Bond Planning Committee April 29, 2014 Meeting #3 Questions

- 1. Can a science addition be built at one middle school and kids from three schools share it?
 - A. No, this would be an issue with scheduling, transportation, length of time in class, etc. Science labs are needed on all campuses.
- 2. Old buses were mentioned that do not need to be on the road, any thought to natural gas?
 - A. Each time we purchase new buses, we look at the newest technology and determine the lowest total cost of ownership for the various options. That analysis varies from district to district based on the daily distances those buses travel, refueling opportunities, etc. We do not anticipate the district will be buying any new buses this year. However, we will continue to make those determinations when we make future purchases.
- 3. Can we look to corporate sponsors for our technology needs?
 - A. Corporations already sponsor technology through the Birdville Education Foundation. Other corporations provide grants that we participate in.

Many corporations pay school taxes on their inventories and feel they are already paying their fair share. Most companies and corporations that are willing to invest additional dollars into school technology want either a highly innovative program or a program that only serves the highest achieving students.

Finding a corporation that will invest substantial dollars into our regular technology program at a significant enough amount to make a difference in our funding would be extremely rare.

- 4. Can we call a "Town Hall" type meeting? (Push to the public the critical needs.)
 - A. Historically, Town Hall meetings are not well attended. The district will look at various ways s o2Ts0.6(si) -0.

- A. We already limit open enrollment to schools that have available space. We currently have 11 campuses that are "closed" to open enrollment requests for next year. The schools that are not closed have very limited space.
- 10. Did the demographer's capacity numbers include portables?
 - A. The demographer's report, as presented, did not include portables in the capacity numbers.