



LHS Building Committee Update – by Don Fruit, Chairman
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On Wednesday, May 13th, 2015, the Conference of Delegates (CoD) formally approved the long range vision and master plan for Luther High Schools building and campus improvement. Visit Luther's website www.luther.k12.wi.us and follow these links About>Board and Delegates>COD Meetings for detailed reports.

The COD also approved:

- The continued planning and construction of a 40'Wx80'Lx16'H athletic storage building, north of the football field/track
- The planned renovation of the Auxiliary Gym locker rooms with new bathrooms
- The empowering of the building committee to select and engage a design firm for Phases 1, 2, & 3 of the Master Plan. (Including: Chapel/Auditorium, Art and Industrial Technology Classrooms, Redesigned and Paved Parking Lots, New Front Entrance to the School)

This summer the building committee has been busy. **Catalyst Construction** out of Milwaukee, WI was selected as our Construction Management Firm and **Excel Engineering** out of Fond du Lac, WI was selected as our Architectural Design Firm. The committees are very excited to be working with both of these firms as they have an extensive background working on other WELS Congregation and Synod projects including churches, schools, and auditoriums. I invite you to visit their web sites to learn more about them.

<http://www.catalystbuilds.com> and <http://www.excelengineer.com>

The required zoning changes for the school property was recently approved by the city of Onalaska and the conditional use permit for the storage building has been approved.

We have received bids from 7 different building firms for the construction of an Athletic Storage Building. We recently awarded the project to **Wick Buildings** and construction is planned to begin in late September or early October. Other bids for excavation, concrete, and electrical needs are still coming in. If you attend a football game at Luther this fall, look just north of the field/track to see the changes in progress. The athletic staff is looking forward to having a more convenient and safe storage space for numerous sports equipment and the area freed-up inside the building will also be put to good use.

The Building Committee will also continue to coordinate their efforts with the Capital Campaign Committee. Together we can **Rise Up & Build!**