

BOND UPDATE #88

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Here's what's been going during the past week:

1. On Wednesday, December 9, the District hosted a Virtual Town Hall to share the most up-to-date design documents, site plans, classroom layouts, and artists' renderings of the new Ferndale High School. Panelists for the Virtual Town Hall included representatives of all of our key partners for this project: Dykeman Architects, Cornerstone General Contractors, Construction Services Group, the Ferndale School District, the Ferndale School Board, and the Bond Oversight Committee. The hour-long program was recorded and has been posted on the District's website and Facebook page.
2. For those who want to look more closely at the plans and drawings of the new high school, we have posted the Design Book on our website.
3. On December 4, the Constructability Review of the plans for the new Ferndale High School wrapped up with more than 200 pages of comments. Overall, the Constructability Review Team was impressed by the completeness of the design documents and agreed they had been presented to them with the appropriate level of detail. The next step is for the Design Team to respond to all of the comments and incorporate accepted changes into the final construction documents.
4. On December 7, Dykeman Architects presented the District with a palette of interior and exterior finishes for the new high school (paint color, carpeting, tile, wall covering, etc.) that reflect the community's request for a space that is warm and inviting without appearing overly luxurious. At the suggestion of the Bond Oversight Committee, we will be displaying these finish boards at the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce Office in Pioneer Pavilion, so that the community also has the opportunity to see the colors and finishes we have selected. We intend to move the boards to this public location next week.
5. One of the topics covered at the Virtual Town Hall was the plan and timeline for phasing the construction of the new Ferndale High School facility, which will take approximately two years to complete. We said we would include that plan and timeline in this week's Bond Update, so here it is.

The two main criteria used to develop the phasing plan were to protect (1) the safety of the students, staff, and community, and (2) the educational program. It includes four phases as follows:

- Phase I: May 2021-August 2022 -- Construction begins on the new academic wing, administration complex, commons, athletics wing, and stadium. The

athletic wing will be turned over to the District at the end of phase one in August 2022.

- Phase II: September 2022--January 2023 -- Construction continues on the new academic wing, administration complex, commons, and stadium. The academic wing, administration complex, and commons will be turned over to the District at the end of phase two in January 2023, in time for the start of second semester.
 - Phase III: February 2023-June 2023 -- Construction of the stadium continues; demolition of the existing classroom wing and cafeteria take place; construction begins on the new CTE building.
 - Phase IV: Summer of 2023 -- Performing Arts Center (PAC) renovation scope of work is executed; site work is completed around the stadium and CTE wing.
 - Completion of the project -- The stadium and the rest of the campus are turned over to the District for full use in Fall of 2023.
6. Last Tuesday, December 8, the members of the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) held their regular monthly meeting. They discussed the following topics:
- Recording the meetings of the BOC and publishing them on the District website.
 - Updating of the Ferndale High School and critical projects schedules on the District website so that the community has the most current information about our progress.
 - Reviewing the School Board's response to issues raised in a letter written by the BOC to the Board.
 - Refocusing the BOC's attention on its critical mission, which is to ensure the Ferndale School District's 2019 bond projects are delivered on time, on budget, as promised, and with transparency.
 - Reviewing expenditure reports through November 30, 2020.
 - Considering product lead times and Buy American provisions.
 - Understanding the rationale for the change in the slope of the roof of the new CTE building.
 - Providing water leak detection sensors in the new Ferndale High School.
 - Receiving a report on the status of all of the safety, security, and critical maintenance projects included in the 2019 bond.
 - Reviewing an FSD Facility Advisory Committee's powerpoint presentation on facility recommendations and a long-range facilities master plan that was first presented to the Ferndale School Board in 2013.
 - Gaining community support for the District's ongoing facility and maintenance needs.
 - Providing the BOC with the opportunity to read the comments from the Constructability Review process.

7. The next Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 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.

If you have questions or comments about anything in this update, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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