

## **Bond Update**

### **Bond Project Update #10 – April 2009**

MOVING DATE SET - The construction projects are winding down as far as new construction. Students and staff will begin occupying the Wise, Kissam, and Jackson additions the week of April 27th. The projects are all on time and within the bond budget. There will be some continuing projects this spring and summer. These projects will include some area drainage, demolition of older buildings, and some improvements to sewer operations. We will also have some playground improvement projects. The amazing thing about the projects was that the student learning environment remained undisturbed for the entire year. School operations were safe and the cooperation of the contractors outstanding. I appreciate the patience of the parents as we had to redirect traffic on several occasions. I want to personally thank the community for showing confidence in our school system by providing these outstanding facilities. Our schools are much safer and more conducive to providing a quality education to our children.

### **Bond Project Update #9 – January 2009**

The construction projects around the district are all on schedule. The middle school additions are scheduled for occupation this month. We are moving into the choir facility at middle school this week. We are scheduled to occupy the science and computer lab areas by Jan. 20. The projects at Wise and Kissam are scheduled for completion in February and the Jackson addition should be complete by the end of March. Parking lots and playgrounds will begin this summer after some demolition. We are very proud of the progress and what we will be able to provide for our students in the coming days.

### **Bond Project Update #8 – October 2008**

If you will look at the new set of photos you will see that construction is coming along nicely. The push at this time is to get the middle school classrooms ready to occupy by the second semester. We badly need the extra space because of a larger than expected enrollment at middle school plus having our choir and computer lab in temporary locations. The Middle School restrooms have everything except the fixtures and the classrooms are ready for flooring. Next will come the cabinet work and we will be ready to occupy. The Kissam and Wise classrooms are coming along as well. The Wise classrooms and hallways already have paint. Ceilings and grid work are being done presently. We are also working on the drainage at the back of Wise. Area 2 at Wise beside the cafeteria now has a foundation but no walls as yet. The campus where the most progress is being made at this time is at Jackson. The last concrete pour took place this week. Roofing is being put in place on the last section next week. The classrooms in the first two sections have walls blocked up. The brick around the outside is just about complete. The entrance and foyer are very recognizable now and they look fantastic. The new parking lot lights are now in and should go up later this month.

### **Bond Project Update #7 – August 2008**

During the summer months, renovation of existing buildings was the priority. With renovations largely behind us, the focus is once again on new construction. Parking lots on the Wise and Middle School campuses are also complete. The stadium improvements to the field, dressing area, and concessions were also pushed to the front due to the beginning of football season. These have all been completed. New Construction will continue at Jackson, Wise, Kissam, and Middle School. These projects are scheduled for completion from November through February. There will still be some traffic congestion especially at the Middle School because the alley to the band hall will remain closed. Please bear with us through this process.

### **Bond Project Update #6 - April 2008**

Construction projects are in full swing across the district. The Jackson project is proceeding as planned. The parking lot is complete and the site work package is almost finished. The storm drainage is 90% complete and footings are being prepared for the slab work. The prefabricated metal trusses for the project are on order and should be delivered in the next few weeks. Major renovations in the cafeteria and kitchen area will begin as soon as school is out for the summer. The additions at Wise and Kissam are still in the early stages. Site work and relocation of utilities has been the main focus thus far. The pads for the buildings are built and the drainage and slab preparation work are ongoing. The Wise campus will see a drastic remodel this summer with new flooring and restroom renovations being the main focus. At the middle school, you can hardly get in and out for the construction on two sides. At this time, mostly demolition work and relocation of utilities are taking place.

I want to thank parents and staff for their cooperation with the traffic and parking inconveniences at the middle school. There will also be some renovation in the band/choir area and some much needed new restroom facilities added this summer. At the high school, work is on schedule on the new dressing and weight facility. Come by and take a look. The block work has given a great deal of definition to the fully enclosed building. This past week the turf installation work began. Actually, the site work has begun. We have had to temporarily suspend public use of the track due to the construction taking place on the field. In case you are wondering, the turf should be installed in about 90 days which would be July 14. The high school cafeteria will get a much needed face lift especially in the kitchen area. Other projects under consideration, if funds are available, include the home concession area, a new playground at Jackson, new marquees at the three elementary schools, a courtyard area between the high school cafeteria and the new field house, connecting the Wise sewer system to the city of Tyler sewer system, and a retaining wall at the baseball field to prevent further erosion.

