

FRSD Bond Update *Projects on Track*

The Fern Ridge School District continues its work to ensure that all elements of the \$26.7 million dollar bond approved by voters last May are delivered in a manner that will not only meet, but exceed the expectations of our community, students and staff.

Besides constructing quality facilities, the District is also committed to completing the projects promised in the bond on time. That means August 2015 for the project at Fern Ridge Middle School, January 2016 for the project at Veneta Elementary, and August 2016 for the projects at Elmira Elementary and Elmira High School. Below is a brief summary of the status of each project to date:

- **Veneta Elementary** – Construction documents are now complete and the District’s general contractor is currently soliciting bids. The District has also initiated planning and permitting with the City of Veneta. A ground-breaking ceremony will be held Monday, June 8th at 1:00 pm. Staff will be working hard over the next two months to have the building ready to be turned over to the general contractor on Tuesday, June 16th.
- **Elmira Elementary** – Construction documents are nearly complete and the District’s general contractor will be soliciting bids at the end of the month. The District has also initiated planning and permitting with Lane County. A ground-breaking ceremony will be held Thursday, June 11th (time TBD). Staff will be working hard over the next two months to have the building ready to be turned over to the general contractor on Tuesday, June 16th. Portable classrooms will be utilized to accommodate displaced classrooms; There will be a total of 4 portable classroom on site at EES to assist in dealing with the classrooms that will be temporarily displaced come September.
- **Fern Ridge Middle School** – The design process is nearing completion and the District will be soliciting bids for this project in May. All work at the middle school will be completed before school resumes in September.
- **Elmira High School** – The design process for the project at the high school will begin later this month as the site design committee, comprised of staff and parents, will begin meeting on April 30th to discuss the scope of the project and needs of the site. The outdoor field lights will be replaced this summer and will be ready for use at the first football game this fall.

The Fern Ridge School District provides a monthly update on the progress of the work funded by the \$26.7 million bond approved by voters last May, published on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information about bond activities, visit the District’s website at www.fernridge.k12.or.us/bond, or call the District Office at 541-935-2253.