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## **Baker School District Board Approves Updated Scope for Remaining 2021-2023 Capital Bond Projects**

On January 5, Baker School District leadership, including all five board members, held a work session during which they were presented with updated information from the 2021-2023 Capitol Bond Projects Project Manager (Wenaha Group), Architect (LKV Architects), and Construction Manager/General Contractor (CB Const.) to help determine the new scope of 2021-23 capital bond projects going forward.

CB Const. of La Grande was hired as the Construction Manager/General Contractor for remaining bond projects at the end of October 2022 and spent the remainder of 2022 with the bond leadership team updating estimates for remaining projects and coming up with options for moving forward with the current budget and scheduling constraints to realize the most scope possible within the priorities set by the district school board.

On January 10, members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee received a similar presentation with feedback from the board members' work session.

Following both of these meetings, the school board met for their regular meeting on January 19, taking input from the Bond Oversight Committee and approving selected projects to move forward. School board members unanimously agreed to move forward with construction of the new Baker Middle School (BMS) Cafeteria/Multi-Purpose Building as previously designed; installation of the HVAC equipment already procured for BMS; work at the Baker Early Learning Center tied to legislative grant funding, including lower roof HVAC, access control, cameras, and the PA system; as well as secure main entries at Baker High School, BMS, South Baker Intermediate, Haines Elementary, and Keating Elementary. If funds are left over, additional projects will be identified for completion.

Our community can stay current on school district bond projects by visiting the bond website at [www.bond.bakersd.org](http://www.bond.bakersd.org)

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## **About the Baker School District**

Nationally recognized Baker School District 5J (BSD) is a major employer in Baker City, OR, serving over 1,700 students locally with an additional 3,000 online students across the state of Oregon. Through enterprising, collaborative endeavors, BSD is creating an innovative educational foundation for future Oregonians. BSD believes strong school collaboration with local partners enables us to create vibrant communities that support lifelong learners.

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