



# 2019 Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting #6

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Friendswood ISD Board Room

402 Laurel Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546

## Meeting Content

- Welcome
  - Thad Roher, Superintendent
- Address new questions and comments from previous meeting
  - Thad Roher, Superintendent
- Summarized current CTE program limitations in size and enhancement opportunities.
  - Susan Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of Career & Technical Education
- PBK presented a “Tour of the Industry” images of Athletics, Fine Arts, and CTE in nearby district facilities.
  - Greg Prince, PBK; Ana Davila, PBK
- Review district-wide needs and proposed projects
  - Greg Prince, PBK; Ana Davila, PBK
- Friendswood ISD financial capacity and estimated tax impact
  - Amber Petree, Chief Financial Officer; Terrell Palmer, Post Oak Municipal Advisors
- Proposed project matrix homework instructions
  - Greg Prince, PBK; Ana Davila, PBK
- Offer questions, comments and feedback

## Questions & Answers

Q: Do we keep track of students who take CTE classes and then pursue that pathway?

A: Students are tracked up to senior year. Though students are not formally tracked after graduation, anecdotally, we know when students pursue that pathway beyond graduation (e.g. a Culinary pathway student goes to culinary school).

Q: What is the plan for the current Administration Building should the Annex be renovated to combine services?

A: Friendswood ISD would have options to consider, including selling the building, renting the building, or keeping it.

Q: Can money that is received from selling property be used to pay back bonds?

A: That decision would be up to the Board, but yes it could be.

Q: Would a potential bond be split into multiple propositions?

A: That decision would be up to the Board; some items will be required to be separated due to recent legislation.

Q: Is it possible to gain the same high level of finishes in the existing CTE classrooms if we only renovate them without expanding into additional space?

A: Existing CTE can be renovated as they are but would be limited to expanding to increase enrollment in existing programs and accommodating additional programs as needed to resolve current limitations.

Q: Can CTE be isolated as a separate Major Project?

A: As it stands, all the proposed work at Friendswood High school is dependent on each other. CTE cannot expand unless it can occupy the current band/choir space and band/choir cannot be displaced unless they can move into the existing auditorium, and that can only happen if a new Auditorium is built.

Student Comment: From a student perspective, they are obligated to make class selections with a study focus that will determine their future classes since middle school. In support of the CTE expansion, it's good to have options for exposure into different career paths to figure out what one may want or not want to pursue through high school and/or college.