

BOND UPDATE #95

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Here's what's going on with our bond projects:

1. On February 8, at our every-Monday Ferndale High School Project Team meeting, we heard that there is a great deal of interest in the 17 bid packages we issued at the end of January. On February 9, this interest was verified when over 70 individuals attended the virtual pre-bid meeting. "I'm pretty happy," said Sam Comer of Cornerstone (our GCCM contractor). "I am anticipating a very busy bid opening day." We are all excited and hopeful that lots of interest will mean better prices, which will mean more bang for our community's buck!
2. This past week, the design team continued to refine details of the FHS project, with a focus on door hardware and the integration with security.
3. This past week, we also continued to work on completing an accurate inventory of CTE equipment, so that we know which of the existing equipment will be moved into the new facility to be reused and what will need to be purchased.
4. On February 8, we had a productive meeting with the Fire Department to discuss emergency access to the new stadium and fields on Ferndale High School campus.
5. On February 10, we held walk-throughs at four of our schools for the contractors who are interested in bidding on the installation of new HVAC controls.
6. On February 10, I approved a requisition for the purchase of the new FHS grandstand from KCDA.
7. On February 11, Principal Vincent, Assistant Superintendent Deebach, one of our CSG Project Managers, our GCCM General Contractor, and I met virtually with the residents of Diane Court, which is one of the neighborhoods adjacent to the FHS campus. This was our second meeting with the Diane Court group to talk about the impacts the FHS construction project may have on them. This time, the focus of our conversation was on utilizing a road from Diane Court onto the campus for some delivery trucks during the construction phase of the project, although the primary entrance to the site will be through an access we have leased from the railroad on the other side of the campus. We are committed to being a good neighbor. To this end, we called this meeting so we could hear directly from Diane Court residents about their concerns and ways we can mitigate them. We anticipate additional meeting(s) as the project continues.

8. On February 16, the City of Ferndale will hold a hearing with the EAGLE Board to make a final determination about whether the Ferndale High School project meets the City's EAGLE standards.
9. On February 16, the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) will hold its monthly meeting at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Interested parties can register in advance for this webinar by accessing the following link: <https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
10. On February 17, a sub-group of the design team will be touring Stanwood High School. We visited the school a year ago when it was still under construction. This time, we will be able to see the finishing touches, including furniture and interior design. This opportunity to view real world examples will assist us in making decisions about our own building.
11. On February 18, we will be opening bids from contractors who want to do the HVAC work on four of our schools.
12. On February 18, the focus of our Every Thursday Facebook Live program will be on plans for the new Ferndale High School facility. This will give us another opportunity to provide the community with a progress report on the project; share the most up-to-date design documents, site plans, classroom layouts, and artists' renderings; and explain the phasing plan and timeline for construction and occupancy.
13. On February 23 and 24, we will be opening the first round of bids from subcontractors who want to work on the new HS project.

If you have questions or comments about any of the content of this update, please feel free to reach out to me or one of my colleagues.

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