

FALLBROOK UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: September 13, 2010

TOPIC: Gird Road Property

ACTION _____ **CONSENT** _____ **INFORMATION** **X**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Gird Road site was acquired by the Fallbrook Union High School District in October of 1967. The purchase price for the property was \$170,000, and was funded primarily by a three-year bond, paid in full in 1970. The 50 acre site was projected to be the site of the second campus for Fallbrook High School District, and at the time of acquisition, the plan was to start construction at the site in 1977.

Enrollment growth for the district did not meet these projections, and the site was left in its unused state until the late 1980's and early 1990's, when there were attempts to pass construction bonds to build a second high school at that site. These bond elections were not successful, and, ultimately, a bond was passed in 1994 to improve and expand the existing Fallbrook High School Campus. The Gird Road site remained unused.

The District has determined that this site is not suitable for construction as a school site for three reasons: the current costs to modify the topography of the land, environmental impact mitigation, and proximity to the Sycamore Ranch development.

In subsequent years, there has been interest expressed by both commercial developers and other public agencies to possibly acquire this land from the district.

This information was most recently presented to the Board of Trustees in an informational report on February 22, 2010.

On August 23, 2010, Board member Frank Cerda requested that the Board of Trustees consider generating revenue from the Gird Road property.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

There are several items for the Board to consider relative to this property:

1. The property is located within the Bonsall Union Elementary School District. If that district is successful in its unification efforts, our understanding is that Bonsall would

take possession of that property as a result of asset distribution. If the property is sold, Bonsall would still acquire its portion of assets, but not in the form of property.

2. The County of San Diego, through its Department of Parks and Recreation, continues to inquire about District interest related to the selling of this property. Earlier this calendar year, the Board did authorize the Superintendent to indicated District interest in selling the property. The Department of Parks and Recreation has requested that the District update its position regarding the property.

3. The State of California currently enables districts to sell real property and use the proceeds for any purposes. Implementing this action does mean that the District would not be eligible for state facility funding, but we currently do not have any planned facility projects. (NEED FURTHER DETAIL ON THIS ITEM)

Though this is one-time monies, this revenue could be used to mitigate the harmful impact of inadequate state funding of the general education program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are unknown at this time.

ALIGNMENT WITH DISTRICT GOALS

Goal VII for the District states that the it will continue to seek opportunities for cost savings and economic efficiencies while providing a fiscally sound budget plan that both supports the district educational mission.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information and discussion agenda item. The Board needs to provide clarification and direction to the Superintendent regarding what action it desires the District to pursue relative to the Gird Road property.

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