

# \$27,000 difference stalls action on landscaping at Middle School

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The A&M Consolidated School Board took no action during its regular meeting on a landscaping project for the Middle School campus. An attempt to table the subject failed. The attempt occurred after the board learned there was a \$27,000 difference between original estimates and the only bid received.

The landscaping is part of a project by the Soil Conservation Service to beautify the school campuses, said Peggy Crittendon, public information director for the district.

The district pays for 20 percent of the federal government, which grants to the district, pays remaining 80 percent of the project.

The board had allotted \$72,000 for the landscaping for the middle school campus based on the cost estimates by Klatt/Murphy, landscape architects. The only bid received for the

project totaled \$99,600, said Michael Murphy of Klatt/Murphy. He did not reveal the name of the firm.

Murphy said the firm would begin work 10 days after the contract was awarded and finish it within 90 days.

In addition, the contract contains a \$100-a-day penalty clause for late work.

Trustee Herman D. Brown questioned accepting the bid because the board hadn't planned to spend as much on the project.

Before a vote could be taken on the bid, Brown moved to table the item. Trustee Ann Jones seconded the motion.

A vote on the motion to table the item was tied, 3-3 with Brown, Jones and Board President John Reagor voting for and Trustees Elliott Brown, Bruce Robeck and Bill Wasson voting against the motion.

Trustee William D. Fitch was absent.

Trustees in favor of accepting the

bid spoke of the necessity of completing the project.

"I will reluctantly have to reluctantly favor this motion," Robeck said.

"We've got a campus that some idiot of an architect built in a valley," Wasson said, explaining the necessity of the project.

Robeck said the extra money existed, but was set aside for other projects.

When Brown asked Robeck where the money would come from, Reagor said there was \$366,000 in unappropriated bond money.

Then Brown asked Robeck where the original figure of \$72,000 had come from. Robeck replied it was from the architects.

Brown asked Murphy why the bid was so much higher than the contract had originally called for.

Escalating costs of building materials and a bad original estimate by his firm were probable causes for the \$27,000 discrepancy, Murphy said.

The vote to accept the bid was taken and it too was tied 3-3, with Wasson, Robeck and Bray voting for and Jones, Brown and Reagor voting against.

No more action was taken on the landscaping project, but the board has scheduled a special meeting Friday night at 7 p.m. to discuss it further.

In other action, the board voted to accept a plan for a new administrative organization for the Middle School.

The new plan, one of five submitted by consultant Bruce R. Anderson, is necessary for the reorganized junior high, said acting superintendent H.R. Burnett.

Starting this fall, the middle school will consist of grades 5-8.

Previously, the middle school consisted of grades 6-8 with one principal and one assistant principal.

Under the plan adopted Monday night, there will be one principal

and two assistants for the middle school.

Both of the assistants will have pre-determined responsibilities on their respective campus, Burnett said, but will be encouraged to work wherever needed.

The three principals for the expected enrollment of 1,000 students would be in line with the national standard of 2.5 administrators per 1,000 students, according to Anderson's report.

In other business, the board:

- awarded the school depository contract to University National Bank on the basis of the recommendations of the citizens committee and Assistant Superintendent of Finance Ollie Grauke.
- voted to approve the selection of Durst, Wood and Ingram, certified public accountants, as auditors for the financial records for the 1978-79 school year.
- heard a progress report on the preparation of the five-year plan for the special education program in the district. The plan is required by the Texas Education Agency. The plan was originally due June 1. The district was given additional time to turn in the plan to the agency so it could be okayed by the board at its meeting June 4.

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## what's up

### BV Deaf group to meet

The Brazos Valley Association of Deaf and Hearing Impaired will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at First National Bank in Bryan. The speaker will be Avril Thompson, the acting president of the Professional section of Texas Association of Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

### Bryan tennis tourney set

The Tenth Annual City of Bryan Tennis Tournament will be held at the A&M Tennis Courts on June 8-10. The deadline for registering is May 28 at 5 p.m. The fee is \$3 per person per event. Thirty-eight are offered. Further information may be obtained by calling 822-1054 or the Parks and Recreation office at 203 E. 29th.

### Rodeo tickets available

The 8th Annual Bryan Breakfast Lions Club Rodeo will be held May 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. in the Brazos County Rodeo Arena. Tickets are available in advance at Piggly Wiggly stores. Advance ticket prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children at the gate.

### Swim classes offered

The Bryan Parks and Recreation Department will offer Red Cross approved swim classes for four 2-week sessions this summer, beginning June 4, 1979. The fee is \$5 per student. Pre-registration will take place next week at Haswell and Thomas Pools on Monday and Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. and at Municipal and Henderson Pools on Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7 p.m. Students should register at the pool where they wish to swim.

## Job satisfaction ...

### Increased numbers of graduates dissatisfied

This year's crop of college graduates could easily join the growing ranks of dissatisfied Americans, a Texas A&M University sociologist predicts.

A recent Labor Department survey showed that between 1973 and 1977, Americans experienced a 2 percent decrease in job satisfaction. The decline was particularly notable among college graduates and workers under 30 years of age.

Black workers, semiskilled work-

ers, blue-collar workers and manufacturing industry employees were also more likely to be unhappy with their jobs, the Labor Department-funded survey showed.

Why the dissatisfaction? "I think we're seeing a return of the generation gap that everyone was talking about during the '60s," said Dr. Jon P. Alston. "The under 30-year-old workers just want more of their jobs today and aren't realizing their goals.

"Older workers aren't as dissatisfied as the younger workers because they don't expect as much out of their jobs to begin with," he added.

When an older worker is interviewed about his job, the first thing he'll say is that things are OK," Alston said. "When we dig a little deeper, however, we find out he really doesn't expect much satisfaction out of his job, as long as the work is secure and it pays well.

Alston attributes worker dissatisfaction to the generation gap for a number of reasons. One is the increasing age of the American population.

The median age is now around 33 years, he pointed out, meaning roughly half of the work force was born after World War II. This age difference widens the gap between attitudes and ideas even more.

"Younger workers have experienced the disillusionment of Vietnam, the Civil Rights era and the trend toward male-female equality," Alston added. "With more women holding jobs now, the younger segment of the labor force is socially and psychologically different from the older segment.

"Younger workers are willing to work, but they want more challenging and meaningful tasks," Alston

## Advanced real estate studies begin at A&M; 150 expected

The sixth annual Studies of Advanced Real Estate Subjects conference is the featured event today through Sunday at Texas A&M University.

More than 150 participants are expected for the Studies of Advanced Real Estate Subjects, which is known by the acronym SOARS, beginning Thursday. The SOARS program established by the Texas Real Estate Research Center in 1973, is designed to offer real estate professionals the opportunity to obtain advanced knowledge of the

business.

Topics to be discussed during the two-day conference will include "Averting the Catastrophe," "Sources of Assistance" and "Underground Leaking."

Engineers, chemists and technicians will be here until Friday for a Continuous Stack Monitoring Short Course. The course is designed to train the participants to properly select and operate continuous monitoring systems which will comply with Environmental Protection Agency Regulations.

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