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School Bids

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board with a proposal for purchase of needed property at Sunset High School.

Dr. Crozier's report on housing for the additional inflow of students shows the need for portable buildings at ten schools, unless new buildings are provided, or permanent units started at two, when portable structures would be needed only at the remaining eight. Permanent structures are considered for the Obadiah Knight School and the Elmwood district, where no school now exists.

Face Big Expenditures.

In addition to an estimated \$60,000 for this housing, only portables being included, more than \$30,000 would be needed for additional instruction required for the new students. Mr. Spence pointed out that this additional \$100,000 cost had not been con-

templated by the board "except in a vague way."

The board's worried discussion of school moneys came after bids had been opened contemplating more than \$200,000 expenditure on the first unit of the proposed new plant for Technical High School. Thirteen base construction bids were opened and referred to the building and sites committee and the architects, Herbert M. Greene, LaRoche and Dahl.

Low bid was submitted by Lee R. Doughty, \$157,777. Worth Building and Investment Company, Fort Worth, \$174,424, was the only out-of-the-city firm to bid.

Low bid on the electrical contract was submitted by N. E. Busby, \$13,500.

Study Truancy Problem.

Only one bid was submitted for plumbing and heating, the Dallas Plumbing Company bidding \$32,717 for the combined contract.

Bids were also opened on track equipment and referred to committee.

The board also turned serious consideration to the question of truancy,

declared by both women members, Mrs. W. P. Zumwalt and Mrs. W. A. Leeper, to be serious. Mr. Storey and Mr. Spence declared that the board had done nothing to solve this problem for some years, and it was referred to committee with the administrative officers for a solution to be worked out.

Dr. Crozier declared the present 100-day compulsory attendance law to be worthless and that it ought to be removed from the statute books.

The board authorized organization of summer classes in piano instruction, following recommendation in the report of Mrs. Carrie Munger Long, director. She showed increase of 200 students in the last year of that work, attendance now being 1,023 in thirty schools with seventeen teachers.

The board received from H. E. Moore, secretary of the Dallas city waterworks, a proposal that it pay half of the estimated cost of \$1,935 for extension of water lines to the new Roger Q. Mills School. The proposal was referred to the building and sites committee, with the note by Mr.

Moore that the board had never been required to pay for such improvements.

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