

SDNB Board of Education Approves Securing Bids for Facilities Projects

New Berlin, Wis. – The School District of New Berlin Board of Education on Monday authorized district administration to move forward with design and bidding of high impact facility maintenance and remodeling projects, but the Board will review all proposed project bids before giving final approval.

“We are pleased to move forward with determining costs for these projects,” Superintendent Joe Garza said. “Our goal is to secure bids that will allow us to complete them through the funding sources we’ve identified.”

Funding sources include the District’s operating budget and fund balance, borrowed funds through Act 32 and 25 (commonly referred to as energy efficiency exemption or ESCO projects – which allow the District to tax beyond the revenue limit for projects that yield energy savings), and proceeds from the sale of various properties including the most recent sale of Glen Park Elementary School.

The school district recently [surveyed the community](#) on the level of support for various projects that were not included in the long-range facilities plan.

Projects and funding sources the Board approved for bidding include:

- HVAC upgrades at New Berlin West for energy and operations savings: ESCO Project
- Air conditioning at Orchard Lane & Poplar Creek Elementary School: ESCO Project
- New exterior doors at certain schools to enhance energy savings: Operating Budget
- Renovations to the Eisenhower pool to bring it up to code and suitable for competition purposes: Combination of proceeds from the recent sale of Glen Park Elementary and other properties (approx. \$2 million), operating budget and/or fund balance, possible portions an ESCO Project

The Administration expects to have all bids secure by summer 2015 for Board approval, if not sooner, Garza said.

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