



Hinsdale County School District Construction Update

The Hinsdale County School District pursued and was awarded a BEST Grant in May of 2018, with the caveat the school district provides matching funds. The school district and community successfully passed a bond to provide those matching funds on November 7, 2018. RTA had been retained by the school district to help with the BEST grant application and subsequent bond efforts. Shortly after the election RTA began design work. The school district contracted with NV5, and owner's representative; to help manage the project. The team was rounded out with FCI Constructors as the Construction Manager as General Contractor (CM/GC). With input from the school district and the community, RTA has prepared design documents. FCI has been pricing each set of documents to ensure the project stays on schedule. In late March, the design team submitted the design documents for the state to review for a building permit. That permit is expected to be issued in May, just ahead of the start of construction.

FCI will be mobilizing to the site the first week of May to get the site ready for early foundation work. The formal ground breaking event is on May 21, 2019 at 11:30am. Construction for the foundation will begin in mid-May, followed by the structure, roof and exterior. The goal is to get dried in before the winter and begin interior work on the addition. Once school is out in June 2020, FCI will renovate the interior of the existing space. Furniture will be brought in at the end of the summer and staff will be moved into their new space in time for the start of school in August of 2020.

Schedule Overview

- **May 2019** – FCI will install temporary fencing and prepare the site for construction.
- **Summer 2019** – FCI will be working on the foundations and structure of the new addition.
 - There will be limited access to the school during the summer of 2020.
- **Fall 2019-Spring 2020** – FCI will be building out the addition
 - School will be in session, students/teachers/staff will have unlimited use of the school, except for the exterior areas under construction.
- **June 1, 2019** – Movers arrive to move boxed up supplies to a temporary storage.
- **Summer 2020** – FCI will renovate the existing building and complete the construction for the addition.
 - **NOTE: Staff/students/etc. will not be permitted in the school during the summer of 2020 to allow FCI to complete the renovation. The school will not be safe for non-construction personnel.**

NOTE: All non-construction personnel should stay outside the construction area for their safety. This includes school staff, students, parents, community members.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Question: What is the design team doing to ensure the scope work specified in the Bond & BEST Grant is accomplished?

Answer: The entire team, including the School District, Design Team, Contractor, and Owner's Representative value the community needs and desires. During design, there have been numerous Design meetings where stakeholders and members of the community have been involved with design decisions and direction. The design team is also conducting user group meetings with building occupants to ensure the design meets the desired functionality specified in the Bond & BEST Grant.

Question: If the Bond was passed in November, why has construction not started until June?

Answer: There is a great deal of work to be accomplished before construction can begin on the project. The initial major task for this project included procuring a design team, owner's representative, contractor, and other professional services. Then the properties were surveyed, inspected for hazardous materials, evaluated for structural integrity, and tested for soil conditions. At this point the design team began preparing drawings and specifications in three iterations with ever increasing detail. Once finished, the designs must be reviewed by the state for code compliance, and construction trades must be procured. After all these tasks are completed construction can begin.

Question: What is the school district doing to maximize the value of the Bond and BEST Grant?

Answer: Utilizing bond dollars efficiently is a priority for the school district. The District is using the money to apply for grants which will help stretch the renovation dollars. The school has been awarded a BEST Grant for specific scopes of work.

Question: Why was a bond necessary for the School District to perform renovations? Won't the state give money to the school District?

Answer: It is true that the State gives the District money. However, this money is not sufficient for renovating or constructing the facilities. Almost every school district in Colorado must apply for grants and/or pass bonds in order to perform renovations or construct new buildings.

Question: Why was the contractor procured in December if construction is not starting until June?

Answer: There are many delivery methods for construction projects. For the Capital Improvements project the District pursued a Construction Manager/ General Contractor method. In this method the Contractor is involved with the design process to give input on methods to save money, provide knowledge of construction methods, and provide cost estimates during the design to ensure the projects can be accomplished within the budget.



The entire project team cares about input and questions the community might have. If you do have any questions or concerns about the project please contact the owner's representative, NV5, at saul.abrahams@nv5.com.