

Members of the BBS Architectural firm and School Construction were at the Board of Education Work Session on May 2, 2017 to update the Board and Community on the Bond Project. The State Education Department (SED) needs to review the project before granting a permit. No bids can be awarded before the permit is issued. The permit was expected by March, but the SED has slowed down their review process and there are over 20 projects still ahead of us.

A new code was instated in January requiring an energy savings component to the air conditioning unit to be installed in the auditorium at the high school. Due to that and the changes in the current economy, the construction part of the Bond project may be more expensive than anticipated. The original estimate took into account changes in pricing, but the sooner we get the permit the better.

The security component of the project is \$200,000 under budget. Thanks to State Senator Carl Marcellino, there will be a \$200,000 grant to be applied to security. Although the security component of the Bond Project stands to come in at around \$400,000 less than budgeted, the security was its own proposition in the Bond vote and cannot be applied to the construction component to offset costs.

The architects have spoken to the construction companies who have agreed to hold their estimated price until July.

The Board agreed to go out with an information bid so that BBS will be ready to roll as soon as the permit comes through.