

The Bond Oversight Committee met June 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at the district's Mountain View site located at 5780 Hendrickson Road, Ferndale.

1. CONVENE

1.01 Call to Order

Riley Cornelsen called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Committee members present: Riley Cornelsen, Anya Milton, Adam Rustad, Mark Harting, Sandi McMillan, Bo Smith and Ryan Kimball. Alternate member Dan Cornelsen was also present.

Also present were Ferndale School District's Assistant Superintendent Mark Deebach, Assistant Superintendent Scott Brittain, Construction Services Group Representatives Tex Ladish and Heidi Hansen, and one audience member.

1.03 Adopted the Agenda

Anya Milton moved to amend the agenda by adding item 1.04 Overview of the email system by Scott Brittain. Mark Harting seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Anya Milton moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mark Harting seconded the motion. Motion passed.

1.04 Overview of Email

Scott Brittain shared login and access information with the members for using the application Outlook (for email) and Sharepoint (for documents).

2. MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

2.01 Approved Minutes

Mark Harting moved to approve the May 21, 2019 meeting minutes as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Sandi McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2.02 Alternate Member Selection

Committee members considered the selection of an alternate member. Since the committee's last meeting in May, the committee called for applications for an alternate member. The committee received four applications from interested persons. Committee members reviewed the applications and discussed qualifications of the individuals.

Sandi McMillan said the alternate member needs to be someone who understands community needs, is a team player who works well within a group, listens to others and doesn't talk over someone, and is accountable for their decisions. Other committee members agreed.

Following the discussion, Anya Milton moved to appoint Brian Lynch as the alternate member. Sandi McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Member Ryan Kimball announced that he would be moving to the Lynden area next month which will make him ineligible to continue to serve on the committee. Committee members will consider the matter of replacing Kimball during its meeting in July

3. MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW

3.01 Reviewed Bond Related Spending for May 2019

The committee reviewed monthly reports from the school district and Construction Services Group (CSG). They received a template from CSG of the budget report that will be used when the district begins receiving and expending funds for the bond projects.

Sandi McMillian said she would like a column added to track alternative district revenue sources such as state match dollars. Tex Ladish said those income sources will be included. Mark Harting said he would like to see a balance sheet that includes revenue received and expenditures made.

3.02 Received an Update on Items Related to the Bond from Ferndale School District and Construction Services Group about: Ferndale High School, critical maintenance needs and safety / security needs.

Heidi Hanson and Tex Ladish from CSG reviewed the proposed Ferndale High School Cost Validation Study with the committee. Comparison projects included those from Meridian, Highline, Issaquah, Bellingham and Stanwood school districts. With the estimates provided, committee members encouraged the district to inform the community that the district has done better than what was proposed on the bond measure with regard to costs.

The committee discussed how it would communicate with community members. Members expressed that they would like a simple and straightforward dashboard on the website for ease of community use. Also, beyond posting to social media, suggestions were made to reach

others through community in person presentations at places like the senior center and area apartment complexes.

Bo Smith said he had some concern about the extended timeframe for the vision and design process, and not having enough dollars to actually get the project completed. Heidi Hanson said CSG and the district have met with the project architect to discuss framework costs. She said there is a cost escalator included in the budget. Mark Deebach said the district felt it was important to extend the timeframe due to not being able to involve as many patrons in the process over the summer months.

Heidi Hanson noted the cost estimate is based on the current school enrollment numbers. Mark Deebach noted Ferndale is at the lower end of the district comparison. The community has said it wants a school that's practical, not extravagant. Tex Ladish said every opportunity will be made to ensure the building is practical and efficient.

Tex Ladish said the site investigation phase is in full swing. Next week, surveyors and drill rigs will be onsite for testing.

Mark Harting asked if there would be ramifications from adjacent property owners if the district should build a three-story building. He noted, there were property owners who expressed concern about this at the town hall meeting held last week. Tex Ladish said he drove to the area that was the focus of concern and took a look at what the property owners views are of Mount Baker. He said the proposed area of the site where the school may be built will not affect the view of the adjacent properties. The exact location has not yet been determined. He noted that trees standing along the east already block the view from the people who are lower on the hillside.

Also, the committee discussed the idea that the City of Ferndale proposed for reutilizing the Old Main building at Ferndale High School. Some committee members expressed concern that the district may be departing from the original plan placed before voters. It was voiced that if the district and city moved forward with the proposal, there should be significant benefit for the district, students and community.

For critical needs, safety and security projects. Tex Ladish said a calendar is being developed. The same consultants who have been hired for the high school project will also facilitate some of these smaller projects.

- 3.03 Reviewed Preliminary Bond Budget
This item was discussed as part of 3.01 and 3.02 above.

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Mark Deebach announced that tomorrow he and Superintendent Linda Quinn would be attending the sale of bonds in Seattle. The district plans to sell \$47 million in bond proceeds. The rate looks to be lower than the \$1.66 the district promised to patrons.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.01 Receive Public Comment
No public comment was received.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for July 23, 2019. The agenda and materials for the meeting will be available to the committee for review one week in advance of the meeting.