

Collins-Maxwell School Board

December Meeting Highlights

Strong District Finances

Gary Sinclair from **FORECAST5 Analytics** presented the **updated 5 year district financial plan**. The plan was adopted by the board last spring, and was recently updated to include current FY2017 enrollment numbers. The presentation included side-by-side comparisons to 9 other districts with similar enrollments. Highlights from the presentation follow:

- **Unspent Authorized Budget is very strong today at \$3.4mm**, with the 2nd strongest peer district having an UAB today of \$1.8mm. Our UAB trends down over next 5 years, primarily due to enrollment projections, but is still strong at **\$2.5mm in FY2021**
- **Solvency Ratio** improving from 9% FY2017 to **25% FY2021**
- **Lowest Student to Teacher ratio** (12.5 : 1) relative to peer districts
- Projected **stable property tax rate** over next 5 years

Student Participation (FFA and School Mascot/Colors)

More than **20 students participated in the board meeting**. The meeting started with a presentation from 8 FFA members on their annual FFA trip to Indianapolis. The presentation highlighted the student's most memorable experiences during the trip along with a request to attend next year's convention.

The student council presented **6 mascots** along with **3 color combinations** for the board to consider. After the presentations concluded, the board was asked to narrow the list of mascots resulting in **Storm, Mavericks, Knights and Spartans** making the final cut. These four mascots along with the 3 color combinations were taken back to the **student body for the final vote**.

Football Update

The board received an update on our **request** to participate in an **8 man varsity football district** next year. Dr. Lane met with Todd Tharp, Assistant Director of the IHSAA, to discuss our situation and answer questions prior to the IHSAA's Board of Control meeting on December 16th. There will be a formal discussion in that meeting on how the **IHSAA would like both C-M and Baxter to proceed**. In his update, Dr. Lane made it clear that there are a number of issues that would need to be resolved and it **might be January until all actions have been determined**. For now, we are in a **holding pattern** until the Board of Control has made a final decision.

Thanks for allowing us to serve our communities and children!

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Superintendent

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School Board President