

SDNB Administrators Recommend Facilities Projects

New Berlin, Wis. – Administrative recommendations were made to the School District of New Berlin Board of Education November 24th on high impact unfunded/unscheduled facility maintenance and remodeling projects.

“We’ve been prioritizing projects through our long-range facilities planning process for the last few years,” said Superintendent Joe Garza. “When we started this process, we made a commitment that we would not make project recommendations unless we had a funding source.”

In order to do that, Garza said, the District chose to ask the community their opinions to determine whether or not they were willing to support some projects that did not have a funding source identified.

Funding source options are the District’s operating budget, 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/or proceeds from surplus property sales.

Considering project needs and feedback gained from a [recent community survey](#) on unfunded projects, Garza recommended the following projects be pursued, with funding sources identified:

- 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 New Berlin West and certain elementary 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 (\$1.75 million), operating budget, possible portions an ESCO Project

“Throughout the long-range facilities planning process we’ve worked closely with our administrative team, asking for their recommendations on the timing and funding of projects to best meet our student’s needs,” said Board of Education President Maxey.

“We must make important decisions with the tax dollars that we are entrusted with,” said Maxey. “It is evident that our community values its schools and the facilities in which our students learn. Board members will carefully consider these recommendations over the next few weeks.”

The Board of Education is expected to take action on project recommendations at its December 15th regular meeting.