

Hermiston firm gets school roofing job

The Morrow County School Board Monday night awarded Ackerman Roofing, Hermiston, a bid to re-roof A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon and Riverside High School in Boardman.

The district received two bids, the other from Gem Roofing. Representatives from both roofing firms were at the board meeting to explain their bids. Ackerman bid the job according to the district's specifications. Gem bid a different material than the district specified yet guaranteed that it would exceed the district's requirements.

The board discussed both bids extensively. A motion early in the discussion, to award the bid to Ackerman died for lack of a second. A later motion to award the bid to Gem was seconded, amended to require references and written proof of the roofing material's fire resistance, but failed to get a minimum of four favorable votes (the vote was three yes, two no, and one abstention.)

A final motion to award the bid to Ackerman roofing passed (5-1) after Superintendent Doyle McCaslin told the board for a second time that the district had had a previous satisfactory experience with Ackerman and that when doing business with a firm from out of state (Gem is based at Sandpoint, Idaho, but is beginning a branch in Pendleton), the strictest kind of insurance bond was needed. "When the district deals with the same people recurrently rather than always just taking the lowest bid, we get better service for the district," McCaslin said. Ackerman has been in business in Hermiston for 17 years and is highly recommended by several contractors, Matt Warren emphasized.

The Board indicated its approval of using a school bus to transport people to the fairgrounds again this year. The service cost the district \$400 last year, McCaslin told the Board. Her said, however, that a representative of the Fair Committee had called his office and asked if the district would provide the service again. Board member Dwayne Carroll recommended that if the service is not used more this year than last that the Board look at perhaps discontinuing the service next year.

McCaslin asked the Board for direction should either the special levy or the serial levy fail August 12. The next day, August 13 is the date that levies would have to be certified to the Morrow County Clerk's Office in order to appear on the September ballot.

Should either levy fail, Chairman Joe Stevens said, "it might be a good idea to keep it in front of the voters, so they know we really need it." The Board voted unanimously to authorize McCaslin to resubmit the same levies in September if necessary.

The Board learned that a September 3 court date has been postponed in the case of Oregon Land and Water Co. vs. the District. The case concerns disputed title to the parking lot used by A.C. Houghton elementary school.

"We have received an offer from Mr. Evans' attorney since the June 16 board meeting in a letter written to Ann Spicer June 24. Mr. Evans offers to deed the property to the district for \$8,000. The June 16 offer was a written duplicate of the verbal offer received on May 19, that is, that Mr. Evans offered to deed the district the parking lot contingent on the district's maintaining the south strip as a park and, further, should the district fail to maintain the strip as a park that the property strip would become the property of Mr.

Evans or his heirs." Spicer rejected the offer for the Board, McCaslin said.

"If we accept his offer, we are acknowledging that he owns the property; if he proves that he owns it, then we can consider his offer," Stevens said.

McCaslin cautioned the board that Evans "apparently has paid taxes on the land and has some kind of deed, but not an unchallengeable deed. We need to be prepared for the worst and hope for the best."

"You can report that we don't want to buy the land," Stevens told McCaslin.

McCaslin reported to the Board that it has the final Department of Environmental Quality approval of the Lone Sewer Project. He reported a \$922 overrun for the project which was to cost \$6,848 to repair.

The Board approved the following resignations: Dirk Dirksen as assistant baseball coach at Riverside High School in Boardman; Duane Neiffer from a science position at Heppner High School; Terry McElligott from a social studies teaching position at Sam Boardman Elementary; Peggy Eggleston from a kindergarten teaching position at Sam Boardman Elementary; Patricia Baker from a special reading position at Sam Boardman Elementary; Bonnie Compton from elementary counseling at Sam Boardman and A.C. Houghton elementary schools; Sue Zanne Duncan from teaching third grade at Heppner Elementary; F. Lee Block from teaching math at Heppner High School; Paul Williamson from a speech/language teaching position at Sam Boardman and A.C. Houghton Elementary Schools; Joyce Gordanier from a part-time custodian position at Columbia Jr. High in Irrigon; and Alvin McCabe from bus driving in lone.

McCaslin reported to the Board that the administration had approved the following transfers: John Edmundson from junior high math at Heppner Jr. High to Heppner High School advanced math; Karen Beck from fifth grade at Heppner Elementary to junior high math at Heppner Jr. High.; Dan Van Liew from Heppner groundsman to custodian at Heppner Elementary; and Faye Seitz from a Heppner laundry position to a cook's position.

