

BOND UPDATE #108

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Here's what's going on with our bond projects:

1. Our biggest news of the week is that we have been issued the Land Disturbance Permit (LDP). This means we can begin the site work, which is the start of full-scale construction operations! This is a major milestone for the Ferndale High School project, and something that the team has been working very hard to achieve. We have appreciated the City of Ferndale's willingness to collaborate and keep the permitting process moving along as quickly as they are able.
2. Now that we have the LDP in hand, the contractor has begun clearing grass, sod, and track from the area that will be the new building footprint. Pellco is going to be busy for the next couple of months performing the site work in preparation for construction of the new classroom wing.
3. The rerouting of the electrical power on the west side of the building has been completed, and next week the areas disturbed by the trenching will be dressed up with grass hydro seeding.
4. The existing wind turbine has been taken down and will be stored for reuse at the new high school site.
5. Monuments and memorial items have been carefully removed and stored for re-use.
6. Phone and computer lines are being rerouted this week through the existing building to clear the path for the new high school.
7. Our Building Permit is very close to being issued. Once issued, we can begin construction of the entire new building. This is another major milestone, so we are very pleased to report that we almost have that in hand.
8. The Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) met (in person for the first time in over a year) on Tuesday of this week (May 18). They talked about the following topics:
 - a. The updated versions of the Ferndale High School Project Dashboard and the Cash Flow Plan, which are both now posted on the District website.
 - b. The Critical Projects Dashboard, which will be updated and posted before the June BOC meeting.
 - c. A Letter to the Editor from the BOC highlighting the positive work taking place in the Ferndale School District, which will be ready for publication in June.
 - d. The April 27 Groundbreaking Ceremony, which was community-centered, inclusive, well-organized, and well-received.

- e. The staffing matrix supplied by Sam Corner of Cornerstone, which includes all of the information requested by the BOC.
 - f. The positive contributions of Vicky Puckett, who serves as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director for Cornerstone and who has been working with district administrators on positive ways to involve students in the construction process.
 - g. Bond-related spending for April 2021.
 - h. Current total expenditures for the new FHS project, which amounted to \$6,497,458 as of April 30, 2021.
 - i. The addition of another layer of information in the Cash Flow Plan to show actual expenses in addition to estimated expenses.
 - j. Discussions between Construction Services Group (CSG) and Southern Bleachers about the best method for securing material pricing, which may require the district to purchase the bleachers now and store them onsite until they can be installed.
 - k. A monthly report on the progress of the FHS project from CSG project managers Heidi Hansen and Ken Kuiken.
 - l. A monthly report on the progress of bond-specified Critical Projects from CSG project manager Tex Ladish.
 - m. An expanded role for Jamie Plenkovich in Bond Oversight Committee meetings once Mark Deebach begins transitioning into his Interim Superintendent position.
 - n. Anya Milton's upcoming (May 25) presentation to the Ferndale School Board on a Corporate Sponsorship Plan.
9. The complete agendas and minutes of all of the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) meetings, along with directions for attending such meetings, are posted on the district website under the tab labeled "BOND." The BOC's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

10. I have included below several photos taken by members of our construction team.

If you have questions or comments about any of the content of this update, please feel free to reach out to me or one of my colleagues.

Linda



Wind Turbine Removal for Storage/Reuse



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Clearing away the grass and sod preparing for the building foundation