

Puyallup School Board considers Bond Oversight Committee

The Puyallup School Board is considering the commissioning of a Bond Oversight Committee to oversee and make recommendations to the board regarding the implementation of the voter approved 2015 School Construction and Facility Improvements bond.

The board heard a detailed report on the proposed committee during its February 1 meeting, presented by Chief Operations Officer, Rudy Fyles. During the report Fyles indicated there are a number of steps required for administration of the bond. It is important to oversee the bond program with respect to scope, schedule, and cost of the projects.

The proposed charter for the advisory committee is to oversee the projects funded from the \$292.5 million November 3, 2015 bond measure. The approved bond projects will allow the district to replace Firgrove, Northwood and Sunrise elementary schools, remodel and expand Pope Elementary, and build a new elementary school on undeveloped district-owned property on 144th Street near 80th Avenue, west of Meridian.

The committee will make periodic reports to the board as to the progress of the bond program and make recommendations as to any changes to the baseline of the scope of work.

The advisory board would provide transparency in reporting to the board on bond progress. They would track documented sequence of projects, scheduled opening dates, and report on revenue, expenses, and contingencies.

Fyles recommended a 13-member committee consisting of nine community members appointed by the board and four staff members.

The report recommended having the committee commissioned and staffed by the end of April 2016.

The board is expected to formalize the decision at its next regularly scheduled meeting on February 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Stahl Junior High, 9610 168th St. E., Puyallup.