

Payment of Surveillance System

Memo

To: Dr. Jeff Turner
From: Sid Grant
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Re: Payment to Digital Technology & Surveillance for Camera Surveillance System

At the January 24, 2005, meeting, the Board approved spending up to \$180,000 for the camera surveillance system for Coppel High School to be installed by Digital Technology & Surveillance (DTS). The Board then asked that we present them with alternative sources of funds for payment of the system. The alternatives are as follows:

1. Amend the 2004-2005 budget to utilize a small portion (e.g. 1.5 percent) of our unreserved general fund balance. Given the unanticipated \$3,231,560 increase in our unreserved general fund balance as of August 31, 2004, the dollars could easily be fully funded from this source. ***This is the option that we recommend.***
2. Amend the 2004-2005 budget to transfer up to \$180,000 from the self-funded health insurance account to pay for the camera system. There is currently \$1,396,048 available in this account. Even though these dollars are currently in a separate fund, at the end of the fiscal year the auditor will require us to roll this money into the general fund.
3. Amend the 2004-2005 budget to utilize a portion of the dollars from the Special Project Fund 198 or from the Special Revenue Fund 197 (e.g. Coke fund).

Recommendation: That the Coppel ISD Board of Trustees approve the amendment and transfer of up to \$180,000 from the general fund balance into General Fund 199, Function 81 (Facilities Acquisition and Construction), Object Code 6636 (Technology over \$5,000) to pay for the DTS camera surveillance system. By utilizing Function 81, we will not artificially inflate our M & O expenditures per student. This would be an appropriate capital expenditure code since this system will become an integral part of the building's technology infrastructure.