

P7080 PARTICIPATION IN FUNDING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

BOARD POLICY:

The school district may choose to participate in funding public improvements, which enhance the safety, and/or functional use of district-owned property. Participation in funding such improvements shall be subject to the availability of funds, and limitations established by administrative implemental procedures.

Administrative Implemental Procedures:

1. Public improvement projects, which affect district-owned property, may be proposed by public agencies, citizens of the community through a formal petition process, or by school district administration. It shall be the responsibility of the Division Director of Facilities to conduct a preliminary review of all such projects and coordinate further action required of the district.
2. Where safety concerns form the basis for the proposed public improvement, the Division Director of Facilities shall submit the proposal, along with supporting information, to the district Safety Committee. The Safety Committee shall determine if sufficient safety concerns exist to warrant further consideration for participation, by the district, in the funding of the proposed improvement.
3. When public improvement projects are requested by the administration to improve the functional use of district-owned property, such requests shall be subject to review by both the Division Director of Facilities and appropriate associate superintendent. Where it is determined the project would improve the use of the property, the Division Director of Facilities will work through the appropriate agency to initiate a formal petition drive in an attempt to secure approval by the majority of affected landowners.
4. When a public improvement project, which affects district-owned property, is proposed by a public agency, the Division Director of Facilities shall be responsible for preparing a formal response to the applicable agency. This response may be a written communication, or may be presented in a public hearing pertaining to the project.
5. If the Board of Education is asked to sign a citizen petition in support of a public improvement project affecting district-owned property, the Division Director of Facilities shall be responsible for the following:
 - a. The benefit to the district in terms of safety or improved functional use of the property shall be determined.
 - b. The position of the majority of the landowners affected by the petition shall be determined.
 - c. If the project will benefit the district, and is supported by a majority of the landowners, then it will be recommended the Board of Education approve signing the petition, subject to the availability of funding.
 - d. If the project will benefit the district, but does not have support of the majority of affected landowners, then the extent to which the project will benefit the district will determine the ultimate recommendation to the Board of Education.

- e. If it is determined the project will not benefit the district, ~~and~~ then the recommendation to support the project will be made only if all other affected landowners support the project.
 - f. If for any reason it is determined the proposed project will be detrimental to the use of district-owned property, then the project shall be opposed through written communication with the governing agency, and by appearance at applicable public hearings.
6. Once a public improvement project is adopted for implementation by the governing body having jurisdiction, the Division Director of Facilities and the Chief Financial Officer shall determine the method of funding and shall include such funding requirements in future budget planning.

Administrative Responsibility: Superintendent or designee

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