

Eye On The Board

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District crews upgrade sites, save money

District maintenance crews often spend holiday time painting, building fences and putting in video security systems. The work not only upgrades facilities, but saves the district money as well, according to Maintenance Manager **Jerry Stratton**.

Stratton offered a power point presentation showing the board before and after views of work at district schools. With each project accomplished, he told trustees, the district saved thousands. The savings stems from using district workers as opposed to hiring contractors.

For instance, at NSHS eight classrooms were renovated at an estimated savings of \$26,000.

In recent months, district maintenance crews painted lockers, replace fenced and upgraded fences and upgraded or installed video security.

Stratton said at some sites chain link fences are being replaced with a wrought iron fence made by a district employee.

He also assured trustees that video security is worth the expense. While upgrading the system at AHS, a thief was caught stealing from someone's locker, he told them.

Recent video upgrades include:

EAHS – cameras to cover pool area and to replace older equipment.

HMS – replacement of 22 older black and white cameras with 10 new high resolution color cameras.

LPMS – high resolution color cameras added to the system.

SHS – high resolution color cameras added to build system to 32 cameras.

WMS – cameras and wiring replaced.

In addition to the security upgrades, other projects include:

AHS – landscaping, exterior and gym doors replaced.

EAHS – varsity softball dome extended, greenhouse installed, stadium restrooms built, classroom remodeled for AgriScience Center.

NSHS – restroom and concession building completed, basketball courts resurfaced.

SHS – landscaping, orchestra lift, sound and lighting in the Performing Arts Center.

ESMS – fencing, parking lot and gym paved, asphalt patched, slurried and sealed.

HMS – reading garden expanded.

LPMS – three new portable classrooms installed.

WMS – courtyards refinished.

SAS – computer lab portable installed.

District crews have also been working to reclaim the Buena Vista farm, which has been neglected for some time, said Stratton.

Funding for the projects comes from deferred and routine maintenance accounts, Measure F and a variety of grants.

Trustees give okay to interim finance report

The board approved the second interim 2007-2008 financial report including budget projections for the next few years without public comment.

The report met state guidelines for the district's \$80 million plus budget, but did not figure in the required 3 percent reserve for 2009-2010. However, the 2.05 percent revenue reduction was factored into the 2008-2009 data.

Currently, performance based budget committees are working on the next year's budget.

Chief Business Officer **James Earhart** gave trustees an updated presentation prior to the meeting.

At the start of the meeting, SVFT Co-President **Kyle Samuels** praised the district's dedication to fiscal responsibility. While the state requires a 3 percent reserve, the district maintains a 4 percent reserve. Samuels said he believed it might be a good idea to have even more of a reserve.

Policies

(first reading)

- BP 1400 – Relations Between Other Government Agencies and the Schools
- BB 9000 – Role of the Board
- BB 9323 – Meeting Conduct
- BP 1330 – Use of School Facilities
- BP 3550 – Food Service/Child Nutrition Program
- BP 3551 – Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund
- BP 3553 – Free and Reduced-Price Meals
- BP 3554 – Other Food Sales
- BP 7212 – Mellow-Roos Districts
- BP 7213 – School Facilities Improvement District

Consent Agenda

Trustees approved the agenda by 7-0, including the following:

- Approve a plan to remedy the shortage of teachers of English-language learners, that calls for CLAD/BCLAD training, recruitment of bilingual classified staff and teachers for English learners.
- Award the bid for EAHS stadium restroom building to Sanchez Inc., with the lowest bid of \$259,000.
- Award the bid for site development for three relocatables at LPMS to Granite Construction Co., with the lowest qualified bid of \$102,147. The buildings were purchased from Modtech for the Quality Education program.