

Bond Oversight Committee

Questions Received from Community Members January 22 through February 14, 2020

Key: BOC=Bond Oversight Committee
FSD=Ferdale School District
CSG=Construction Services Group

Q: During North Easter event, a water pipe burst at Fisher Elem in Lynden. What is and will be done to protect the water & sprinkler pipes at the new FHS (Ferdale High School).

BOC A: Building will be designed per code and include adequate insulation to protect from such events. Easy example of a good way to assure to mitigate would be for the design to include an exterior insulation system (outside the sheathing)

FSD/CSG A: This is always taken into consideration; it's part of the design

Q: Has there been any discussion about moving Career & Technical Education (CTE) closer to the current green houses to save some money?

BOC A: CTE is still being discussed heavily and will most likely move from its existing location a couple more times through schematic design.

FSD/CSG A: It was noted that new greenhouses will be constructed to replace the existing greenhouses.

Q: Can the existing CTE building that is not going to be demolished be used for larger projects or storage of larger projects?

BOC A: The existing CTE is going to be repurposed for district storage and cannot be used for educational purposes in the new plan in order to comply with the 'state match' funding requirements. It may be able to repurposed down the road back into educational use at some point, but not as part of this particular Bond.

FSD/CSG A: The timeline was not readily available of when the building might be repurposed.

Q: Why [What] is Admin not closer to the street?

BOC A: This was also a concern of the BOC. There will be further discussion regarding safety & security as the plan continues to develop. It will most likely alter positions a couple more times as it goes through schematic design.

FSD/CSG A: No other comments.

Q: Do we know if the music rooms will be located in the new high school or the existing Performing Arts Center (PAC)?

BOC A: Most of the existing programs in the PAC will stay in the PAC since most the spaces are adequate for the future needs, and there is not adequate funding in this Bond to provide space of equal or greater value in the new school

FSD/CSG A: No other comments.

Q: It appears the new grandstand will impact the current bus parking, will any of that area have to be repurposed [reposed] or bus parking relocated?

BOC A: This area still needs to be further detailed and the site plan as it currently exists is deceiving. The BOC is not aware of any provisions in the bond for relocating bus parking. It is assumed that the grandstand and adjacent work will abut the current bus parking.

FSD/CSG A: No other comments.

Q: Has the BOC received the Ed Specs for the High School and reviewed them for how they contributed to the latest schematic site plan being presented?

BOC A: In short, no we have not received the educational specifications (ed specs) to review. Long Answer, the schematic site plan and the ed specs are a 'chicken or egg' situation. We have had multiple conversations around items and issues that will be included in the ed specs (adjacency, sizing, numeric program, safety, etc), but the document itself is still in the process of being created as the district tries to work through the process with both staff and the design team. Now that we have a solidified idea of the campus layout, the ed specs should be able to be finalized prior to the schematic design. In our specific case, working with an occupied campus and a tight budget has driven the site plan/location as much as the ed specs.

FSD/CSG A: Ed specs will be completed prior to the end of the schematic design work.