

School board to debate Libraries-1980-1989 Freedom Library move

The Freedom Library political football will be in the hands of Pajaro Valley school trustees Wednesday night as they decide the fate of a proposal to house the library at Freedom Elementary School.

The future of the library has been battled about between area governmental bodies since the county decided to cease funding the library due to Prop. 13 budget reductions.

Under a proposal to be presented to the school board Wednesday, the library would be moved to Freedom Elementary School and would be open to students during the day and the community at night. The library would not be required to pay rent, but would pay for its electrical and maintenance expenses.

County supervisors this morning voted to keep the library open for another week, in order to give the school board time to discuss the issue.

The meeting, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Renaissance High School cafeteria, will also be the time for

adoption of a new calendar for the district's year-round schools. The existing 45-15 calendar, in which students attend school in sequences of 45 days of instruction followed by 15 days vacation year-round, would be replaced by a 60-20 schedule.

At the board's last meeting it was decided to remove two of the district's five schools from the year-round program. At the time, only one of these two schools was specified (Rolling Hills). The administration is expected to propose Wednesday that the second school be Hyde Elementary School.

The board will also take up an administration proposal to reserve the right to declare "a state of emergency" in the event that the Prop. 9 tax-cut initiative is approved by voters this June and the district finds it necessary to lay off employees to make ends meet.

Under normal conditions (without a state of emergency declaration), the district is required to give six months' notice to employees who are to be laid off.

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