

Consol board approves construction, landscaping plans for three campuses

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The A&M Consolidated School board voted Monday night at its regular meeting to "approve the concept of the plans" for landscaping and building improvements on three of its campuses.

The plans include a new curb cut for Consolidated High School which will double the amount of parking spaces from 80 to 160 and a retention wall to prevent rainwater from accumulating on the Middle School campus. Plans for South Knoll Elementary School include parking improvements and sidewalks.

Middle School plans must be presented to the Soil Conservation Services which is aiding in the construction by Feb. 15. The high school parking plans must be presented to the College Station city engineer for approval before work can begin.

Fred Klatt, architect for the plans, said he will wait for approval of the plans and begin taking construction bids sometime in March.

Trustee Bill Wasson urged board members to consider planning the elementary school playgrounds now, and not after the construction is finished.

Several local organizations have volunteered materials and labor to update the present equipment. They are waiting for the board to grant permission to begin the work.

The board voted to have Superintendent Fred Hopson "with administrative input, formulate basic program requirements (for the playground) as soon as is practical."

In other business, Hopson urged the board to appoint a site selection committee to inspect possible locations for the Maintenance Facility.

The district has \$85,000 to spend on the site, which will house maintenance materials. On Hopson's recommendation, the board voted unanimously to begin screening designer engineers for the project.

Olie Grauke, assistant superintendent of finance, requested the board to authorize the purchase of

four new buses at a cost of \$76,000 to replace those that had more than 200,000 miles on them.

Although the board authorized the purchases, it denied Grauke's request for two 19-passenger and four 71-passenger buses until members could get more information.

These buses would be used for transportation to sporting events and to pick up students on the smaller bus routes, Grauke said.

"It may be more economical to drive the 19-passenger bus, but we already have the big ones," said Trustee Elliot Bray.

The board is also considering a \$1 million Texas Association of School Boards insurance policy which will

cover board members, administrators, teachers and student teachers.

The board authorized the insurance representative to begin investigation of the district to determine if it qualifies for the policy, which would cost the district \$1900 a year.

Bray, chairman of the superintendent selection committee, requested a special meeting Feb. 12 to finishing screening applications for Hopson's job.

Thirty-nine persons have applied for the position which will be vacated on June 30.



Stuff it, Rudy

Texas A&M University fans cheered Saturday when basketball player Rudy Woods "stuffed it" against the University of Houston team. The Aggies beat the Cougars 66-58. The Aggies face Arkansas tonight in Fayetteville. The game will be broadcast on radio KTAM 1240 at 7:30 p.m. The pre-game show is at 7:20 p.m.

Battalion photo by George Rowe

Job market for graduates improving

United Press International
BETHLEHEM, Pa. — The job market for most college graduates this academic year is continuing to improve, says the College Placement Council.

The council's statement is based on a national study of 707 employers. It anticipated an overall 17 percent gain in hiring by employers during the midwinter stage of the college recruiting season, following a 16 percent gain projected at the same time last year.

The outlook is better in the private sector, where an 18 percent increase is expected. A 12 percent decrease was forecast in local and state government openings and a 15 percent decrease in federal government hiring.

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