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Timeline of Major Events Capital Bond Improvements

October 2019 – January 2022

Thirty strategic planning meetings held with over 500 participants from the Auburn-Washburn school community to collect feedback on Strategic Plan 2026.

June 2021

[Strategic Plan 2021](#), which guided the district's work from 2016 – 2021, sunset.

July 2021

[Strategic Plan 2026](#) is announced which will guide the district's work from 2021 – 2026.

November 22, 2021

The Board of Education approved, by a unanimous vote, a two-question bond election to be held in April 2022 by mail ballot.

April 12, 2022

The Shawnee County Election office shared the following election results:

- Question 1 - Not to exceed \$145 million dollars – Passed
 - 5,657 Yes votes - 61% vs 3,651 No votes - 39%
- With Question 1 passing, the school district will pursue the following capital projects:
 - Build a second middle school
 - Expand the early childhood program
 - Build a Career and Technical Center
 - Add and/or repurpose spaces at each school to meet student needs
- Question 2 - Not to exceed \$15 million dollars - Did Not Pass
 - 4,199 Yes votes - 45% vs 5,105 No votes - 55%

May 2022

The Board of Education approved the following partners to design and build bond capital improvements:

- HTK Architects, Topeka, will lead design work at WRHS and all elementary schools.
- MultiStudio, Lawrence, will lead design work at WRMS and MS2.
- MCP, Topeka, will lead construction work at MS2.
- Loyd Builders, Ottawa, will lead construction work at all elementary schools.
- McCown Gordon, Manhattan, will lead construction work at WRHS.

July 18, 2022

The Board of Education approved to build Middle School #2 on district owned property located at the NE corner of Auburn Road and 29th Street. It had previously been discussed to build Middle School #2 on district owned property located south of 29th Street on Urish Road.

August 2022

Moody's awarded the Auburn-Washburn School District a AA2 rating which is a very respectable rating for a public school district our size. Following that rating, a favorable bond sale closed on August 30 for \$71,935,000 (general obligation refunding and improvement bonds) which is 50% of the full authority amount of \$145,000,000. It is expected that a second bond sale for the remaining 50% of bond authority will occur in 2024.

February 6, 2023

The Board of Education approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price for bond work at Pauline Central not to exceed \$10,860,188 plus alternates. The Board also approved a master budget at Pauline Central not to exceed \$15,404,367. These figures fell within the projected budget.

The Board of Education approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price for bond work for Summer 2023 at Washburn Rural Middle School not to exceed \$507,420 plus alternates. This figure fell within the projected budget.

February 14, 2023

The City of Topeka voted to annex district-owned property at 29th Street and Auburn Road which is the site where Middle School #2 will be built.

March 6, 2023

The Board of Education approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price for bond work at Washburn Rural High School not to exceed \$23,959,922 plus alternates. The Board also approved a master budget at Washburn Rural High School not to exceed \$35,338,729. These figures fell within the projected budget.

May 1, 2023

The Board of Education approved the recommendation made by the Middle School Boundary Committee which was Auburn, Jay Shideler, and Pauline South elementary students attend Washburn Rural Middle School and Farley, Indian Hills, and Wanamaker elementary students attend Middle School #2 effective the 2025-26 school year.

May 15, 2023

The Board of Education approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price for bond work at Middle School #2 not to exceed \$43,915,367 plus alternates. The Board also approved a master budget at Middle School #2 not to exceed \$55,044,388. These figures fell within the projected budget.

Summer 2023

Bond projects at Pauline Central, Washburn Rural Middle School, Middle School #2, and Washburn Rural High School moved from design development to construction. Not only was ground broken on the second middle school, substantial improvements to WRHS, WRMS, and Pauline Central were also made. Construction will continue in phases over the next three years, with every school in the district receiving upgrades and advancements.