

Additional \$40-50,000 will be needed for more complex facility

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building definitely increased costs, Alley responded to a question from board member Willis Meeuwsen. The original design called for a simple concrete slab to be covered by mats. In order to use the building for volleyball and basketball, different flooring, recessed lighting and higher trusses will be needed. Alley estimated the increased costs at approximately \$40-\$50 thousand.

McGlasson said that it would be proper to consider using funds available from the sale of Buxton School for this purpose, because that money had been set aside for capital projects to address future needs. The current facility is designed for 1500 students and serves a population of 1200. Even if further development by West Hills Development Corp. proceeds it would only produce an increase of about 70 students and will not occur for at least two years. McGlasson told the board that she and business manager Nancy Hall had con-

sidered alternatives involving the use of general fund money to be paid back over several years or transferred when the ending fund balance exceeded 10 percent of the total budget, an indication of stable funding. However, McGlasson and Hall determined, that using part of the \$119,000 currently available (with a \$375,000 balloon payment available on demand) was the best way to creatively solve a "primary existing need."

Alley told the board that the enormous donations of labor and materials have always been for the students' benefit. He said that permits for the building had already been extended, but that cost for completion of the project would continue to increase the longer it is delayed. Several board members expressed concern whether the \$45,000 Alley was requesting would be enough to finish the project. McGlasson responded that Alley had done a tremendous job of accounting for expenses and all of his previous estimates had been right

on target. Alley told the board that he was confident the building could be completed for that amount.

The discussion then moved on to questions about the cost of developing the multi-use facility that appears to be needed. Alley and McGlasson told the board that, at this time, the cost estimate did not include amenities such as audience seating, wood flooring or a sound system. Board chair Doug Nordholm asked, and Alley confirmed, that the building could be completed much faster if some of the work could be contracted out to professionals. The board tabled the discussion and asked that Alley confer with McGlasson, Foster and Smith and return next month with a definitive estimate.

Board members later thanked Alley for his dedication and energy and said that they want the project to succeed while also ensuring that the public's money is wisely spent.

High Flyers

Banks Elementary Principal Marty Voge told the board that 58 students had successfully completed the High Flyers Program during the first trimester. He said that enthusiasm for the program continues to grow and over 100 students have already signed up for the second trimester.

Voge also told the board that, at this time two years ago, there were over 320 discipline referrals. This year there have been 59.

Foster reported that district patron Casey Newman, an IBM employee, secured an opportu-

nity for the district to acquire used equipment, which has resulted in the receipt of two full truck loads of office supplies and equipment, chairs, tables, etc. Foster thanked Newman, IBM, and the volunteers who helped move everything.

The audit has been delayed for another month, McGlasson told the board, because the auditors have not been able to completely account for some grant funds. Hall had the figures ready in June, McGlasson said, and would be meeting with the auditors again next week to ensure that the board receives a complete report.

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