

BOND UPDATE #64

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

1. The district held a physically-distanced formal bid opening on June 10 for the eight secure vestibule projects within the district. These vestibule projects will take place at Custer, Eagleridge, Skyline, Central, Cascadia, Vista, Horizon, and the District Office. Three contractors' bids were submitted, and the low bid fit within the designated bond budget. A recommendation to the School Board to accept the low bid will be made at the Board meeting on June 16. Bid results and the name of the selected contractor will be shared next week.
2. At their June 16 meeting, the School Board will also be reviewing the Educational Specifications for the new high school (with the intention that they will formally accept the Ed Specs at a future meeting); and they will be approving the sale of more bonds.
3. On June 5, Cornerstone received two bids for the pre-engineered metal buildings (PEMB) that will be part of the new high school project. The good news is that the bids were under the estimate, but the bad news is that there was an issue with the bid process. The addendum to the bid documents, was supposed to be posted online at the Builders Exchange for all bidders to review. However, there was an error with the system and, unbeknownst to Cornerstone, the addendum did not get posted. One of the bidders had a copy of the addendum because they had asked for it to be directly emailed; but the other bidder was unaware any addendum had been issued. Because the content of the addendum was likely to influence the bid pricing, Cornerstone has rejected both bids and will be re-bidding the project. Prior to making this decision, Cornerstone consulted with both District and legal counsel to ensure that the correct course of action would be taken. The new bid opening date is June 17.
4. On June 11, Dykeman Architect Tim Jewett made a presentation about the design of the new high school to the FHS CTE Advisory Committee at their spring meeting. CTE staff and advisors were able to view a number of drawings and renderings showing what the facility will look like and how it will function. They also had the opportunity to ask questions.
5. We have made our Pre-Application Submittal to the City of Ferndale, which officially starts the permitting (land use) process for the high school project.

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

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