



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 4.

DATE OF MEETING: April 4, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Board of County Commissioners

SHORT TITLE: Pender County Public Schools System Quarterly Bond Project Update

BACKGROUND: The Board has requested a quarterly update on public school bond projects. Updates will be provided each July, October, January and April. An official of the System will be present to provide the update.

BOND UPDATE APRIL 2011

RE: Construction update for January – March 2011

During the first quarter of the year 2011 our efforts have been concentrated on completing the Heide Trask Auditorium/Gymnasium project. The project has been completed and a Certificate of Occupancy is expected to be issued this week. The only exception is the scoreboards which will be purchased by the school system. They are not necessary because the athletic competition sports have been completed for this season. We have received the bids and are currently reviewing them before presenting them for consideration. I have assured the Athletic Director that they will be installed during the summer months.

The work completed during this quarter includes the completion of the sprinkler system, the seat installation, hanging the stage curtains, stage lighting, sound system, floor finishes and the display cabinet fabrication in the auditorium.

The flooring, wall and flooring finishes, lighting, hvac ductwork, controls, seating and the wrestling mat storage equipment were finished in the gymnasium.

The exterior clean-up and grading of the grounds were also completed. The construction equipment has been moved and the debris removed from the site. The temporary walkway that was installed from the student parking lot will be removed and the stone used on the driveway or on the parking lot.

The project was finished 60 days ahead of the schedule and there have not been any cost overruns. We have worked through the 1st punch list and will be finished with the 2nd list shortly. You are welcome to tour the facility if you wish. You may contact the principal or call me and we will set up a time for you to visit the site.

We have other items that the school staff and parents have requested us to consider if funds are available after the project has been completed. The first item is the placement of a restroom facility at the baseball and softball fields. The nearest restrooms are approximately 1,400 ft. away from the fields and located in the gymnasium. At times portable toilets have been used during games which is not very sanitary. The original plans had restrooms and concessions located near the fields which were deleted due to budget restraints. I am in the process of getting bids for the restrooms and will present them for consideration at the next school board meeting.

The next request from the parents and staff is to address construction of tennis courts. Trask is the only High School without tennis courts. We are trying to insure that all schools have the same opportunities in all areas of sports and education activities.

At Topsail Middle School the restroom renovations will start on March 25, 2011. We will only work in two restrooms at the time so that the students will not be affected any more than absolutely necessary. We will be installing new low flow, automatic flush touch-less fixtures, new partitions and tile floors. Our staff will install the partitions and contractors will do the other work

We have converted the old carpentry shop into two classrooms, New walls have been added, wiring, sheetrock, heat pumps and two by two lay-in ceilings. New lights and flooring will be added in April. Our

staff has completed about 50% of the work and contractors the remaining items. We are doing all we can so that the funds can be stretched further.

The softball field at Topsail High School is under construction and will be finished this summer. We will need the field fencing and backstop installed and the infield completed. We could not proceed until some purchase orders were closed out so that the remaining funds became available. All bids and purchase orders will be presented to the School Board and the County Commissioners before any work is started.

We have another issue that needs attention and that is the restrooms located at the football field. The existing facility is totally inadequate. We will propose renovations to the building that will provide additional efficient fixtures. Part of the building was once used as a concession area. By using this space we can add extra capacity and improve the quality of the facility. It appears that there will be sufficient funds available. If not we will not proceed until funds become available.

Thank you for your support and if there are any questions please call.

David Smith