

Crawford Independent School District
Bond Project Update #5
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We are now approaching the one year anniversary of the passage of the 2022 school bond. I hope these project updates are helpful to those who desire to stay informed regarding the progress of the various bond projects. We probably all wish the process could move a little faster, but the reality is that we want to take the necessary time to ensure that all project needs are addressed in the most practical way possible. As the board and administration makes decisions going forward, priority has to be given to the long range planning of the district's infrastructure footprint. Work is currently being performed on all three of the major projects from the 2022 bond. A summary of each one's status is defined below.

Elementary School Parking

The curb around the elementary parking lot, and the light pole bases have been installed. Base and fill work is in progress. The expectation is that the project will be ready for line painting in about a month. There is a little delay in the delivery of the light poles, so installation of those is not expected to be completed for about two months.

Tennis Courts

Submitted pricing for the tennis courts was beyond the projected budget for the project. The board will be meeting in the next few days to discuss value engineering options to bring the final construction costs more in line with the initial project budget. Construction is expected to start on the courts in the next few weeks.

Old Building

The building has had all asbestos abated during August. The board tasked architect Bruce Thacker and engineer Jim Winton to do a structural analysis of the facility. Weighing the sentimental values of the building to many of our Crawford community, and the need to consider the most economically feasible for school expansion, they wanted to make sure that very careful time and consideration was given to this facility evaluation. After completion of the study, the following recommendation was presented. "Considering the current condition of the building structure and that repair and refurbishment costs could exceed available funding, it is recommended that the building be razed and new classrooms constructed on the site." It is a very difficult decision, but with this structural analysis and recommendation, the decision has been made to move forward with the demolition of the old school building. The middle school gym, locker rooms, and middle school wing are not part of the demolition project. The board of education will be holding a workshop in a few weeks to develop bond construction plans to address the district's growth needs.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (254) 486-2381 or khall@crawford-isd.net.

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