cost of construction is \$13.562 million for the two structures. Cost of the high school is \$10.529 million and the F5 tornado shelter/practice gym is \$3.033 million. The remaining cost is for projected interest cost.

Increase to the tax payers-20.41%

Who will pay for the increase-The top ten tax payers will pay for 63.26% of the projects and interest. Only one local citizen is in that group. Non-local companies such as corporate farms, pipelines, railroads, oil & gas companies, and power companies will pay for over 70% of the total project. The number one tax payer in the district, a non-local, will pay 16.9% of the total payment.

Local citizens will pay less than 30% of the entire bond issue.

Current age of buildings-High school 59 years and the old gym 70 years old at this time.

Falling behind-Area schools are building new high schools or are upgrading their current facilities. New schools in the area include Watonga, Fairview, Seiling, Shattuck, and upgrades at Woodward.

When will this project be completed-Summer of 2019.

Where will the project be built-On the land west of the new gym for the high school and an area in the southeast corner of the new gym parking lot for the storm shelter/practice gym.

Cost to refurbish current high school-\$8.4 to \$9.1 million plus \$1 million for one year of portables and \$300,000 for asbestos abatement. Cost came from Joe Hall, CEO General Contractors. **If the bond passes the current high school building will be demolished.** The only building left will be the steel classroom building built in 1994. It will be sold for local commerce along with the land that the high school is currently residing. The current high school band room will be kept for a storage area and the possibility of a locker room and restrooms for the softball teams.

Old gym-The condition of the gym is unfixable and dangerous and will be demolished whether the bond passes or not. Leaving the district one less gym! If we did not put a basketball court in the storm shelter we

would have to go back to using the short/small elementary gym.

Current safety concerns for high school students-

Three students had near misses last school year that were reported. Moving to the new high school will **eliminate** the possibility of students being injured or killed by autos trying to cross the four lane highway or one of the single lane roads that surrounds the current high school.

Moving to the new high school will **eliminate** the crossing of the double railed railroad tracks with full school buses of students by 80% or more.

The current high school has asbestos in or on all the floors and friable asbestos in area noted in the school handbook. The new facilities will have **no** asbestos as required by law.

The current high school is warmed by a boiler system that is old, dysfunctional, and not energy efficient. These boilers are not very safe and must be constantly maintained to keep a major accident from happening. The new high school will be heated and cooled by energy efficient geothermal units.

Fire-The State Fire Marshal is monitoring this election and if it does not pass all buildings on the site will have to be wired, costing thousands, with pull down fire

alarms. The new building will be wired with fire alarms and have sprinklers.

Tornado-The current cement structures of the high school have had an engineer find the best place for a shelter if a tornado should present itself. We have found the best place not to be hit by glass, but the major problem is if the structure is compromised and the heavy concrete roof comes down. The new shelter can withstand an F5 tornado and not fall on our students. Both the high school and elementary school students will be seconds away from the shelter. **The community will be able to use the shelter also and the police will have a key to the building.**

ADA Act-The current high school did not comply with the American with Disabilities act and has to be retrofitted each year. The new buildings will comply with all aspects of this law.

Logistics-Being on one site will make the logistics of getting students from one school to another, to the cafeteria, to the gym, football field, livestock barns, to the baseball field and track a walk instead of a ride. Route buses can pick up students in one parking lot without crossing a highway and railroad tracks. Parents can have one stop instead of two.

Student population-It looks like another record student setting year will happen again. With our current pace,

the district is looking at around 600 students by 2021 and 800 by 2030. The district only has 29 transfers or 5.3% of the student population at this time.

Right time to build-With an increase this year of \$2.604 million this year and the highest district valuation in history of \$48,746,934 it makes the projects the least cumbersome on individual tax payers. Couple that with low interest rates it is definitely the right time to build.

Future projects-A number of problems were identified about two years ago and solutions were considered. If all projects were completed at one time the increase would have been over 35%. The two projects that we are currently voting on were designated as the biggest need. Future projects include an auditorium, four early childhood classrooms, and bus barn. We have already mapped where these facilities can be built. This new high school gym will be the auditorium until an auditorium can be built. With the way this bond is structured, if our evaluation increases or a need arises, additional projects can be pursued at any time.

If additional land can be purchased a new track and softball field will be moved to have all the schools facilities in one area.

Land purchase-The district is in the process of buying the 3 acres between the football field and the south end

of the new gym parking lot. At this time that area looks to be a great parking lot area.