

SSISD trustees approve \$1.6 million for new tennis court construction

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Trustees gave the go ahead Monday night for a \$1.635 million tennis court project at Sulphur Springs High School, according to Sulphur Springs Independent School District Superintendent Michael Lamb.

Eight new tennis courts will be constructed just down from the courts currently on the west side of the property in the undeveloped area behind Early Childhood Learning Center. The project also includes a fieldhouse, bleachers and awning, although contracts for bleachers and awning won't be set until a later time. The fieldhouse will include coaching offices, restrooms and a tennis classroom where class can be held in the event of rain.

The current courts would eventually be removed and the area resurfaced to fit the "overall athletics master plan."

Having eight instead of four tennis courts should make it possible for SSISD to successfully host tournaments at the school.

The bond funds left over after construction of the new middle school and other planned projects will be utilized to cover the cost of the tennis courts project.

The school board heard a presentation from architect Jeff Potter about the tennis court project during the administrative reports portion Monday night's regular school board meeting, then later voted to accept the \$1,635,000 in bids.