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Second Study Session Focuses on Next Steps Under Measure G

Board of Education Continues Discussion on Prioritization of School Construction Projects

The Board of Education met for a study session on Feb. 2 to review three potential plans that lay out how the District could best use the \$375 million Measure G facilities bond over the next 20 years to enhance the education of Norwalk-La Mirada Unified students for generations to come.

The meeting was an extension of a first study session on Jan. 15, when board members began discussions about project priorities and asked staff to return with proposals that include project timelines and funding allocations.

Instead of naming specific projects and school sites, staff took a broader approach in its report, providing the board with project categories such as elementary school, middle school and high school renovations, playfields, high school stadiums and multi-media performance buildings, furniture purchases, technology infrastructure upgrades and roofing and fencing projects.

“Once board members give direction on the types of projects they’d like completed and in what order, they’ll start honing in on the needs of specific school sites,” said NLMUSD Interim Superintendent Ginger Shattuck.

For planning purposes, the proposals package projects according to the assumption that the District will issue approximately \$52 million in bond funding every three years.

For example, according to the first option, the District in its first \$52 million bond issuance could spend \$20 million on technology infrastructure and equipment districtwide, while allocating \$2 million to middle school renovations, \$10.5 million to elementary school renovations, \$9.5 million in playfield upgrades and \$10 million to high school stadium projects. The second and third options include the same project categories, but rearrange the timeline and spending plan through 2033.

Although the proposals plan for \$52 million per bond issuance, board members could opt for a type of financing that will allow the District to spend up to approximately \$70 million.

“These proposals provide us with a great starting point to facilitate our discussion on how our bond program might look like over the next 20 years,” said Board of Education President Jesse Urquidi. “We

will continue to have these discussions to find the right fit for our District's students, staff and community."

The Board of Education will return to continue the discussion at 5 p.m. on Feb. 23, when members will have the opportunity to augment staff proposals to meet their collective priorities and vision for Measure G. The public meeting will be held before the Board of Education's regular meeting at the District Office, 12820 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk.

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