

**BOND and MODERNIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
REPORT TO SCHOOL BOARD**

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The Bond and Modernization Review Committee met on March 18, 2003 at the District Office. The name change approved by the Bond Review Committee at its last meeting, changing the Committee's name to the "Bond and Modernization Review Committee," was accepted by the Board of Trustees.

Superintendent Michele Garside reported that there is keen interest in the purchase and development of the surplus properties formerly housing the Westview and Fairmont schools.

Next on our agenda, Ralph Adams, the district's Facilities Project Manager, gave a Facilities Update. A Notice of Completion has been filed for the Ingrid B. Lacy project. There are still several small items to be completed during the close out process with the contractor, West Bay Builders. Sufficient money has been retained to ensure completion of all work, disputed and otherwise. The \$16 million project came in on budget and, though there was some inconvenience initially, it came in largely on time. Due to inclement weather, progress has been slow at Lacy's adjacent sports field.

Construction at Cabrillo Elementary School is progressing smoothly and the contractors continue to make up time. At the time of the Bond meeting, Mr. Adams was leaning on P, G & E to confirm their hook-up date to ensure that the project is not delayed. Mr. Adams and the architects have been carefully scrutinizing every change-order request, resulting in significant price reductions, accomplished by removing an item from the contract and having the work done by local contractors. The district is working with the Cabrillo parent group to coordinate the purchase, installation, and placement of

playground structures at Cabrillo. A newly-modernized Cabrillo will re-open in September 2003.

Architectural plans for Ortega School (future home of Oddstad Elementary) are in the final approval stages at the Division of State Architecture. Contract companies are being pre-qualified and bidding is planned for early June. It is expected that this will be a 12-month project and Mr. Adams anticipates a good bid climate.

As a final agenda item, Jim Lianides, our Director of Administrative Services, presented the most recent Building Fund Expenditures Report, which consists of a modernization summary and itemization of all project expenditures—every contract, purchase order and warrant—on both a district-wide and site-by-site basis. Key highlights of the Building Fund Expenditures Report: the ending balance in the Building Fund as of March 10, 2003 was \$9,212,795.00. The ending balance in the Deferred Maintenance Fund as of March 10, 2003 was approximately \$750,000. Since the beginning of its modernization undertaking, Laguna Salada has received and spent \$8.13 million from the State of California's Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). Most recently, the district underwent an OPSC audit and passed with flying colors. School districts receiving new Proposition 47 monies must now monitor all labor on projects to comply with wage agreements, resulting in additional work for the district and Mr. Lianides. Expenditures to date—for modernization, deferred maintenance and structural repair projects—total \$47.4 million. The total cost of modernization of all of the district's schools is \$79 million.

All Building Fund Expenditures Reports and Facilities Implementation Plans are available for review at the District office. All interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the Bond and Modernization Review Committee's next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the District Office.