

# BOND UPDATE #66

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Here's what's been going on this week:

1. The members of the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) met on Tuesday, June 23. Consistent with physical distancing guidelines, they conducted their meeting virtually through a Zoom webinar. Due to technical difficulties during the meeting, the public was unable to attend via Zoom. Therefore, the committee chose to record the meeting and post it on the Bond Oversight Committee webpage for public access. A recording of the meeting is available at this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wjboq4-cOml&feature=youtu.be>.
2. At their Zoom meeting on June 23, Bond Oversight Committee members conducted the following business:
  - Reviewed the draft debt policy presented by Assistant Superintendent Mark Deebach. Members expressed the need for the district to follow best practices in this area. The policy represents a sign of transparency and acknowledgement of the community. The committee decided to send a recommended revised policy to the School Board to review at its June 30 meeting.
  - Per a request of the School Board for recommendation, reviewed the proposal to use the current Ferndale High School CTE building to house the Golden Eagle Academy and Ferndale Virtual Academy Programs. This proposal would facilitate the move of the video/web design program to the space in the Performing Arts Center where the two academies are currently located, thereby freeing up more square footage and an additional classroom in the new facility for other CTE programs. The committee is recommending support of this concept based on the District's upgrading the current CTE building to make it an equitable learning environment for students.
  - Refined its quarterly report, which it will present to the School Board at its June 30 meeting.
  - Received a report regarding the safety and security projects that are part of the bond package. The District has awarded the bid for the vestibule projects to Tiger Construction, and the work is scheduled to be completed during the upcoming summer months.
  - Received a report on bids for the Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) that will be part of the new Ferndale High School facility.

- Reviewed financial documents for May. No bills were paid during the month of May.
  - Confirmed that the next meeting of the Bond Oversight Committee will be held on July 21. All meeting agendas and minutes of the committee are available on the district website at <https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>.
3. This week, we hosted an in-person tour of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) for a group of mechanical engineers working on planning the renovation and design of this space. The group will return next week for another in-person look at the PAC.
  4. This week, we continued our work with CTE teachers and other Ferndale High School and District staff on “test fitting” spaces in the new building. Our test fitting meetings provide staff with the opportunity for (1) discussion about what programs and teachers will need in the new spaces they will occupy, and (2) get direct input from them to help the architects refine the building design. We expect to have those meetings completed by July.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions or comments about any of this.

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