

Board Delays Action on School Picture Program

After three months of consideration, the Torrance Unified School District was unable to reach a final agreement Monday night on a plan to allow elementary school student pictures.

Parents first approached school board members in November in support of the photo program. In December the administration was told to contact other school districts for information about pictures. Answers were due Feb. 5.

Representatives from two photography studios explained methods and costs for taking the pictures.

BOARD MEMBER Polly Watts said she observed the photography of students at Palos Verdes and was impressed by the expediency of the operation.

Bert Lynn, president of the board, said he was not convinced a sufficient number of parents are willing to purchase the pictures.

"We are talking about 24,000 youngsters and a \$60,000 item," Lynn remarked.

TIME LOSS from the class-

room is also a factor in considering the proposal. It was estimated 10 minutes would be required for each classroom.

Arrangements are also available to have photos taken before school, during recess, lunch, and after school.

Spokesmen for Drury-Edwards of Burbank School Pictures, Inc., of Fullerton pointed a "voluntary" program could be used, but it would not allow for a class group picture.

Both companies have a similar price scale. Should the district enter into the "picture business," it can either negotiate a contract or offer the package to a low bidder.

THE DISTRICT is not interested in a profit-making project, but rather a service for the community, it was pointed out.

Bill Hanson, a proponent, charged deliberate delaying tactics, but did not point his finger at anyone directly.

He moved to have pictures taken in the school district and have bids by the first meeting in March. When the motion lacked a second, an al-

ternate motion was made to have specifications ready by the next meeting. This will give the teachers an opportunity to be heard.

The school district was offered a program of research and development by the chairman and co-founder of School Research and Service Corporation.

Erwin G. Samogyi gave an illustrated explanation of the project. When put into effect, school districts representing more than 250,000 students will participate in the program.

Somogyi pointed out some of the economical advantages of research and developments.

DURING the board meeting at West High School, the district approved the purchase of four parcels of land at 231st and Arlington St. The price was not made known.

A low bid of \$115,900 by Carl J. Jespersen was accepted for the construction of science and textbook storage at 34 elementary schools.

Lockers and shelving for the elementary schools amounted to \$6,188.66.

... Freeway

(Continued from Page A-1) mile section between Sepulveda Boulevard and Central Avenue has been adopted. It generally follows Imperial Highway, passing north of the Hawthorne Municipal Airport.

HEARINGS on the Pacific Coast Freeway also are planned, although the route will not pass through the beach cities. That section was struck from the proposed system by the legislature and the Hawthorne Freeway, Route 107, has been substituted.

The Hawthorne Freeway is expected to branch off from the San Diego Freeway near Rosecrans Avenue and follow the general line of Hawthorne Boulevard to rejoin the Pacific Coast Freeway in South Torrance.

Probably construction date for the two freeways is 1975, the Division of Highways reported.

A NEW freeway, now designated as Route 268, is being studied to serve the Hollywood area. Preliminary plans call for it to connect the Hol-

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lywood Freeway and the San Diego Freeway, following the general line of Western Avenue.

Route studies are expected to begin late this year. The study corridor includes the area between Western Ave-

and Crenshaw Boulevard. The report noted that the Southwest area is now served by two north-south routes—

the Harbor and Long Beach freeways—and by the San Diego Freeway, which cuts diagonally across the area.



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