

Bond Planning 2010
Sports and Ancillary Facilities
Sub-Committee Recommendations

Priority Themes:

Our recommendations for funding are primarily structured around items that are necessary for maintaining our current facilities in safe and reasonable condition. Required maintenance, safety, ADA compliance, and financial efficiency for the long run were recurring considerations.

Rationale:

Our decisions were made with the belief that this bond needs to be very conservative.

Accepting the following as fact:

- Current depressed economic climate of our community, the nation, and really the world
- The restrictions the state of Texas has already in place, along with the fact that our state leaders are facing a deficit in their budget (in other words, no relief in sight)
- The GCISD budget, currently operating as a deficit budget, represents a situation that our trustees must address within the coming year

In good faith, we just cannot ask GCISD taxpayers to pass a large bond. At the same time, our sports and ancillary facilities are integral and important pieces to the educational infrastructure of our district, and we certainly have a responsibility to maintain and care for them to the best of our ability. We have made our recommendations to cover necessary maintenance of the facilities we currently have, representing very little new construction. Also, we recognize that most maintenance costs must be met with bond monies because our M & O budget is so tight. We have addressed what we believe will be necessary, one way or another, in the next few years.

As the committee deleted items that we did not deem “required”, we also gave consideration to comparability between campuses and possible methods of alternate funding for some projects.

It is our hope that the overall economic climate will improve and that we can go back to our taxpayers with a bond that addresses some enhancement issues in a few short years.

Reasons for items not recommended:

Our recurring theme in deciding to eliminate items was “Is this really necessary? Or would this just be nice to have?” ‘Nice to have’ items were eliminated. Everything that was cut from our list was considered by the committee to not be a necessity within the next few years.