

BOARD BRIEFS

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Grand Junction High School Construction Considerations

Board members held a special meeting Tuesday to discuss the GJHS construction project currently underway.

Board members were clear that they were not proposing any changes to the building design, but they did want to discuss overall cost-saving efforts with the project. No decisions were made at Tuesday's meeting, but board members said they would like to have more robust discussions and presentations about the GJHS project at future, regularly scheduled board meetings.



Before the 2021 Election, the district estimated the GJHS project would cost \$144.5 million overall, with \$110.3 million for construction, nearly \$25 million for soft costs (such as abatement, design fees, and soil testing) and contingency dollars for unknown challenges that could come up, plus \$9.25 million for any potential increase in costs. The estimated price tag for construction alone rose to \$127.5 million this May. This estimate was brought down to \$119.9 million earlier this month after some savings were identified, such as finding more efficient ways to complete the project and making a minor aesthetic change to the building exterior. The \$119.9 million estimate is nearly equal to the sum of the original construction estimate plus the \$9.25 million budgeted for potential inflation.

The companies involved in the project continue to work daily to keep costs at a minimum, and all subcontractor work is competitively bid to find quality, affordable services.

Board members discussed the gyms at the new school and possible next steps for the GJHS auxiliary gym. Board members confirmed they have no plans to change the current design for the new school's gyms, and they made no changes to the future plans for the existing auxiliary gym. The 2021 bond language states that bonds will be issued for the sole purpose of replacing GJHS with a new high school on the same site and renovating the existing auxiliary gym and the art building. However, the bond language does not obligate the board to renovate the existing 2006 gym as long as 2021 bond money is not spent on projects outside the scope of the bond language.

Culinary equipment for the new school also came up in discussion. D51 Career & College Readiness Director Cheri Taylor told the board that GJHS has several students interested in culinary classes, and using professional equipment will not only help students learn using the equipment they will some day use in the workforce, it will also stand up to the wear and tear of frequent use. This also helps better prepare students who end up taking culinary classes at Western Colorado Community College, a partnership that D51 values and in which the district continues to be invested.



Future Meetings

June 21 - School Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room, 455 N. 22nd St.

June 23 - Evening Conversation with the School Board (topic: school security), 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room, 455 N. 22nd St.

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