

Vista school site decision put off

VISTA — Unified School District trustees Monday failed to decide on the site for a new high school and took no action on a move to force the superintendent to resign his position on the city's Planning Commission.

Both items were discussed at an executive session of the board.

Joseph Harvey, district business manager, said the board postponed selection of the high school site, at least for about two weeks, to enable the administrative staff to obtain more information.

Harvey said the board had narrowed the list of proposed sites to one, a 40-acre location in the Bobier Drive area.

He said the board wants time to talk to four owners of the property involved, and that no appraisals of the properties have been made.

The district plans to build the new high school for about \$4 million with funds approved in a bond election last September.

The board reportedly took no action on a recommendation of trustee George Tushak and about 30 other residents who demanded the resignation of William Schlechte, district superintendent, from the city's Planning Commission.

The request stems from an allegation by Tushak and the residents that, as a member of the Planning Commission, Schlechte failed to keep the school board informed on plans for a proposed service station facility on Sunset Drive, across the street from Crestview Elementary School.

The group contends that allowing Schlechte to serve on the Planning Commission reduces his effectiveness to the school district.

"We cannot expect any administrator with such a magnitude of responsibility to function at maximum capacity of his capabilities when he is encumbered by any other demanding position," the residents wrote.

M. S. Merrill, a petition signer, asked why the letter and subject of Schlechte's recommended resignation was not being discussed at the open session.

Bruce Hilliam, board president, said the state code allows the board to discuss such matters in an executive session when it deals with personnel.

There was about 20 residents in attendance who had asked for Schlechte's resignation.

It was the third time Tushak has asked for Schlechte's resignation from the Planning Commission, claiming that he should devote his entire working time to the school district.