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FARM VISIT—Marvin Scott of Hillside Farms holds a large sheep so two young students in Mrs. Brenda Edwards class can pet the animal.

The students visited the farm on a field trip of the Dallas Christian School in Dallas.

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## Coaching brouhaha continues

# Proposed Dallas budget raises taxes 8 mills

Dallas School Board Monday night revealed the proposed tentative 1980-81 budget in the total amount of \$7,315,411 calling for a tax millage increase of eight mills, bringing the total millage to 104.

Also included is a \$10 per capita tax; an earned income tax of one percent shared with the municipal governments; a real estate transfer tax of one percent also shared; and a \$10 occupational privilege tax, shared 50-50 with those municipal governments which have enacted such taxes.

Seven directors voted "yes" to accepting the tentative document; Harry Lefko was absent; and Atty. Basil Russin had to abstain as he has been in court with the Earl Shaver case for the past week. Russin said he needs time to study the budget.

Ernest Ashbridge, chairman of the finance committee, pointed out the largest increases are in the instructional, transportation, and heating fuels categories.

Anticipated expenditures in the proposed 104 mill budget as compared to the current year are as follows: administration, from \$236,482 to a proposed \$265,719; instruction, \$2,999,820 to \$3,255,932; pupil personnel will rise about \$23,000 from \$140,150 to \$163,891; health service from \$95,735 to \$102,171; pupil transportation is

anticipated to cost almost \$54,000 more next term, from \$398,503 to \$452,303.

Operation and maintenance of the plants will soar to \$867,945 from the present \$719,413, an increase of \$148,000; fixed charges, \$627,852 up to \$766,325; student activities from \$99,005 to \$105,600; community services were increased \$1,000 to \$12,500; capital outlay reduced from \$55,777 to a lesser amount of \$41,809; debt service, \$846,447 down next term to \$833,353. Intersystem payments were upped approximately \$30,000 from \$418,090 to \$447,863. The new budget does not show an ending fund balance.

Chairman Ashbridge emphasized this is a tentative plan of spending which the board will try to get down before final adoption in June.

Business manager Fred Croop told the large gathering that the average assessment in the district is \$3,900. Taking this into consideration, he explained, the eight mill increase will cost the "average taxpayer" about \$31.50 this year.

In other action brought before the board, Johnny George and others resurrected the Clint Brobst incident of last month and it is apparent hostilities have not been alleviated. George told Brobst that in an article written by Don Zimmerman of the Independent recently, Brobst put a stigma on two distinguished citizens, on 15 and

16 year old children, and said the fathers interfered with the coaching.

George said Brobst should apologize for the statements made in the Sunday paper about his players conceding, "Donny (Don Zimmerman) always blows it up".

Brobst stood his ground and told George he did not put those people in that position in the article and did not try to embarrass anybody and had nothing to do with the outcome of the article. In fact, he hoped all news reports of the incident would cease.

Brobst said he was sorry if he embarrassed anybody but did not do so intentionally.

Robert Saul and Robert Law signed a letter to the board as private citizens taking issue with the conduct of Charles Preece at the last board meeting. A young man who identified himself as Bruce Riefenstahl read a letter similar to the Saul and Law document.

Superintendent Richard Shipe told the group that a professional member of the Dallas teaching staff is also a member of the community and can therefore offer his or her opinions at a public meeting, as Preece did.

Shipe added that the requests Saul and Law made in their letter regarding Preece are "not appropriate". President Richard Hislop said the board would have to check

with Solicitor Ben Jones before offering a legal opinion.

The letters referred to Preece's alleged remarks made to a person Preece felt was interfering with the senior high basketball program. Preece indicated that he was so disgusted with the outside interference he resigned as assistant basketball coach at the close of the season.

Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy cautioned "Let us not open the wounds as it will become infected." "Remember, we live in a free country with a free press which is sometimes sensational."

Dr. Fahmy said he would like to bring both Preece and Tim Bauman together to mend their differences, adding Bauman is a devoted member of the community. Preece was not there to defend himself.

Early in the meeting a letter was read from the Dallas Basketball Organization over the signature of Saul. It said they wished to resolve differences in a positive and productive fashion as Dr. Fahmy suggested after last month's meeting. They requested a meeting with the entire Dallas coaching staff, Jerry Stinson, Dr. Shipe, and the board's athletic council.

Much later, following the presentation of the budget and accompanying comments, Saul began to speak to the board about things as his complete satisfaction with the conduct of

Preece in regards to Bauman.

Saul continued to press the point towards the end of the meeting stating Preece was acting in the capacity as a professional when he made the verbal attack and wants the board to reply.

Preece was not present Monday to face the accusations. When

Preece made the remarks in question, he spoke directly to the people involved and they had a chance to reply.

In other action, the cafeteria reported a loss for April of \$2,061. Loss for the period ending April 30 was \$20,673.28.

## Franklin Bridge bids higher than expected

Bids for reconstruction of the Franklin Street Bridge in Shavertown were opened at a special meeting of the Kingston Township board of supervisors on Wednesday, May 7. Howard Dover of Smith-Miller Associates, project engineers, read the bids which a concerned board chairman, Ed Price, Jr., termed "greater than expected."

Initially the new bridge was touted as a \$60,000 enterprise, a figure which grew to \$70,000 about two months ago.

Smith-Miller Associates were paid approximately \$9,500 to conduct the engineering study of the span in preparation for letting of

bids and ultimate construction. The early estimates of the bridge's cost included the engineering fee.

A contract for construction was scheduled to be awarded at the board's regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 14 at 8 p.m. in the municipal building, but Chairman Price could not assure that projection following the reading of the following bids submitted: M.J. Scott Construction Company of Taylor, base bid, \$87,093.50, alternate of \$1,740 for a listed total of \$64,830.50, which was obviously in error, stated the board. Spot added stressed beams would cost \$24,000 additional.

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