### **Bond Project Update #5 - February 2008**

The Chapel Hill ISD school board met at a special-called board meeting to approve the bids for the second phase of the bond construction project. This phase will include the building package for the Jackson campus, renovations to the Jackson

cafeteria, building additions at Wise Elementary, Kissam Intermediate, and the Middle School. There will also be some renovations inside Wise Elementary and the Middle School. There were also three alternates bid at the same time. The alternates included a sound system upgrade at the Middle School band hall, new acoustical ceiling panels at the Middle School band hall, and the demolition and installation on a new walkway canopy cover at Jackson elementary. The bids were such that the board could include these upgrades to the project. The board also determined that other projects could be added to the bond program and still keep the Guaranteed Maximum Price under the original \$18,000,000 bond budget. The projects which were added to the construction program included demolition of some of the existing buildings at Jackson, addition of a playground with new equipment at Jackson Elementary, a sewer system upgrade at Wise elementary, improvements to the football concession stand, an erosion prevention project at the baseball field, a courtyard area at the back of the high school cafeteria, new turf for the football field, and additional parking at the middle school. The ideas for the additional projects came from input from the community during the meetings prior to the passage of the bond. This was a GREAT day in the history of Chapel Hill ISD. We were able to meet even more needs than we had projected. The next phase of the project calls for construction to begin on all five of our campuses before the end of the school year. There will be several inconveniences over the next several months. We hope that you will bear with us as we make way for these improvements. I would like to thank the school board, our architect, Mr. Kent Harris, and our construction manager, Randy Reynolds of HGR for making this phase of our bond project a success. I also thank you, the community of Chapel Hill for your support of our students. We look forward to grand openings and ribbon cutting ceremonies to celebrate the next stage of success.

#### **Bond Project Update #4 - January 2008**

There will be a bid opening February 21<sup>st</sup> at noon for remaining projects:

- Jackson Phase II
- Wise
- Kissam
- Middle School

#### **Bond Project Update #3 - November 5, 2007**

At a called board meeting on November 1, the school board approved bids on the first phase of the bond construction projects. The first phase includes the site work at Jackson Elementary and the high school field house project. A groundbreaking ceremony for the Jackson project will be held at Jackson Elementary at 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 8.

The total Jackson site work bid package was \$745,106. The work is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 12. The site work will continue through the month of February. The Jackson building bid date is December 15, with work to begin on the building erection just after the first of the year. It is anticipated that this phase of

the project will cost about \$5,500,000. The completion date on the building is scheduled for April 2009.

The bid on the field house project was \$3,564,780. This project is to begin with the demolition phase on November 12. The projected completion date is August 2008.

We are looking forward to the beginning of construction. As with any project of this size, there will be some traffic issues for parents and students as we proceed through these projects. Please be patient through these inconveniences. Every effort will be made to ensure that the student learning environment will be undisturbed.

### **Bond Project Update #2 - September 19, 2007**

The first two projects funded by the bond funds (Jackson addition and field house) are in the bidding process. The school board will meet in a special called meeting on Thursday November 1, at noon. A ground breaking ceremony is scheduled at Jackson at noon on Thursday November 8.

### **Bond Project Update - September 6, 2007**

This is an update on the 2007 Bond issue. The school board conducted a successful bond sale in July for the entire \$18 million. The rate was very favorable with the district earning an average interest rate of around 5%. The next order of business was to procure the professional services for architectural and construction management for the project. The firm of Eubanks, Harris, Craig, and Roberts was brought aboard also in July. The board took proposals for Construction Management services in August. The construction manager at risk firm hired for the project was HGR. HGR is a firm headed up by partners Matt Harris and Randy Reynolds, both CHISD graduates. Currently decisions are being made about timelines and construction documents are being completed. We expect to have a ground breaking ceremony at the Jackson campus in late October. The projects at Jackson and the high school field house will run concurrently beginning in November. It will be an exciting time to see these projects progress.