



Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Notes February 22, 2022 5:30-7:30 pm

The meeting was held at Lincoln Elementary School. Committee members were also provided with a link to participate in the meeting via Zoom.

	Rich Arnold, Committee member		Terese Jones, School Board Liaison
x	Amy Crump, Committee member	x	Ryan Noss, Superintendent
x	Brad Hamlin, Committee member	x	Kim Patten, Director of Facilities & Transportation
x	Jennifer Richmond, Chair	x	Olivia Meyers Buch, Director of Finance & Operations
x	Erin Martin, Committee member	x	Brenda Downum, Communications Consultant
x	Emily Valdez, Committee member	x	Dale Kuykendall, Wenaha Group
	Gordon Zimmerman, Committee member		

1. Welcome and Member Updates/Community Feedback

Chair Richmond notified members that Rich Arnold has resigned from the committee. There were no member comments or community feedback topics.

2. Financial Update

Olivia Meyers Buch reviewed bond financials with a focus on the December 31, 2021 financial report. She noted there was not a lot of change compared to the November report. The District still has the Harding Center project yet to be fully contracted. The program as a whole is just over \$260 million and 62% of resources have been paid out. Unallocated reserves didn't change significantly since last month. Additional funding sources are coming to fruition and the District will be recognizing the new resources to the bond program next month.

The bond management team is in the process of finalizing the design for Harding that will go out to bid in about a month with the expectation of a presentation to the board later this spring. The scope change includes construction taking place in an empty school which improves the cost. Kim Patten shared that no bond promises will be cut. The current concept is to reclaim the stage and hallway area for a cafeteria commons area which is a different plan than the original bond promise that would have expanded the footprint of the building.

A member raised the question about why the district chose to get a bid on an expanded scope project rather than the original bond promises? Kim Patten provided details about the reasoning behind this decision. She noted that the original idea was to reclaim the two-story portion of the building since mechanical and structural work was needed in the one-story portion of the building and it was thought that including the second-story would create cost efficiencies. The hope was the funding would be available to do so. This did not end up to be the case and the current re-scoping will focus on mechanical work only on the two-story portion of the building and limiting the need to update finishes. While there will be no modifications in the two-story portion of the building, the new design will not compromise the original bond promise and will not negatively impact students.

3. Bond Program Update

Kim Patten and Dale Kuykendall presented a progress report on key projects.

Letitia Carson and Kathryn Jones Harrison Elementary Schools

Kathryn Jones Harrison Elementary is a month ahead of Letitia Carson Elementary which is due to permit issuance. Both projects are in the foundation phase including pouring footings and stem walls. Front offices and staff areas will be complete and turned over to staff use soon, with libraries expected to be completed after spring break. At Letitia Carson Elementary, the District is developing a Lot Development Option in response to neighborhood/community feedback. This would retain the sidewalk in front of school as is and would be a variance to City code. This should save the project money but has to be approved by the City.

Harding Center/College Hill

Project re-scoping and timeline was covered in the discussion during the financial update.

Adams, Franklin, and Mountain View

The District's move coordinator is meeting with principals and school staff. All three schools will start packing later this spring in preparation for summer construction.

At Adams, modulars will be moved to the school campus (in the bus loop) during spring break. This will support the school and provide cost savings. The school bus loop will be moved to the Western View site and school staff will provide chaperoned walking school buses to the school. This will be communicated to families March 11 and will be in effect March 17. Abatement in hallways and the locker rooms will be the first activities to get underway.

At Franklin, construction trailers will be set up soon. The library and locker rooms will be emptied out and abatement will get underway. These areas will be closed for the remainder of the school year and will be ready for students next school year. The library will be ADA accessible via a new ramp. Bond leadership has met with parents to hear concerns about the lack of a separate cafeteria and gym at Franklin. The bond projects at the school were determined by the school board decision and the District doesn't have funding to add a cafeteria. Kim Patten shared that she convened a focus group meeting with Franklin students to hear their ideas about making improvements to the playground. There will be a new piece of equipment, but this will not be paid for with bond funds.

Mt. View work will begin in June. Construction mobilization will begin later in the spring.

School Tours

The District will be hosting community tours at Garfield Elementary on February 28. There has been a great response with all sign-up slots filled. Bessie Coleman Elementary tours will take place in March. Committee members will have an opportunity to tour the new buildings at future BOC meetings. There was consensus the 5:00 pm is an acceptable time so tours can take place just prior to the meeting.

4. Committee Business – Annual Report

Chair Jennifer Richmond led the discussion of the annual report. A draft report was provided to committee members as a starting place for their discussion. Committee members will draft additional narrative to be reviewed at the next committee meeting. The report will be presented at the April 14, 2022 school board meeting.

5. Key Messages

The bond program as a whole is just over \$260 million, and the District has paid out 62% of resources. Unallocated reserves didn't change significantly since last month. Other funding sources are coming to fruition and will be recognized next month. These include resources from ODE, Oregon Clean Power Cooperative, Senate Bill 1149 reimbursements; a number of these reimbursements are tied to energy efficiency spending in the bond program.

The District is in the process of finalizing the design for Harding and anticipates bids being received in the next two months. No bond promises will be cut but the new design will reclaim the stage and hallway area into a cafeteria which is a different plan than the original bond promise that would have expanded the footprint of the building.

The Bond Oversight Committee annual report will be finalized in April and Superintendent Noss will present it at the April 14, 2022 school board meeting.

6. Committee Business

The next scheduled meeting was Monday, March 21 which is during Spring Break. The committee agreed to

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meet March 14, rather than March 21. The next meeting will be at Garfield Elementary School, with a tour starting at 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm

Notes compiled by Brenda Downum