

BOARD MEMO – ACTION ITEM



PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

*Providing Foundations Together,
Cultivating Individual Growth*

To: Board of Education

From: Cody Martzluf, Superintendent

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2026

RE: Jr. High Landscaping

Recommendation: Approval of proposal from Hornbaker Gardens for landscaping at the jr. high school as presented

Background:

- Over the past several months, Mr. R. Wilson has been collaborating with Hornbaker Gardens to develop plans for enhancing the entrance to the junior high school. The project focuses on improving the landscaping and overall appearance of the entryway to create a more welcoming and attractive first impression for everyone who visits the campus.
- The primary goal of this project is to create an inviting environment for students, staff, parents, and community members. A refreshed entrance will help showcase pride in the school, enhance curb appeal, and provide a warm, positive welcome to all who enter the building.
- Funding for this beautification project is being provided through a dedicated fund established by the former Magnolia-Swaney Board of Education following the consolidation of 1966. At the time of consolidation, the board set aside these funds specifically for the continued improvement and support of the Swaney campus. Utilizing these funds for the entryway enhancement honors the original intent of the board while investing in improvements that will benefit the school community for years to come.

Hornbaker Gardens

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QUOTE

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Date

7/16/2026

QUOTE #**22564**

#	Item	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Ext. Price	Tax
1	10944	Magnolia X 'Yellow Bird' #10	2	400.00	800.00	
2	14528	Juniperus C. 'Blue Point' #3	5	87.00	435.00	
3	4201	Microbiota Celtic Pride® #3	2	67.00	134.00	
4	6118	Buxus Chicagoland Green® #3	10	82.00	820.00	
5	13856	Aronia X 'Viking' #3	5	42.00	210.00	
6	13877	Ceanothus Americanus #3	3	42.00	126.00	
7	10716	Juniperus H. 'Blue Chip' #3	2	52.00	104.00	
8	14540	Perennial Plug	125	5.99	748.75	
9	14541	Grass Plug	36	5.99	215.64	
10	5309	Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster' #1	15	17.99	269.85	
11	6334	Black Dirt 1 Cu Yd <i>Garden Soil as per request</i>	45	75.00	3,375.00	
12	6301	Bulk Mulch Premium Pine Bark Blend 1 Cu Yd	18	67.00	1,206.00	
13	6604	Boulder Rock <i>Pea gravel/weed barrier for beside diagonal sidewalk.</i>	1	75.00	75.00	

#	Item	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Ext. Price	Tax
14	6601	Labor <i>3.5 labor days with equipment rental: remove 45 cu. yds of existing soil/gravel/mulch from existing and new bed(s) and planting areas. Dispose (?). Fill, level and prepare planting beds and 1 grass area (reseed) with a total of 45 cu. yds. of new garden soil. Spread pea gravel at walkway. Prepare the annual planting bed sites. Site and plant trees/shrubs/perennials and grasses. Mulch. Clean up the project area.</i>	1	8,400.00	8,400.00	
					Subtotal	16,919.24
					Total \$	16,919.24
					Balance Due \$	16,919.24

