

Planning is Well Underway

On January 7, 2020 the FAS Administrative Team, BOE Facilities Committee, and representatives from Johnson Control Inc. meet to continue the planning process for the work that will be accomplished in the next two years.

The Bonds that the voters approved to be sold in November, will be sold on February 3, 2020. During the last few weeks, our financial advisor (The PFM Group) developed a document setting for the bond details like length of time for bonds, kind of bonds to be sold, qualification status, maturity dates and the sale parameters for a competitive sale. This document was sent to our legal counsel (Thrun Law Firm) who reviewed the document, approved it, and prepared a draft resolution for the Board of Education to approve at the December 2nd board meeting. The December 2nd Resolution authorized the district to sell the bonds.

Next Steps

- Board of Education to select an investment firm for Bond Proceeds
- Athletic Complex Committee Meeting
- Playground Committee Meeting
- Selling of the bonds

Although lots of planning, plan reviews and preparation is currently underway. The actual physical improvements will begin in late Spring 2020 and during the summer of 2020. The priorities will be the building security, heating and ventilation systems, and replacing the identified roofs associated with this project. The ground breaking for the new elementary wing will take place in the fall of 2020 with a goal of wrapping up the project by the close of 2021.

Major projects for Summer of 2020 include:

- Replace boilers in High School and Elementary School
- Replace HVAC units and control systems in all buildings
- Replace sections of roof in High School and Middle School
- New Middle School Secure Entrance
- Track and fencing repairs and replacement

As all of you know, this is a very exciting time for our district. We continue to ask for your patience as we move through this process. We will continue to communicate with you through our website, our Facebook page, and through email messages. If you have questions, feel free to talk with Steve Scoville by phone at (989-588-9917) or email him at (sscoville@farwellschools.net).

Once again, thank you for your continued support and know that while things may not seem to be happening for you to visually see, know that much work is being done behind the scenes.

