

# Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

MONTHLY UPDATE - OCTOBER 2020

## PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE 2014 AND 2019 BOND PROGRAMS

2014 Bond Program: \$175,000,000 allocated for new facilities and district wide improvements:

- 2014 Bond Program: Total POs issued \$145,771,539 or 83.30% completed or in progress.

2019 Bond Program: \$267,000,000 allocated for new facilities and district wide improvements

- 2019 Bond Program: Total POs issued \$148,384,062 or 50.94%\* completed or in progress.

*\* Percentage based on project total of \$291,297,000, which is the \$267 Million approved by voters in May 2019 plus the 2014 Projected Balance Carryover*

- Planning - The Schematic Design Process for Phase 4, Brazoswood projects of the 2019 Bond Program is now underway. Baseball Field improvements include a sub varsity locker room and new structure to cover the bleachers. The Softball field will receive a new press box, new concession stand, restrooms, fencing improvements, additional bleachers and a new structure to cover the bleachers. A new locker room and storage areas will be added at the tennis courts.



## O. M. ROBERTS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

September 14, 2020 BISD celebrated the grand opening and official ribbon-cutting for the 4th of the 5 elementary schools built as a part of the 2014 Bond Package. Students of O. M. Roberts joined school officials, the BISD Board, invited guests and VLK Architects representatives for the official ceremonies. The new Roberts Elementary School replaces the original campus that opened in March of 1961.



## BESS BRANNEN RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On March 22, 2019 BISD broke ground on the new Bess Brannen Elementary school, on September 15, 2020 BISD celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the final elementary school built as a part of the 2014 Bond Package. Students of Bess Brannen joined school officials, the BISD Board, invited guests and VLK Architects representatives for the official ceremonies. The new Brannen Elementary School replaces its original 52 year-old campus.



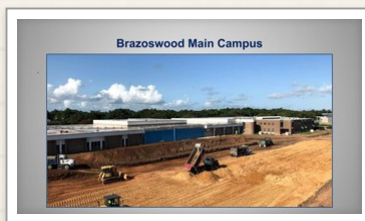
## THE LEFAVE FAMILY WITH MR. MASSEY AND MRS. EVANS

Superintendent Danny Massey, Katie LeFave, August and Dottie LeFave and Principal Julie Evans hold a plaque recognizing the late Daniel LaFave's contributions to Bess Brannen Elementary School. Daniel was an Assistant Principal at Bess Brannen. The new school's stage is dedicated to him for the impact he made while at Bess Brannen.



## BRAZOSWOOD CTE BUILDING

The Brazoswood CTE Building is well underway and is on schedule to open in August 2021.



## MAIN CAMPUS BRAZOSWOOD

The Brazoswood Main Campus replacement is underway. With site preparation between the current main campus, athletic area and the 9th Grade campus proceeding on schedule.



## BRAZOSWOOD MULTI-SPORT FIELD HOUSE

The Brazoswood Multi Sport Field House is open and in use by the student athletes. Graphics are scheduled to be installed October 12th.

SFA STEM Academy Design Development phase is complete. The District is in the process of selecting a construction manager for this project. Timeline for completion is August 2022.

## BOND CAPITAL AND NON-CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Bond Sale Interest Rate: On Sept. 15, 2020 the District received Bond Pricing via a competitive scale process. The winning bid was submitted by Citi Global Markets with a true interest cost of 1.299308%.
- Vehicle Purchases: CN 2020 Transit Cargo Van and a CTE F350 Crew Cab Truck
- Major Maintenance: Swimming Pool Heater Replacement in the Leffingwell Natatorium at Brazosport High School is complete.
- 2 Man Lifts have been purchased for Bess Brannen and O. M. Roberts Elementaries. These lifts are a safe alternative to 10 to 20 foot ladders for the custodial and maintenance groups.



### CHILD NUTRITION TRANSPORT VAN

The Child Nutrition Department has taken delivery of the 2020 Transit Cargo Van for food transportation between campuses and to meal pick up locations for virtual learners.



### CAREER, TECHNICAL EDUCATION F350 CREW CAB TRUCK

The CTE (Career and Technical Education) department has taken delivery of the F350 Crew Cab Truck for delivery and towing. This vehicle will be utilized by the various CTE programs.



### BRAZOSPORT HIGH SCHOOL POOL HEATER REPLACED

Brazosport High School Swimmers and divers are back in the pool. Capital expenditures included replacing the pool heater for the Natatorium

## OTHER BISD NEWS

In order for virtual learning to be successful students, they must have internet access. Brazosport ISD applied for and was approved to receive almost \$500,000 from Operation Connectivity. This program is under the Federal CARES Act and will allow BISD to purchase 700 hotspots and 3,500 chromebooks. The total cost for the devices is nearly \$1 million and is not included in the 2021 general fund budget or the 2014 and 2019 Bond Programs. Brazosport ISD will be eligible for an additional \$140,000 from the State's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) with matching program thanks to the cities of Freeport, Clute, Lake Jackson and



Richwood, whom have all committed to use a portion of their CRF funding for local governments to support Brazosport ISD's purchase of hotspots and chromebooks.  
[https://www.brazosportisd.net/news/what\\_s\\_new/bisd\\_secures\\_funding\\_for\\_student\\_devices](https://www.brazosportisd.net/news/what_s_new/bisd_secures_funding_for_student_devices)

## NEXT MEETING

Our next quarterly CBOC meeting is scheduled for **December 16th at 5pm**. **The meeting will take place at Bess Brannen Elementary**. We will meet in the cafeteria which will allow us to spread out 6+ feet. Please bring/wear a mask. We will take care of business and also squeeze in a tour of this new campus.




## ABOUT BRAZOSPORT ISD 2019 BOND PROGRAM:

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Registered voters in Brazosport Independent School District approved a \$267 million bond referendum on May 4, 2019. The school district drew a majority vote from the community. The referendum will build new schools and enhance district operations:

- **New facilities** - a new Brazoswood High School, new SFA STEM Academy and a new maintenance, transportation and child nutrition facility
- **New and enhanced Career and Technical Education programs** at both high schools
- **Safety and security** enhancements to all campuses;
- **Transportation**, including additional air conditioned buses;
- **Technology** upgrades to district infrastructure and classroom technology; and
- **Renovations and additions** to protect the district's instructional and support facilities.

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