

# DeLaveaga's Unfinished Facets Await Decision

The Santa Cruz City Board of Education last night deferred a decision on completion of electrical and mechanical elements at the DeLaveaga school until at least the May meeting.

At that time Superintendent Denzil Morrissey is scheduled to present a written report on the project, including costs and methods to finance the work.

During last night's meeting, held at the Gault school auditorium, Morrissey told the board an estimated \$79,860 would be required to install mechanical, electrical and heating elements in the portion of the building that remains unfinished.

Opened in October, 1966, the school presently includes nine classrooms, two commons areas and an administrative office. Now nearing completion are three additional classrooms which are expected to be done in about a month.

When the DeLaveaga school site is fully developed, there will be 18 classrooms, two kindergartens, a special class facility, a multi-purpose room, and a kitchen, with a total student capacity of more than 600 pupils.

Morrissey suggested last night the board could finance the heating and lighting project

either by using funds remaining in a bond issue or by allocating monies from the capital outlay account of the elementary school district's general fund. Trustees were told the elementary school district is "solvent" and the funds are available.

Morrissey indicated the board might save money if the work were authorized now in order to avoid a predicted 20 per cent increase in materials costs after the first of the year. He also suggested the work could be done under the district's contract with SCSD — School Construction System Development, a program coordinated by Stanford University in which 13 school districts in the state are taking part. The contract expires on December 31, 1967.

Trustee Lloyd Hebborn questioned the superintendent's proposals and whether the project as outlined would make that part of the school involved usable by the students. He also queried the predictions of increased costs, and expressed opposition to the use of bond funds.

He subsequently asked Morrissey to prepare a written report for submission to the board at the May meeting. The superintendent agreed.