

Bond Update as of June 2015

Two petitions have been filed with the Commissioner of Education in connection with the bond project. One filed by Diane Nahas seeks to nullify the March 10, 2015 Bond Vote. The other was filed by James Ansel to nullify the appointment of the District's architect. Thus far, the District has expended approximately \$15,000 on legal fees to defend against these petitions. Each petition asked for a "stay." Both stay applications were denied by the State Education Department. The underlying merit of the petitions has not yet been determined by the Commissioner of Education.

On July 1, 2015, our architect will present to the Board of Education the status of the first phase of the bond plans. These include renovation of the Science rooms at Schreiber High School and Weber Middle School and auditorium redesign at both of the same buildings. There have been numerous meetings which include Science Department teachers, the department chairs, building principals, central office administrators and the architect. With regard to auditorium renovations, a community member who had been on the Bond Committee and the founder of HEARTS, along with teachers, other district staff, the architect and a Broadway theatre consultant have met several times for fact finding and information gathering.

The intent is to do one-half of the Science rooms during the first phase and to do one of the two auditoriums so that there will still be a facility available for district and community activities during the redesign of the other auditorium. Phasing is being done this way in order to ensure that classrooms will be available for instruction and to stay within the promised limits of the financial ramifications of borrowing funds.

Design work has also begun on the fields and window replacements/repairs at Schreiber High School as well.

The goal is to have first phase drawings to the State Education Department, Office of Facilities Planning by the end of August. Review could take as much as thirty-two weeks. Once approved, it is our objective to publicly bid and award all work with the intent of proceeding with actual work in summer of 2016. Selection of a construction management firm will begin while plans are in the review process.