

SISD Board Purchases Pool Equipment

By Dustin Wright
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Trustees with the Seminole Independent School District's Board of Directors unanimously approved of the equipment purchase of three key items for the day-to-day operations of the Seminole High School campus' swimming pool facility, totaling \$686,860 in equipment value alone, in the board's regular meeting held Monday evening at the SISD Administration

Building.
Approved by SISD officials was the \$618,137 purchase of two dehumidifiers, a \$33,184 boiler for the heating of the pool, and a \$35,539 UV filter, which will assist in keeping the pool water water sanitary and clean while decreasing the amount of harsh chemicals used.
Doug Hamman, Superintendent of Schools for Seminole ISD, said Monday evening's purchases were 33 years in the making, saying the

equipment needing to be replaced at the facility had been in place since the construction of the SHS campus in late 1970s and early 1980s.
"Without a dehumidifier, we wouldn't be able to have a pool and would begin to start seeing structural issues with the facility," said Hamman. "You'll run in to some major problems down the line, and it's something I don't think we all want to face."
Nick Hines, an architect with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc.,

said the SHS swimming pool's current dehumidifier was "on it's last leg" and was a crucial piece of maintaining the campus' pool facility.
"Without the dehumidifier, you'll start to see the deterioration of the walls, stainless steel, basically anything associated with the pool because of the chlorine chemicals and overall humidity of the facility," said Hines. "Your current dehumidifier has been able to keep up for quite a while, but honestly, it could give out at anytime.

And, then that's when you'll start to see some major issues."
SISD Trustees approved of equipment pricing from Trane through The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) for two POOLPAK dehumidifiers -- which will take 12-to-14 weeks to fabricate -- as well as the facility's new boiler and UV filter.
Monday's approved purchases did not include costs associated with the installation/removal of the facility's current equipment, according to

SISD Administration officials.
Jesse Greenfield, SISD's Director of Supporting Services, said installation costs could not be gathered in time for Monday's meeting, due to the "last minute" arrival of equipment bids through the TCPN.
SISD Trustees held their Monday meeting one week earlier than their normal second Monday of the month scheduled date, due to the school district's upcoming Spring Break holiday.
"When this is all said and done, I figure this will easily be a \$1 million project, but a project we have to do," said Hamman.
The SHS swimming pool facility is home to the SHS AquaTribe and is a popular summer destination for adults and children the Seminole community.

Matters of Record

Seminole Police Dept.
Feb. 22 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the M.S. Doss Youth Center, in reference to an assault.

An investigation is underway.
Feb. 24 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to a business in the 1000 block of Hobbs Hwy, in reference to a theft of property.

A report was taken and an investigation is underway.
Feb. 23 -- A vehicle was found unattended south of the Seminole city limits by Seminole Police Dept. officers.

Further investigation revealed the vehicle was stolen out of Carlsbad N.M. and was taken to the Gaines County Impound yard.
A report was taken in the incident.

Feb. 24 -- Seminole Police officers were dispatched to the 600 block of S.W. 11th St., in reference to criminal mischief.

SPD officers took a report and an investigation is underway.
Feb. 26 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of N. Main St., in reference to a burglary of a building.

SPD officers met with a complainant and gathered information.
A report was made and an investigation is underway in the case.

Feb. 26 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the M.S. Doss City Park, in reference to possible drug activity.

SPD officers found the subjects in question and further investigation showed the subjects to be in possession of synthetic marijuana.

One subject, identified as a juvenile male, was placed under arrest and transported to the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center.

A report was made in the incident.
Feb. 26 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the 500 block of N.E. 3rd St., in reference to a burglary of a habitation.

Officers gathered information and a report was made.
An investigation is underway.

PSC: SISD Bond Funds Balanced

By Dustin Wright
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According to officials with the Seminole Independent School District and bond oversight firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., all current and remaining bond funds for the school district's \$110 million districtwide

campus improvement project are balanced.
"We've gone through (the financials) and have balanced out each of the current and remaining projects with the bond, just because there has been some shifting of funds between projects during the course of all the work we've done," said Nick Hines of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. in a Monday evening discussion of bond financials with members of the SISD Board of Trustees.

SISD taxpayers, in May 2007, approved of the \$110 million bond measure, which has seen the construction of a new Seminole Junior High and Seminole Primary school campuses for the school district, as well as the new construction of a girls athletic fieldhouse, softball stadium and new addition to the SISD Fieldhouse facilities.

According to figures, SISD has spent \$82.24 million of bond money approved for it's district improvement project, while \$35.4 million remained available on the books as of Feb. 28 figures.

