

BOND UPDATE #38

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

1. As you may remember, \$4 million (of the \$112 million bond) was designated for addressing specific critical maintenance needs across the District. This week we want to provide a substantive update regarding our progress on these critical maintenance projects.

Roofing Projects: District Maintenance staff met with a local roofing contractor on November 8 at Central Elementary to inspect and evaluate the current condition of that school's roof to determine the scope of work for roof replacement and repair. We are continuing to develop project scope and bid specs for Vista as well. Once this work is done, we will put these two projects out to bid. At Custer, we need to complete masonry repairs before we can put together a roofing project.

Masonry Repairs: District staff is working with a local masonry firm to help evaluate the needs and scope of work at Custer. We are scheduling a second site visit during November or early December to remove, inspect, document, and replace bricks in multiple locations around the building. The goals of this inspection are to (1) determine the condition of the brick and mortar, (2) discover if there is any structural damage, and (3) evaluate the existence and/or condition of weather barriers and flashing. Data from the inspection will inform the bid scope for this project.

HVAC Controls: We are continuing to work with United Energy Engineers regarding HVAC control upgrades for Central, Eagleridge, Cascadia, and Horizon.

Heat Valves: Seventy-six heat valves have been ordered for our Vista project. Work to install these valves will be done in-house by our Maintenance staff beginning this spring or summer, after the heating season ends.

DDC Controls: District staff is continuing to work with United Energy Engineers to develop the scope of work for DDC (Digital Data Control) replacement at Skyline, Custer, North Bellingham, and Mountain View. We are close to having these scopes and bid specifications completed.

Hot Water Tank Replacement: The District has begun the process of purchasing hot water tanks by location, starting at Custer. Our goal is to get Custer's tanks installed before the end of the year.

Fire Alarm Panels: The District has gotten a bid from a contractor for replacing the fire panels at Eagleridge, Central, and Horizon. The District met with the City of

Ferndale on November 5 to discuss these projects, and we are ready to seek permits and move forward with fire panel replacements.

Fencing: District Maintenance staff is managing the security fencing projects at Eagleridge, Skyline, and North Bellingham.

2. The Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) met this week on Tuesday, November 19. The Committee [agenda can be found here](#). At this meeting, Committee members:
 - Received an update on the progress of all of the bond projects.
 - Examined the past month's expenditures. To date, a total of \$803,472 of bond funds have been spent on such items as value engineering services, constructability review services, building commissioning services, and project management services.
 - Reviewed a proposed dashboard for communicating progress on bond projects to the public, which the BOC plans to make available on the District's website as soon as possible.
 - Reviewed the Bond Oversight Committee's new logo.
 - Heard a presentation by Project Manager Heidi Hanson on the State's SCAP (School Construction Assistant Program), which is sometimes referred to as State Matching Funds.
3. Two Bond Oversight Committee members -- Adam Rustad and Bo Smith -- have resigned their seats on the BOC. Alternate members Cathy Raymond and Dan Cornelsen have therefore been reassigned from their alternate status to voting members. The Committee is currently seeking two members of the community to serve as Alternates. If you are interested in applying to serve as an Alternate, [an application is available here](#). If you have questions in advance of applying, please contact Bond Oversight Committee co-chair Riley Cornelsen at riley.cornelsen@ferndalesd.org.
4. The next meeting of the Bond Oversight Committee is scheduled for 6:00 pm on December 10. All meetings are held at the District's Mountain View Learning site, 5780 Hendrickson Road. For more information about the BOC, please visit the Committee's webpage at this link <https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>.
5. Our design process for the new Ferndale High School is reaching several critical decision points. Although \$112 million sounds like a huge sum of money, our budget for the new high school is actually at the low end of what other school districts in our region have spent per square foot of construction. We recognize it is imperative that we deliver what was promised for the dollars we have available, and we will. However, as we complete the numeric program (which indicates how many square feet will be allocated to each part of the building) and determine the building site (where the new structure will be located on the campus), we are working hard to make the very most cost-effective choices while still fulfilling our needs and

promises. As you can imagine, this process involves compromises. We started dreaming big, and now we are having to figure out how to tailor our dreams to fit an affordable reality. In this process, we are realizing the great value of having our Cornerstone Contractor as part of the design team, which the GC/CM (General Contractor/Construction Manager) model allows us to do.

6. We received a piece of very good news this past week. We revised our initial application for State Matching Funds -- officially called State Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) funding -- and we have been notified that our revised D-4 Project Application (the official name of the application) has been approved. This means the Ferndale High School replacement project is now eligible for \$20.4M in State Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) funding. By requesting to have our D-4 revised, **we have captured an additional \$2M in State Matching Funds!**
7. The next meeting of the Design Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 4:00-6:00 pm, in the cafeteria at Ferndale High School. DAC members will be reviewing the numeric program and looking at pros and cons of different site plans. The Design Advisory Committee has worked to (1) research best practices for high school facilities; (2) solicit community input; (3) share their own expertise; and (4) review and provide feedback on design ideas. The committee plays an important role in creating a vision for the FHS bond construction project. You can find additional information here: <https://www.weareferndale.org/dac/>

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not be publishing a Bond Update on Friday, November 29. We will send you the next issue on December 6.

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

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