



Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
November 3, 2022
5:00 p.m. Emily Gray JHS Conference Room

Members in attendance: Lisa Brown (online), Lainie Armienti (online), Tony Blackwell, Scott Hagerman, Jeremy Schalk, Greg Miller, Beth Peterson.

1. Financial Update

Ms. Armienti provided a summary report of the current bond allocations.

Transportation - A SpEd bus is being purchased, with expected delivery in 2023- yellow bus with a lift. Utilizing funds from selling four old buses.

Initial proposed budget - expense summary (Please see Bond Funding Report)

- Bond Financing \$80,000 expended
- Tech Screens \$370,000 expended
- Technology Infrastructure Network \$307,000 expended
- Construction net \$4,773,866 expended, with \$26,000 remaining
- Equip and furniture. Budget \$300,000 - \$111,881 expended, with \$17,000 remaining

General Comments

In tech we have ERate and bond funds available. ERate is a federal fund for school funding based on the number of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch.

New construction is being funded through the SFB (School Facilities Board - State funding) and the 2020 Bond.

What are the rules in the funding source so we have a strategy? We can use the bond

money as the committee judges best, once all current expenditures have been accounted for.

2. Construction Updates

Bond Funded Construction

TVHS

- Courtyard and Student Commons completion expected by December, 2022 with a move-in date of 12/19.
- Furniture is in storage with the vendors. It was ordered in June. The furniture has been waiting for us.
- Courtyard 2 and 3 are done. Courtyard 1 December 1.
- Turf is back in the plan - The amphitheater is a presentation space so we added turf so that no one has to sit in the dirt.
- Some of the components we have decided to pay for even though the SFB won't pay for some of those things.
- Drainage was paid for at the HS and ACES was cleared today.

ACES

- Trees have included the clay pipe at ACES so it has to be redone. All of the pipes have been destroyed.
- There will be drainage improvements while doing all of this. Tree roots have been a problem at HS also. The HS also had a pump.
- Sewer work is 100% SFB, not bond, to facilitate plumbing and sewer issues at TVHS and ACES.
- Doors at ACES are going very well with a master key system being implemented at ACES. All painting is going on at the same time.

EGJH

- EG projects are finishing up. Lockers are in. Remediation pieces are being completed. Fire strobe in Fine arts is temp. one pc of electronics switchgear and then gas for heating.

TVES

- Roofing projects are ongoing. Began re-roofing with mainly classroom buildings - currently on the 5th and 6th grade wing. Work will continue with admin, library, and MPR.
- About to start the grading and draining projects. All hardscape needs to be removed. It will happen during school. All internal sidewalks will be removed and replaced, focusing on drainage issues.
- The quality control is handled by a separate 3rd party. Very much checking standards. Diligence and checking with a fine tooth comb. No down grading of standards. Walk throughs and surprise inspections are being conducted regularly.

3. Transportation New bus ETA in the next year

(See previous discussion above).

4. IT Updates

Tony Blackwell, Director of Information Technology, reported that the Wifi is predominantly replaced and a couple of classrooms need to be re-cabled in the 100 and 200 buildings at the HS during the holiday breaks

- The old system is running fine because it is underused at this point. Wired network is basically done except for the commons.
- The firewall might need to be replaced if we use more . We are renewing our interim one because it is still handling the load.
- The last component we don't have yet is the outdoor points, they have been on order for about a year and they are expected next month. We will not get great performance until we get the outdoor components.
- The screens are pretty much done. There are 4 screens for the classrooms and 1 very large board for the board meeting room and also some other boards in that room and in the commons that need to be ordered.
- The only other classroom is the one at ACES Science that needs to be replaced. We are going to continue until we get it all done to get rid of the old controller which is 14 years old now.
- Generators lose power sometimes and it is very hard on our electronics. We want to build the server room to be failsafe, including a built-in natural gas generator for the server room.. Eliminate the sudden downs that kill servers, and supply chain issues for the generator. 19 months out.
- The Gas supply will be redesigned to be sure to solve the problem of adequate supply of gas. Poor power supply causes us to have to maintain a battery supply to handle the cut over to the gas supply. We go through the battery back up - not the batteries, but the components. Constant fluctuating power supply issues currently, which should be resolved with these improvements.

5. Next Meeting Date - February, date TBD.

We are lobbying for school safety standards to be funded at the state level, rather than the currently unfunded standards. We hope to make progress during the next legislative session. The School Security Administrator for the SFB has recommended safety standards, but they don't call them minimum standards so they don't have to pay for the items. Arizona is one of the few states that does not have a minimum standard for school safety.

If school security does become a minimum standard requirement, then we could get security funding. Security would then fit within school construction ESSER funds to be used toward security fencing. The front fences at ACES and TVES are planned.

The committee would like to meet when we are done with construction and we will know where we stand with our bond fund expenditures and remaining funds available. We should know by January what the final number will be for construction.