The Board approved hiring nine new teachers:

Terri Gentry - physical education at Heppner Schools; Steve Wicks - career education, personal finance, and work experience at Heppner High School; Shane Fritz - Spanish at Riverside High School (4/7 time); Tim McCreary - science at Riverside High School; Cara Costa - fifth grade at Heppner Elementary; Jeff Dehne - personal finance at Riverside High School; David Presley - social studies at Lone High School; Mary Holmes - language arts and Spanish at Lone High School; and Teresa Kolbasowski - special reading at Sam Boardman Elementary.

Because two of the teachers are certified in other states, the Board approved that the superintendent request restricted certificates for them for this coming school year and ex-

emption from the California Basic Education Skills Test.

The Board approved hiring Marie Rudisill as a bus driver at lone.

The Board approved three extended duty contracts: Steve Wicks - head baseball coach at Heppner High School; David Presley - head football coach at Lone High School, and Dirk Dirksen - head football coach at Riverside High School.

In other business, the Board: -administered the oath of office to new member Mary Lou Carlson.

-re-elected Joe Stevens Board chairman; elected Jerry McElligott vice chairman.

-heard that the district ended the year in excellent condition because supervisors and principals were told after the first levy defeat in March to slow down spending and told again after the May defeat to stop buying anything not absolutely necessary. "Of course, our overall cash position is a reflection of a greater beginning cash amount than estimated, better tax collections than expected, and excellent interest earnings on our cash coupled with the under expenditures," McCaslin told the Board. He also commended Deputy Clerk Alice Vance for investing the district's money so that it would earn interest for the district.

-heard a report of progress on summer maintenance projects. McCaslin told the Board that he thinks it "is getting a good reputation for seeing that the district's buildings are kept up and that maintenance supervisor Matt Warren is doing an extremely good job for the district.

-heard that the district received a letter of appreciation from OSAA for Dan Dalto's service on its executive board.

-reappointed Tyler Hansell to the budget committee; delayed appointment of another committee member until the next meeting.

-accepted the following bids for bus chassis: Woodpecker, 35 passenger for \$19,259.33, and 65 passenger for \$23,421.45; for bus body: Schetky NW a 35 passenger for \$11,184; 65 passenger for \$13,997. The Board accepted a bid for \$24,195 from Professional Boiler Services to replace burners, and a bid of \$4,290 from Benz Aire Engineering for calibration and repair of the boiler systems.

-approved renewal of the superintendent's bond.

-held the first reading of the district's policy on distributing materials to students. The policy is justified, McCaslin said, because "apparently we were very clear on our policy last year and an unfair labor practice was filed. We need to explain our policy that we're not going to advertise through kids, for whatever good reason."

-approved the clerk and deputy clerk as custodians of funds and authorized a \$250,000 borrowing limit.

-appointed McCaslin as budget officer.

-approved Morrison, Fife, Kimball and Jensen as auditors for the 1986-87 school year.

-approved the Heppner Gazette-Times as the newspaper of record for the coming year.



Jenny Krein (left), Andrea Miles, Erin Fishburn, and Kristy Taylor draw their shoes—the tops of them, bottoms of them, bigger than they really are, on the front of the paper, back of the paper and even upside down. Instructor Susan Schulz offers encouragement.

Art class eases summer boredom

A summer art class destroyed summer boredom, at least for an hour a day last week, when 16 Heppner youngsters learned basics of drawing with artist Susan Schulz.

Schulz, a graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, Rhode Island, has worked as an artist in residence in the schools for six

years. She was hired, she says, because she is an artist, not because she is a teacher.

"When I was first hired as an artist in residence, I hardly knew what a kid was," she says, "but I know what art is, at least my idea of it, but I had an idea, I tried it, and it worked. It's fun, and I really love their art. I like to see their drawings, even

the ones they think are terrible. I guess I'm really lucky because some artists don't seem to get along well with kids. It's just a matter of getting my idea across and getting them to do it."

She picked up a new technique last week, she says, by handing out a small card at the beginning of the class and asking her students to draw a specific animal on it. It got them quiet, and started them really trying to draw something as well as giving them an opportunity to draw many things.

During the week, her young students drew landscapes, self-portraits with basic shapes, drew a fellow student, experimented with line patterns to make fantasy-type abstract drawings, and on day five drew their shoes by looking at them and recreating them on paper.

She says she has done workshops for all ages and enjoys the elementary children most because they are so enthusiastic.

"I was amazed that someone would pay me for moving from place to place," she said, "because I was already living like that. I supported myself as a waitress and traveled to New Orleans, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Mexico, mostly where I knew someone and could get a job. I painted for experience. A month in one place got to be a really long time, so the two and a half months I've been in Heppner must be forever."

Schulz will show her paintings at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24 at Kate's Pizza. The demonstration is sponsored by Morrow Co. Creative Arts and Crafts. A fee will be charged.

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