

Falls City School Board OKs Work at Jug Brown Stadium

(KTNC) More repairs will be made at Jug Brown Stadium. The Falls City School Board approved an amended project list to cover the cost of fixing defects that were revealed when the old wood planks were removed last month.

The old wooden seating is being replaced with new aluminum planking, thanks to a donation the district received from the Class of 1962.

Superintendent Tim Heckenlively told the school board Monday night that an inspection of the stadium after the planks were removed revealed some problems. (play audio :55)

Heckenlively said Kent Marschman of TREMCO recommended what's called a liquid membrane system to fix the problems, at a cost of \$47,688. The district will pay for the repairs with unused funds from the current year's project list, and amending the 10-year roofing plan to include the remaining cost of sealing the stadium. Some work at the High School that had been scheduled for the next school year will be pushed back one year to the 2013-14 school year.

The board approved amending the project list unanimously, though not without discussion. Board member Scott Hollens expressed concern about TREMCO's quality control based on tuck-pointing work done at the stadium and other district buildings just a few years ago that he said wasn't done as well as it should have been. (play audio :28)

Heckenlively said no additional funds will be spent from the original project budget to make the repairs.

The new aluminum planks have been ordered and should be installed before the first home football game on August 31st.

In other business Monday night, the board approved a motion to leave the bus or van per student use rate for non-district activities at the seven dollars. Heckenlively explained that the fee is charged for activities, like summer camps, that fall outside the regular school calendar.

The board held required public hearings on several policies, pertaining to No Child Left Behind, parental involvement, student fees, nutrition and wellness, expenses and reimbursements, bullying, Internet access, and early separation. The board received no public input during the hearings, and took no action on the policies Monday night.

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