

# 'Right where we want to be'

## Contractor considered one of 'three main' project groups

By R.J. Marx  
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The Seaside School District awarded a contract to construction manager/general contractor Hoffman Construction, a Portland-based company with government and school construction experience.

"We felt they were the best suited firm for the job," Superintendent Sheila Roley said.

The board made the offer at a special meeting at the high school Tuesday, June 6. Final negotiations follow approval.

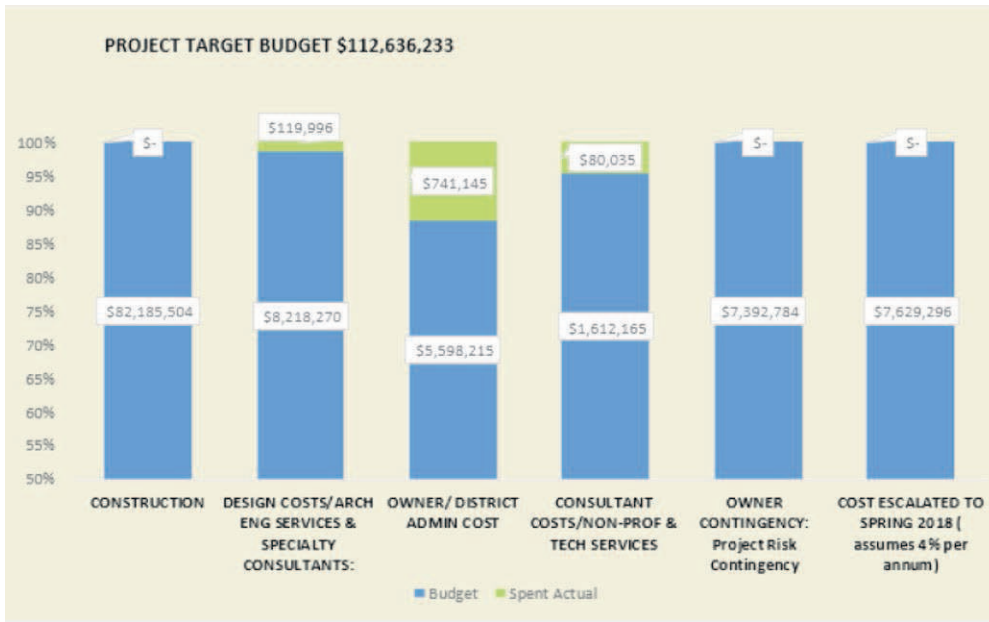
Along with architects Dull, Olson Weekes-IBI and DAY CPM project management, Hoffman will become the third of "the three main groups" to build the district's new campus in the Southeast Hills, replacing Seaside High School, Broadway Middle School and Gearhart Elementary School, located in the tsunami inundation zone. Voters overwhelmingly passed a \$99.7 million bond for new schools in November.

### Three bids entered

From January to April, Dull Olson Weekes-IBI finalized the educational specifications and functional programming for the district.

DAY CPM, a Beaverton-based owner's representative consulting firm, was contracted in January to administer construction management services on behalf of the district throughout the project.

The target budget is expected to exceed \$112.5 million, of which more than \$82 million is expected to fund construction. Of the total cost, an additional \$8.2 million is targeted for design costs and engineering services.



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The firm Day CPM submitted a target budget of more than \$112 million at the district's May budget meeting.

Bids were requested April 10 and three proposals received on May 9.

Hoffman Construction, which built the Portland State University Research and Teaching Center and the Sandy High School, had "an excellent written proposal and presentation and we were really impressed by their qualifications," Roley said. "They have built some excellent schools already in the state of Oregon and they have a lot of coast experience. Overall, we feel they're a great team to go with the team we already have going."

### Logging underway

In a letter last week, Superintendent-emeritus Doug Dougherty said Weyerhaeuser Co. will start on the far east end of the Southeast Hill property and move west. Af-

ter tree and stump removal, site development will begin.

Logging at the top of the hill began this week, Roley said, with material going through main logging roads. Logging will not begin in the vicinity of Seaside Heights Elementary School until after the school year.

Weyerhaeuser, which donated 80 acres to the district to house the campus, will receive profits from the harvest of the wood, part of the agreement's terms.

Architect, project manager and construction management teams plan to meet next week at the district office, Roley said.

Concurrently, the district will appear before the city seeking an expansion of the urban growth boundary, she said, referring to the process of linking school property to city services. Along with the Weyerhaeuser timber removal, the district plans to contract out logging of an additional 12 acres adjacent to Seaside Heights, part

of a 19-acre parcel, Roley said. AKS Engineering and Forestry is the logging contractor.

The district anticipates paying out \$22.5 million next year toward the project, endorsed by voters in approval of a \$99.7 million construction bond last November, Business Manager Justine Hill said in April.

The budget number swelled with the addition of \$4 million from the state, along with favorable bond sales and rates, Hill said.

According to the district's project timeline, heavy site work is scheduled to begin in the first and second quarters of 2018.

"We are right where we want to be," Roley said. "We don't anticipate any actual construction until the summer of 2018 but we will be very busy with the preparation up until that time."

Completion of campus construction and opening for classes is anticipated by fall 2020.

# Seaside graduates look to the future

## Ninety seniors reach major milestone

By Kaelia Neal  
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Ninety graduates dressed in red caps and gowns walked on to the stage Monday night while proud families, friends and educators filled the Seaside Civic and Convention Center to greet them.

Among the graduates at the 101st Seaside High School commencement, five were valedictorians and 22 were members of National Honor Society.

Many students received awards and scholarships to pursue their higher education goals. Heidi Lent said her daughter, Kirstin, will attend Portland State University to study communication and the Turkish language.

"I'm really proud of her for achieving what she has achieved. I'm looking forward to her future," Lent said.

Thaddaeus Stapleton, originally from Washington state, is ready to leave the Oregon Coast. He will attend Southern Oregon University to study business administration. After completing his undergraduate degree, Stapleton plans on pursuing a master's.

"I was a little unsure if I'd make it but I'm here now," Stapleton said.

The valedictorians each gave an address highlight-



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The Seaside Civic and Convention Center was packed with family and friends.

ing the impact Seaside High School had on them, what they are looking forward to in the future, and advice for their fellow classmates.

Summer Spell's speech acknowledged that the labels each one of them had do not define them anymore, whether that be a positive one like "successful" or a negative one like "lazy."

Dania Nolzco Luna, the first member of her family to graduate high school, said: "Whatever it is you do from here on out, you only get back what you put in."

Caroline Kotson's goal for her fellow classmates is to break away from their generation's stereotype as entitled. Kotson said no matter what each student's future will look like, "go out and change the perception of our generation."

After three valedictorian addresses, a slideshow of the graduates played. Students' baby pictures and senior pictures along with group photos were shown.

Once the slide presentation completed, the fourth valedictorian gave his speech.

Carson Schulte said he spent his first three years at Seaside High going through the motions in fear of what others might think of him for standing out too much. However, at the beginning of his senior year, his father challenged him to try new things.

Schulte joined choir and other activities where he found a great support system. "If you have a dream, go out and chase it until you can't chase it any longer," he said.

Following Schulte, the Class of 2017 was awarded diplomas.

The final valedictorian address, given by Elizabeth Barnes, encompassed that people are unique and special in their own ways. "Don't let anyone tell you you don't matter," Barnes said. "Never stop being who you are and seeking what you want."

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