

## **BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT TO SCHOOL BOARD**

**By Darcie Newton**

The Bond Review Committee met on June 3, 2003 at the District Office.

Superintendent Michele Garside reported that the District has entered into a preliminary agreement for sale for the Westview and Fairmont properties. Currently, we are in a 60 day feasibility period, which will allow the interested party to complete necessary research. Mark Stechbart recommended that the District send a representative when the potential buyer speaks with city officials regarding developing the Westview and Fairmont properties. It was also noted that the District received compensation for holding the properties from other potential buyers for this 60 day period.

Next on our agenda, Ralph Adams, the district's Facilities Project Manager, gave a Facilities Update. The sod for the playfield at Ingrid B. Lacy has been laid. Mr. Adams expects that the playfield will be complete mid June and will be available for use in September. This project is expected to come in on budget and delays were due mostly to inclement weather and unforeseeable site conditions.

Construction at Cabrillo Elementary School is progressing with the front wing practically ready and the other two wings each a week or two behind. Mr. Adams, the architects, and Mr. Lianides are double and triple checking the change orders to ensure fairness and are researching all possible solutions to minimize the impact proposed change orders will have on the completion of the project. Security of the campus was brought up. Mr. Adams indicated that this was the responsibility of the contractors and a letter would be sent. The campus should be 99% complete by the end of July, which would leave the school in good shape for opening in September 2003.

Ortega School (future home of Oddstad and Linda Mar Elementary schools) is in the final approval stages at the Division of State Architecture. This site will be subject to the Labor Compliance Program which requires the school district to monitor how much each person is being paid by interviewing individual workers. These surveys will be compared to the monies collected by the contractor. 5 bids were received for the Ortega project. The two lowest bidders declined, which left a bid of \$6M for the Ortega site which is still within budget.

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 May 30, 2003 was \$7,720,955.00. The ending balance in the Deferred Maintenance Fund as of May 30, 2003 was approximately \$709,000. Mr. Lianides indicated that the district will receive monies covering the second payment of the sale of the Pacific Heights property over time as progress is made on the development. 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). 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 Review Committee's next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the District Office.