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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board
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FROM: Michael T. Vogel, Director of Facilities and Construction

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TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Middle Schools Project Update

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Policy 801.1

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: None

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: November 3, 2016

REPORT

New Oltman

Site grading is underway and is progressing well. School PE fields and running track grading is near completion and work on the grading for the building pad is ongoing. A second grading crew will begin work on the large storm water retention pond the week of October 31st. Installation of the sanitary and water lines will commence in mid-November and will take about 3 weeks to complete. Installation of the storm water lines will begin yet this Fall.

The second bid package for footings, foundations, masonry walls, precast panels, structural steel etc. will be issued on November 11th and bids will be awarded at the 2nd board meeting in December.

Negotiations have been completed with the City and County on the design and cost sharing agreements for the roadway designs and infrastructure improvements as well as the shared use and maintenance agreement for the future fields to be constructed by the city. These elements will be incorporated into a Developers Agreement that is scheduled for approval by the City Council on November 16th and it will be brought to the school board for approval on either November 17th or December 1st.

While much of the work has yet to be bid, the land, city costs, and grading and utility work costs are within the established budget targets.

Cottage Grove and Lake Middle School

Staff continue to meet with the design consultants and have reached a common understanding on the renovation of the existing spaces within the school. One element of the design not previously discussed with the board is the inclusion of a raised floor on the existing stage to improve sight lines for performances while still serving as additional cafeteria seating space. Enhanced stage lighting and sound controls are being evaluated by the electrical engineers in consultation with the district Theater Coordinator.

Design work is on schedule to meet the previously identified timeframes for bids and contract awards. Collectively the two schools construction and furnishings estimates are about \$250k over the available budget.

Woodbury Middle School

There has been no additional work or progress to report on for Woodbury MS since the September 29th board update. Preliminary budget estimates based on concept plans indicate a budget surplus for the project of about \$500k.

All Middle Schools

Assistant Superintendents, Principals and selected staff members from each middle school will participate in a collaborative learning space furniture design meeting with a school furnishings supplier the first week of November to evaluate furnishings for inclusion in the various collaborative learning spaces proposed for the four middle schools.