



Cheney Public Schools 2024 Bond Program Bond Advisory Team Meeting Minutes #02

Location: 12414 S. Andrus Rd, MR Conference Room, Cheney, WA 99004

Date: March 10, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m.

I. **Welcome**

- This meeting was kicked-off at 5:00 p.m. with a welcome back to the second Bond Advisory Team (BAT) by Ben Ferney, Superintendent.
- Each of the team members (BAT) were asked to introduce themselves including their Name & Role (e.g., *Parent Rep, Student Rep, School Board Member, etc.*)
- The Bond Advisory Team members were asked to turn to their neighbors to discuss what the most valuable takeaway from our last meeting on Feb. 10th. Team Members said it was great to be able to see where the bond dollars are being spent, the projects that will be taking place, and the ability to hear updates on each project.

II. **Review of Parking Lot Activity – Ben Ferney, Superintendent**

- Ben Ferney pulled up photos of each of the poster papers that were filled out by BAT and revisited thoughts on what is working well, what concerns need to be addressed, ideas for improvement, and residual questions.

A few items discussed during this topic:

- BAT would like less words and more visuals including photos of project progress/renderings/design – this comment was incorporated into this meeting's presentation.
- Would like as much information as possible on the bus loops including images/diagrams to share with the transportation department.

III. **Communicating Bond Project Updates - Jenna Larson, Communications Coordinator**

- Jenna pulled up the District's Website and directed BAT on how to get to the latest bond information: <https://www.cheneysd.org/community/bond-levy-information/november-2024-bond-information>

- The updates to the 2024 Bond information on the District’s website is expected to go live on Friday, March 14th. This will include bi-weekly project updates, BAT meeting minutes, progress photos and frequently asked questions.
- Questions asked during the parking lot exercise at the 1st BAT meeting on February 10th have been added to the Frequently Asked Questions portion of the website. Responses are currently under review to ensure the most accurate information is being provided.
- Discuss communication methods
 - Discussed the District’s role in communicating the 2024 Bond progress – including but not limited to, updates to the website, BAT meetings, Board meeting updates, social media posts and reports.
 - Discussed Turner & Townsend’s role in communicating the 2024 Bond progress – including but not limited to, bi-weekly reports that are posted to the website, attendance and presentations on a monthly basis at board meetings, and attendance at monthly BAT meetings.
 - Ben then turned to the BAT members and asked them to meet with their neighbors and discuss ways that they can communicate the progress of the 2024 Bond.

Some of the responses received were:

- Act as a conduit for information – share information/updates that is received in the monthly BAT meetings and receive information from the community that can be discussed by the BAT members in future meetings.
- Share/interact with social media posts that have been posted by Cheney Public Schools.
- Combat mis-information. Ensure correct information is being construed.

IV. **Update from Construction Management Team (Turner & Townsend Heery) - Lisa Lundy**

- Current Progress and Upcoming Milestones
 - Lisa Lundy presented current project progress including current design stages, renderings, and photos of the projects actively in the design/bid/procurement phases. Discussed current milestones, including a new target of Sunset Elementary’s Old-to-New project to commence this summer (2025).
- Overview of Construction Timeline
 - Reviewed current timeline including pulling back the start year of the old-to-new projects to reflect the Sunset Elementary School’s Old-to-New project that will take place this summer.
- Budget and Resource Allocation
 - Budget is still currently on target with no changes to currently allocated amounts for each project.
- Key Considerations and Challenges
 - Project scopes must align with what was passed in the bond and presented to the public as a part of this program.

- Scheduled construction work will be around active campuses and work will be scheduled and reviewed for logistics prior to starting work to ensure that school is not disrupted and areas under construction are safe
- We will deliver the promised scopes in the most cost-effective manner possible, while managing risk the best we can
- Monitoring tariffs and their potential impact on supply chain and material costs

V. **Conclusion & Next Steps – Team**

- Reviewed key takeaways from today’s meeting
- Next meeting will take place on April 14th and will continue to focus on the parking lot feedback, and bond progress updates.
- Thank you for your time and commitment!