Other completed bond projects include the installation of synthetic grass at Wigwam Stadium, the construction of new tennis courts at the Seminole High School campus, the purchase of four charter buses and a utility truck for the district, as well as technological upgrades throughout all of SISD's campuses and facilities.

Currently, SISD is seeing a \$29.08 million expansion/renovation project taking place at the Seminole High School campus, as is in the beginning phases of an \$11.4 million addition/renovation project at the F.J. Young Elementary school campus.

Future projects for the district also call for the demolition of the district's current Administration building and a budgeted \$3.08 million remodel project of the old Seminole Junior High school campus, located in the 600 block of S.W. Ave. B, which will be the future home of SISD Administrative offices.

SISD Trustees, in Monday's meeting, unanimously approved of the revised/amended budget figures, as reconciled by PSC and school district officials.
"We now know where we stand financially currently, and what our contingencies are for the remainder of the project," said Hines.
Year-to-date, SISD has earned \$7.59 million in interests upon the bond during the life of the project, which has been placed back into the funding of several of the projects, including \$6.3 million for work at the SHS campus.

Council Approves Purchase of New Landfill Compactor

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With an estimated \$4 million in funds from all City of Seminole departments, including \$1.8 million from the City's general fund, members of the Seminole City Council felt more at ease about the purchase of a new trash compactor for the City of Seminole's Landfill Dept.

Facing the option of purchasing a 10-year-old, used compactor from the City of Plainview for an estimated \$98,000, or the purchase of a new piece of equipment from Caterpillar, Seminole City Council members unanimously approved of the latter in a 6-0 vote of the Council following a brief noon special meeting held Monday at Seminole City Hall.

The new piece of equipment, which will be purchased by the City of Seminole through a governmental buy-board, is quoted at \$418,450, and includes a 60 month, 5,000 hour buy-back value of \$120,000 from Caterpillar.

"I think when you consider spending \$100,000 on someone else's used piece of equipment, I feel you're buying someone else's problems," said Wayne Mixon, Seminole Mayor prior to Monday's vote. "You have to consider the amount of use that equipment was put through before you buy it, plus any costs it may take to maintain. To me, it seems more logical to purchase a new piece of equipment and save the money in the long run."

The compactor, according to Seminole City Administrator Tommy Phillips, will be used at the City of Seminole's landfill and will replace a 20-year-old compactor the City currently possesses. City officials purchased their current compactor from the City of Lamesa ten years ago, according to Phillips.

"We haven't had any major issues with the (compactor), but we are to the point where it's run about all it's capable of running without spending some major money to fix it," said Phillips in a Feb. 28 discussion of the compactor with Seminole City Council members.

Phillips, in Monday's meeting, said funds for the purchase of the new compactor would come from the City's general fund.
"It seems to me like the purchase of a new (compactor) would be the best deal for the City in the long run," said Freddy Jones, Dist. 1, Place 1 Councilman prior to Monday's vote.

News Brief

Citywide Easter Egg Hunt Set for March 23; Donations Sought for Event

Hess Corp. will be hosting their annual Citywide Easter Egg Hunt on the morning of Saturday, March 23, at the M.S. Doss City Park.

The event, which is co-sponsored by several other local businesses, is open to the general public and will begin at 10 a.m.
Hess Corp. officials anticipate having over 15,000 plastic eggs for the event, and are currently looking for sponsors for candy and prizes for the program.

For more information about the Easter Egg hunt, or to help sponsor, contact Michelle Marquez at (432) 758-8636.

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Jon Ingle
Emily Whitfield

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Tatum Medlin
Nalley Mendez-Medellin

Grade 2:
Judith Macias

Grade 3:
Breanne Davison

Grade 4:
Koy Bell

Grade 5:
Peter Harms
Ezequiel Martinez
Kelsee Scott

Grade 6:
Landry Ritchey

Grade 8:
Cason Cartwright
Sarah Ottaberry
M'Kenzie Scott
Lee Scott

Grade 9:
Kaitlin Bell

Grade 10:
Chandler Freeman

Grade 11:
Alexcia Esquivel

Grade 12:
Veronika Conde
Kallee Foster

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Grade 1:
Adriana Garcia
Brandon Robinson

Grade 2:
Amanda Bean
Lorenzo Esquivel
Ruby Garcia

Grade 3:
Luis Castillo
Marissa Esquivel
Daniel Harms
Brenda Mendez-Medellin
Samuel Ottaberry

Grade 4:
Angelica Avalos
Leidi Avalos
Jedidiah Bingham
Sarah Castillo
Erick Macias
John Owens

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Elisa Avalos

Daniel Esquivel

Will Nelson

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Hunter Sturguess

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