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BOE Purchases Site for New High School

The Newton County Board of Education recently closed on the purchase of 117.77 acres of land located on Land Lots 164 and 165 of the 10th Land District, Newton. The property will be the site of a new high school to replace the current Newton High School.

According to school board attorney W. Kent Campbell, the property, located near Interstate 20, is on part of the old Harold Dobbs farm and has both water and sewer. It fronts on both Crowell Road and Jack Neely Road.

“The fact that it has water and sewer and offers two entrances makes it an ideal location for a school,” said Campbell.

The school system purchased the property from First State Bank of Northwest Arkansas for a total price of \$2,276,600, or \$19,331 per acre.

According to Dr. Dennis Carpenter, Deputy Superintendent for Newton County Schools, the district anticipates letting a contract for construction this spring.

“We are very pleased with the site we have acquired,” said Carpenter. “It’s a very good location and just down the road from the current Newton High School.”

Carpenter added that the new high school is scheduled to open for the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

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