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# Propose \$7 Million Cabrillo Bonds

## Student Body Of 2000 Expected

Cabrillo college's Citizens' Advisory committee proposed a \$7,000,000 bond issue to finance construction of a college campus to house 2000 students at the Sesnon site in the mid-county last night in a meeting with school trustees at the Cabrillo college library. The committee unanimously adopted a seven-point recommendation covering proposed costs, enrollment and the educational requirements for the new college. The recommendations will be formally presented to the Cabrillo board of governors next Wednesday by Forrest Murdock, chairman of the citizens committee. Murdock said the proposals complete the work of the committee which will be disbanded.

Lionel Lennox, vice chairman of the project cost sub-committee, submitted the seven-point program to the full advisory committee. Otto Larsen, committee chairman, is in a San Francisco hospital.

President Robert Swenson estimated a proposed \$7 million bond issue would cost the taxpayers in the district about 31 or 32 cents on the tax rate for the first year of bond payments and drop on a gradual basis to about 18 cents during the duration of the bond issue (probably 25 years).

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## Aptos School Election Set February 16

A \$275,000 bond issue for sites and added student facilities in the Aptos school district will go to the voters, February 16, 1960.

The action was taken by Aptos school trustees last night at a joint meeting with their citizens advisory committee. Moved by Sylvester Wisehart and seconded by Fred Banks, the issue was unanimous. Dr. Rolfe Salin was absent.

Here is what the money will be used for in order of its importance:

1. A site. Negotiations are now under way to purchase about 13 acres of the Joe Reiter property near the end of Clubhouse drive in Rio del Mar at \$4000 per acre.

2. A block of six new classrooms on the site.

3. A third site for a future elementary school.

4. Improvements for the present school such as a curriculum library, mentally retarded classroom, nurses room, testing room, storage and bleachers for the physical education department.

If the issue is approved, according to Superintendent George Beattie, the Reiter site will be developed for a full school plant for from 12 to 16 classrooms and facilities.

The six proposed classes will be built to alleviate the student load pressure at the present school. The third grade is now on half-day sessions and Beattie said that next year grades one and two will go on a half day schedule.

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The 2000-student figure is based on enrollment projections for the college during the next 10 years which show that without changes in either the percentage of students attending junior college or the current growth pattern, the college will have a 2000-member student body by 1970.

Swenson told the committee that with increasing pressure on the junior college to assume responsibility for education more freshman and sophomore students, the enrollment projection could be low if master plan recommendations are carried out by the legislature.

In determining cost factors, the project cost committee checked building costs at other junior colleges and surveyed a number of junior college administrators as well as making use of material gathered for the state's master plan for higher education.

As a result, the committee established the construction cost ratio of \$3500 per student as equitable under existing costs and college requirements.

The committee also estimated that if the county continued the old system of sending students to out of county junior colleges, the construction charge alone \$300 per student ADA per year would cost the county \$7,650,000 during the next 15 years.

Thus, the committee stated, it is far cheaper for the county's taxpayers to provide their own facility plus retaining the payroll in the county than it would be to send the students out of the county as has been done in the past.

Assessed valuation for the Cabrillo college district is \$153,125,237.

The approved recommendations of the advisory committee are:

1. Since enrollments in California colleges are expected to more than double in the next 10 years, and with the prospect of an increasing share of the freshman-sophomore education being placed on the junior colleges, the project cost committee agrees that the district should build a campus to serve an enrollment of 2000 students. Recognizing that this enrollment may be reached in 10 years or less, provision should be made in the master planning for future expansion as the need indicates.

2. Because studies show that too much economy on initial construction results in sharply increased maintenance and operating costs, the committee feels that medium quality construction will prove most economical over a period of time.

3. The committee considered the alternative of initially providing minimum facilities and expecting to complete the campus through an additional bonding program or a tax override in five to seven years. It was decided, instead, to recommend a complete campus project at this time. The committee feels that the citizens of the area expect facilities for all phases of a community college program at today's construction costs.

4. After reviewing cost figures on junior college construction and the research done for the master plan survey of higher education in California, the committee concluded that the Cabrillo district could expect a cost of approximately \$3500 per student by 1961-

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"The major growth will be in the Rio del Mar-La Selva beach, area said Lyon, "and that's where we want to place a new school."

Beattie said the new classrooms would probably be used for kindergarten through the second grade.

If there is sufficient funds remaining from the building project, the board will look around for a third site.

"It will save the taxpayers money," said Trustee Banks, "if we buy a site now. It will be less expensive than 10 years from now and we can probably be more selective."

Any extra money will be earmarked for improvements to the present school. Beattie said a library is one of the most important rooms in a school and at present there is none. The nursing room is now in a storage and mimeograph room.

Beattie explained that the \$275,000 will bring the district up to its maximum bonding capacity.

## SC Port District Requests \$325,000 Loan From State

Santa Cruz port district commission yesterday signed a formal application for an additional \$325,000 state loan for the proposed \$3.5 million Woods lagoon small craft harbor, Chairman Worth Brown said today.

The application will be presented to the state small craft harbor commission at its December meeting.

An informal request for the loan — in addition to \$1,625,000 presently authorized for the project — was made in September. A small craft harbor staff study is being made to determine if the increase is justified.

It was announced last month that an actual allocation of \$360,000 for the harbor project would be included in the 1960-61 budget request of the state division of beaches and parks.

62 (the proposed construction period for the college).

5. The committee, therefore, proposes that the board of trustees plan for construction of a campus to serve 2000 students at a cost of \$3500 per student, total project cost \$7,000,000.

6. The committee believes that a bonding program is the most feasible means of financing this building project. It reached this conclusion because of the immediate need for facilities; the steadily increasing construction costs, and the prospect of substantial population growth in the area served by the college. Under a bonding program, new residents would carry their fair share on the cost of providing college facilities.

7. The committee also considered the timing of the election and believe that it should be held in the spring of 1960.

Committee members discussed prospects of a special election or consolidation in the June primary, but delayed a decision for further study in the matter by the college administration and the trustees who will actually set the date of the proposed bond election.