

La Fonda School Plan Shaping Up

Architect Kal Porter today started work on preliminary construction plans for nine buildings in the vast La Fonda site high school complex.

At last night's meeting of Santa Cruz city school trustees, Porter was given the go-ahead after he had outlined a construction program "to house the initial 1200 students at a cost well within the state aid factor." The completed high school complex would have facilities for 1800 students.

First buildings to go up would include one of the proposed two humanities buildings, a science building, the arts, drama and amphitheater building, gymnasium and shower facilities, and administration building and a homemaking center. Although each building would have a definite purpose in the completed high school plant, they would serve dual purposes in the first phase. A library-educational resources center and a kitchen also are included in the primary portion.

Porter also reviewed present construction projects and said work at Soquel high was 87 per cent complete. It has been delayed three weeks by a painter's strike and will not be ready for occupancy when school starts.

Superintendent Denzil Morrissey said plans are to have students use existing facilities and the gymnasium and multi-purpose room for classrooms for about the first three weeks of school and then move into the new units as they are completed.

Santa Cruz high construction is 50 per cent complete, he said.

Natural Bridges school is "on schedule on the new schedule," but will not be ready for school opening. Several weeks' delay was met at the outset when a land fill job was found necessary to secure a firm foundation. The plant may be opened in January.

In other actions, the board:

—Held a public hearing and then adopted the 1965-66 budget with no opposition.

—Voted to sell \$400,000 worth of the recently-approved bond issue to meet current construction expense.

—Discussed plans for the forthcoming 35-cent override tax ballot.

—Awarded bids for classroom fixtures and educational materials and set over until tomorrow award of bids for carpeting.

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