

School Board Opens Bids on Middle Grove Addition, Seeks Bids on Morningside Job

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Bids on additions to Middle Grove School were opened Thursday night and a bid call for the Morningside addition issued by the Salem School Board.

A low bid of \$48,500 was offered by Hampton Flatt, Salem contractor, for the Middle Grove addition which includes two classrooms and a basement multi-purpose room. The board took all five bids ranging to \$52,000 under advisement.

Bids on a five room addition at Morningside will be opened by the board at a special session May 2. The project also includes "roughing in" of two additional classrooms for the rapidly developing area.

To Remain Open
Decision to keep Halls Ferry School in operation, at least for another year, was made by the board, reversing an earlier move to transport youngsters from that area to Rosedale in an economy move. A delegation from the Halls Ferry community was on hand to lead the move, recommended by two board members after riding the 2 1/2 mile hill route between the two schools in a school bus.

On the bid calling side, the board also authorized a call for quotations on eight new school buses for the district, five as replacements and three to handle additional bus service. Bids for classroom furniture were also authorized.

A Highland school controversy (story also on page 1) created the most fireworks for the long school board session Thursday night. Representatives of two factions of parents in the school ground policy fight were present to express their views.

Mrs. Virginia Ramsey and Mrs. Lila Alexander, members of a committee of the Highland Mothers Club, told board members a majority of parents were in favor of changes in regulations on school-ground hours, while another club delegation reported a resolution condemning the action of the committee and offering an apology for its actions.

Changes Agreed
Dr. Snyder reported to the board that some changes had been agreed upon for the school. These he said involved sending student patrols out a few minutes before the 8:45 a.m. limit to insure that youngsters could cross streets to the school grounds at that time. Pri-

mary children who eat lunches at home are permitted to return to the grounds at 12 noon and upper grade children at 12:30. These changes went into effect Monday.

Survey Cited
Mrs. Ramsey criticized the 8:45 a.m. limit as discriminatory, saying her committee survey showed that Richmond, Englewood and Bush schools did not abide by this regulation. Dr. Snyder said "no regulation was by mutual agreement with each principal given discretion in its use."

Reports by board member Gardner Knapp and others that spot checks in the Highland area did not reveal any undue hardship because of the regulation were countered by Mrs. Ramsey who said recent publicity had altered the picture. She said teachers and parents had been active in advising that children did not arrive early and so requiring a wait to be allowed on the grounds.

A request by Parrish Junior High School PTA to build a rifle range at the school for use of a proposed rifle club was rejected by the board. The board said it opposed the plan on the safety factors involved in location of the range either in the school attic or tunnel, but thought idea of such a club in the schools was a good one. It suggested that available facilities elsewhere in Salem be used for that purpose.

Music Program
Expansion of a Saturday instrumental music program for the elementary schools on a one-year basis was approved by the board. Extension of the program will include free instructions for suburban school pupils who would be transported to Garfield School for the training by their own means.

A revision of salary schedules for school lunch program workers to equalize monthly pay checks was authorized by the board on recommendation of Superintendent Walter Snyder who said Christmas and spring vacation deductions created economic problems for them.

Other Action
The board also:
Authorized use of school property in the south part of Kingwood Heights for playground use in answer to a request by Walter Wirth, Salem director of parks and playgrounds.

Gave preliminary study to a request by the Salem Heights Mothers Club for consideration of play area, auditorium, cafeteria and parking needs at Salem Heights School.

Authorized a continuation study of the district's liability insurance status by Board Members Ray Cates and M. E. (Gus) Moore

Rare Cranes Seen In Canadian Area

WINNIPEG, Man. (P)—The first 1950 sighting of the rare whooping crane in Manitoba was reported Thursday by Ducks Unlimited.

Three of the big birds were observed Monday by farmer John Hunter a few miles east of Dominion City in southern Manitoba.

COMICS LOVER

SYDNEY, Australia (P)—Countess Mounbatten, wife of Britain's First Sea Lord, Earl Mountbatten, visited a hospital on the

Mounbatten's current tour of the East and found Edward Clarke, 84-year-old patient, reading comics. "My husband's the same," she said. "He loves comics."

POLICEWOMEN ADDED

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State Medical School Fund Plea Aired

EUGENE 10 — Chancellor John Richards of the state System of Higher Education called Thursday for a public hearing on the controversy over the University of Oregon Medical School's request for \$37,000 in federal funds.

The school asked the money to help in improving an outpatient clinic. The council of the Oregon State Medical Society recommended against it.

In the past the state Board of Health has followed recommendations of the medical society.

Richards said he would ask the health board to join him in asking the attorney general for an opinion on whether the board needs to adhere to medical society recommendations.

The medical society has differed with the administration of the medical school, contending that some patients are treated there who might otherwise be private patients. The society said also that nursing homes are needed more than outpatient clinics.

Recommendations for federal funds are handled through the state Board of Health.

President O. Meredith Wilson of the University of Oregon and Dean David W. E. Baird of the medical school issued a statement saying the outpatient clinic improvements were badly needed.

They said the improvements would be in laboratory facilities, which they said needed expansion because of additional burdens to be brought about by the recently completed state teaching hospital.

They said the planned improvements qualified for Hill-Burton Act funds, and added, "If the Hill-Burton funds are not available to us, either patients in the hospital, or the educational program at the medical school, or the taxpayers of the state of Oregon will be the losers, and perhaps all three."

St. Helens Men Overcome by Gas

ST. HELENS, Ore. (P)—Nine workmen were partially overcome by chlorine gas fumes Thursday night at the Crown Zellerbach Corp. pulp plant here. Two required hospitalization and the others were treated at the scene.

Fire Chief Michael Bascel said a leak was discovered in a chlorine gas pipe in the basement of the boiler room at the plant. Before it could be repaired nine men were stricken.

Robert Spears and Dewey Kearsley were hospitalized, Chief Bascel said. Joe Vigil, George Lamont, Clarence Jeffery and Lawrence Baker were given oxygen and released, along with three others whose names were not learned.

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