




College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent 

From: Mike Ball, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations

Date: February 14, 2008

Subject: Resolution related to bleacher damage in the gymnasium at A & M Consolidated High School

Agenda Item: K-2

Board Priority/
District Goal: Priority 3, Goal 4

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2008, the spectator bleachers in the gymnasium at A & M Consolidated High School experienced an unforeseen structural failure during the retraction process. The highest section of the bleachers is currently leaning against a concrete masonry wall.

The full extent of the damages is presently unknown. The bleachers are in an unstable position that prohibits the safe performance of a damage assessment inspection. Specialized equipment and expertise will be needed in order to place the bleachers in an upright position, stabilize them, and perform a full damage assessment.

The entire gymnasium has been closed to all uses due to the risk of personal injury or further property damage. The loss of the use of this gymnasium has caused a significant reduction in the District's ability to provide space for physical education classes and for extra-curricular activities.

Section 44.031 of The Texas Education Code provides for methods of procurement that normally must be utilized in the District's purchasing process. However, the Board of Trustees has the discretion following an emergency or unforeseen circumstance to determine that the delay in following these procurement procedures would prevent or substantially impair the conduct of classes of other essential school activities. The present circumstances related to the gymnasium bleachers appear to be appropriate for the use of that discretion.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District consider approval of a resolution related to the procurement of damage assessments and repairs to the retractable spectator bleachers at A & M Consolidated High School.