

BOARD TALK

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Board Talk is published to keep staff informed about actions of the Big Sandy ISD Board of Trustees. BSISD Trustees meet monthly in regular meeting on the second Monday of the month. They may also meet in called meetings for workshops, retreats, or to handle routine business. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM at the Board Room. Agendas are posted at the school, business office and on the BSISD website. Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so by signing up to speak just prior to the beginning of the meeting.

This was a Special Called Board Meeting and Community Forum to discuss the 2009 Bond Proposal.

Information and Discussion

2009 Bond Presentation

Bond Committee Chairman, Sarah Wilson presented a Power Point covering the following topics; *what is a school bond?, what would be constructed and/or renovated if the bonds are approved by voters, enrollment trends, tax rate and taxable values, information on current facility arrangements and proposed new facility arrangements and estimated tax rate impact on homeowners.* The proposed bond amount is \$6.75 million and will add 13 classrooms, 3 science labs, two computer labs and 1,700 square feet of cafeteria dining space. Mrs. Wilson emphasized that the bond is only proposed at this time and encouraged the audience to “speak up and give us your opinion”.

Public Comments and Questions

Pat Allaire expressed his concerns about how citizens could afford to pay for this bond. Penny Snow talked about the need for our children to have the best education they can in today’s competitive economy and Nita Love asked “what price do we put on a child’s education?” Doug Miller also supported the bond, saying “When you have an environment conducive to learning and have a district that shows commitment, it can bring in qualified, passionate, staff members”. Seria Dassing asked who was on the bond committee and whether the state is again backing bonds. Wade Thompson, from Coastal Securities, answered questions regarding the backing of bonds.

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