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Subject: Citizens Bond Advisory Committee hears updates on 2014 bond program
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The La Porte ISD Citizens Bond Advisory Committee recently met to receive an update and provide input on the district's plans for moving forward with the \$260 million bond issue approved by LPISD voters in May.

The June 18 meeting of the committee—which includes parents, grandparents, business and industry representatives and other interested citizens—took place at the LPISD Administration Building. Following the Board of Trustees' ratification of the architectural contract negotiations and project assignments on June 10, the committee heard from representatives of two architectural firms, who presented conceptual drawings and preliminary information to the group.

Calvin Powitzky represented Bay-IBI Group Architects, which has been assigned to the replacement schools for Lomax Elementary and Baker Sixth Grade Campus, while Roy Montalbano represented PBK Architects, Inc., which has been assigned to the major rebuild of La Porte High School.

The selections of the two firms for these projects followed several interviews with prospective architects and the qualification of four architectural firms by the Board of Trustees at its May 20 meeting.

The Citizens Bond Advisory Committee will meet again in September, at which time a chairperson will be selected. Meetings are slated to be held quarterly throughout the duration of the bond program.

At the July 22 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board received preliminary site plan updates on Baker Sixth Grade Campus, Lomax Elementary and La Porte High School. The Board also approved Tellepsen as the Construction Manager at Risk for all three projects.

In addition, Bay-IBI Group Architects was approved to provide architecture services for renovations at Bayshore, College Park, Heritage, Jennie Reid, La Porte and Rizzuto elementary schools, La Porte and Lomax junior high schools and De Walt Alternative Campus as well as construction at Lomax Elementary and Baker Sixth Grade Campus. PBK Architects, Inc., was approved to provide architecture services for the major rebuild at La Porte High School.

Updates on bond program progress, including the preliminary site plans for Lomax Elementary, Baker Sixth Grade Campus and La Porte High School, will be available on the 2014 Bond Program section of the LPISD website at www.lpisd.org.