

BOND UPDATE #82

10.23.20

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

1. Investigations in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) will begin soon. We will be doing some testing to determine the type of roof-to-wall connections that will help the structural engineers design the appropriate seismic upgrades. Additional testing will also be done to find out what types of hazardous materials are likely to be encountered during construction. As a reminder, it was standard practice to use hazardous materials in construction materials in earlier decades. They are present in most older buildings, but they are enclosed within the structure (behind walls, under floors, within building materials, etc.) and do not pose a health threat if left in place. By knowing what exists and where it is, Cornerstone will be able to safely handle and dispose of any of these materials encountered during construction.
2. The District has presented an Intent to Award letter to Bellingham-based GeoTest for special inspection and testing services during construction. GeoTest will be one of the consultants conducting testing at the PAC.
3. Our partners at Cornerstone Construction are busy translating the design development documents into construction documents. We expect this work to be done by mid November.
4. On Monday, October 20, the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) held its monthly meeting. They were joined by Ferndale School District Assistant Superintendent Mark Deebach, High School Principal Jeremy Vincent, Director of Facilities and Maintenance Jamie Plenkovich, Administrative Assistant Tammy Longstaff, Construction Services Group (CSG) Representatives Heidi Hansen, Tex Ladish and Ken Kuiken, and Ferndale School Board Member Andrew McLaurin. Topics discussed included the following:
 - Update of the Critical Projects Schedule on the district website.
 - Creation of a monthly cashflow report to provide to the BOC.
 - Development of a preventative maintenance plan and a long-term capital projects plan so that costs are more controlled, anticipated and predictable; buildings and equipment are properly maintained; and the School Board and community are informed of scheduled work and necessary expenditures for completing it.
 - Partnership between the district and CSG (Ken Kuiken) to work on the development of a preventative maintenance program, which will begin with an in-depth assessment of the current condition of district buildings and equipment.
 - Review of scheduled work on the Performing Arts Center.
 - Status of the district's application for School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) funding.

- Plan for constructing the new high school facility in phases.
- Progress report on Safety and Security and Critical Maintenance bond projects.

More information about the meetings and discussions of the Bond Oversight Committee can be found on the district website at this link:

<https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>

5. Next Tuesday, October 27 (7:00 pm via Zoom), the Bond Oversight Committee will be presenting its latest quarterly report to the Ferndale School Board.

As always, please reach out to me or one of my colleagues if you have questions.

Linda