

Fremont schools hire construction manager

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Firm to oversee construction of new high school, 4 elementaries



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FREMONT - Fremont City Schools has hired a construction manager-at-risk (CMAR) to oversee the building of five new schools, Superintendent Jon Detwiler said Monday.

Gilbane Building Co., which has offices in Cleveland and Findlay, will work with the district and architectural firms Then Design Architecture (TDA) and SSOE on the project, Detwiler said.

"So we'll finally get rolling on it," he said of the project.

In May, district voters approved a \$58.6 million levy that would build four new elementary buildings and a new high school and auditorium that will replace aging buildings and upgrade technologies.

Groundbreaking on the project is scheduled for 2019, with the district's preliminary plan to have all buildings open in August 2021.

Detwiler said TDA will work on the design for the new high school, while SSOE will work on the four elementary schools.

He said the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission has a lot of oversight on the size of the buildings, and the amount of gym and hallway space.

In October, Detwiler said the district will pare down the number of elementary schools from seven to four, with east side residents attending Atkinson Elementary, 1100 Delaware Ave., and Croghan Elementary, 1110 Chestnut Ave., while students living on the west side of town will attend Otis Elementary, 718 N. Brush St., and Lutz Elementary, 1929 Buckland Ave.

Stamm, Hayes and Washington Elementary in Lindsey will not be used as school buildings under the current plan.

Detwiler said the district will have to decide what to do with the Washington and Hayes buildings and property.

On Monday, Detwiler said the school district planned to hold a community meeting to get public input on the new buildings sometime in early December.

After public input, the district could move into planning and design, where renderings would be created for each building, he said.

Detwiler said the district also plans to start talking to teachers and staff about the new buildings and facility needs.

For more information and to see periodic updates on the facility project, visit the district's YouTube page, [FremontCSD](#).

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