

Fremont Middle School construction proceeding on schedule

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FREMONT -- Driving along North Street over the past couple months, it's easy to see the progress that's been made at the site of the new Fremont Middle School.

During Monday night's Fremont Board of Education meeting, Chris Moore, project manager for Touchstone CPM, updated board members on the construction and said everything is moving along.

He gave a slide presentation that consisted of aerial-view photos of the site over the past few months and said foundation work began in June. In August, masonry work began along with sewer and electrical work. The start of the steel, three-story wing also began that month.

"Things are progressing," Moore said, noting Monday they did more steel work and that most of the utilities are in.

Moore said the goal is to get the roof on the three-story wing this month because the roofing material is temperature-sensitive. However, masonry work can keep going in the colder temperatures.

Even though there's a lot to be done yet, project managers are confident it's still on schedule.

Moore said some of the HVAC equipment is so big it will need to come through the roof.

"We definitely have challenges with the weather changing," Moore said, noting the June rain was a mild setback.

Board member Linda Hershey asked Moore if they can work on something else if they can't put the roof on when they want.

He said they can and that they can use a temporary roof.

In addition to the update, Moore also gave brief information on the budget and said \$81,734 could potentially be spent on change orders.

The district also has about \$1.5 million for loose furnishings and technology bids. They could also have money credited back in some cases.

In other news, Tim Cullen, director of Fremont student services, said since October is national bullying prevention month a national organization known as Rachel's Challenge will be coming to Ross High School Thursday.

A community presentation will be given that night from 7 to 8 p.m. at Fremont Middle School.

Rachel Joy Scott was killed in the Columbine School shooting in Colorado in the late 1999 and now Rachel's Challenge is the largest school assembly programs in America. It's designed to help school administrators, parents and students create safer and more productive places to learn and achieve.

"All students and staff will hear presentations and can do training," Cullen said, noting close to 200 students have signed up for training.

Students and staff will then work together to make changes in the school.

"We're excited about bringing them here, and it follows our district plan," Cullen said.

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