

Sutherlin's School Board Supports State Tax Bill

Discussion of the tax referral measure and its possible ramifications for the Sutherlin School District occupied a large part of the last regular school board meeting.

The position taken by the Sutherlin board is one of caution, according to Supt. Ray Mullen. It was generally agreed that the tax bill to be voted upon on Oct. 15 was perhaps not the best solution to Oregon's growing tax problems, but to defeat it at this time and jeopardize for the next two years financing of education in a district such as Sutherlin, which draws considerable support from the state level, would not be in the best interest of the children and youth in the district.

It was suggested that a meeting with local legislative members, arranged through the Douglas County School Board's Association prior to a meeting of the legislature, if such were to be called, might serve to better inform these representatives of peoples' feelings through

"grass roots" representation as exhibited by local boards of education, Mullen reported. The Sutherlin Board then went on record as recommending support of the tax increase.

Richard Scott, principal of the East Elementary and Junior High Schools, appeared before the board requesting clarification on procedure in relation to the program for the creative student. This is a grouping process that has been developed by Scott, working with Dr. Paul Torrance of the University of Minnesota, that is attracting considerable attention.

Scott reported that two school districts within the state have adopted the "Sutherlin Program" and many more inquiries and visitations are coming to his office. A subsequent discussion of school "dropouts" brought forth the value of such a program for students and a green light was given by the board to continue his efforts.

A report by the superintendent of schools on school enrollments and the in-service program was heard. School enrollments are far in excess of the number expected and accounted for an increase of 117 students over opening day a year ago. However, it was reported that the increase was fairly uniform at all grade levels and all pupils were being taken care of at the moment. The total enrollment exceeds 1,350 students and has been growing each day, Mullen reported.

Sutherlin Jaycees Plan Field Fence

Sutherlin Jaycees have a plan under way to construct a fence around the high school athletic field and possibly also construct covered bleachers for the field.

A representative of the Jaycees appeared before the last meeting of the Sutherlin School Board to request sanctioning of such a plan. According to Mrs. William Blakeley, correspondent, the board endorsed the plan wholeheartedly but asked that a plan be submitted by the Jaycees so that it could be fitted in with planned development of the facilities for school and community use.

In other action, the board approved the attendance of an over-age student at the high school and set the number of athletic contests that could be scheduled outside Douglas County.

Also considered was vandalism to Sutherlin school buses in which fire extinguishers were removed, costing the taxpayers \$150 to date for replacements. The sale of used textbooks was also discussed. According to a report from Supt. Ray Mullen to Mrs. Blakeley, "enterprising" students have gathered outdated textbooks previously relegated to trash cans and have been selling these to patrons in the community on a door to door basis. It should be known that this does not have the sanction of school officials and anyone doing so should be reported to school officials, Mullen said.

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The meetings will be held at the Methodist Church. A general assembly will get underway at 9:30 a.m. Keynote speaker will be Harold Glover, member of the county Intermediate Education Board. The students, all of whom are officers in the student councils of their schools, will break into discussion groups later in the morning. The problems to be discussed are common ones encountered by all of the student groups. They include student-teacher relations, inter-school relations, campus clean-up problems, sportsmanship and citizenship.

The day will wind up with a banquet at the Umpqua Hotel starting at 6:30 p.m. Main speaker for this event will be a student from North Bend who attended the national Student Council Conference at Ann Arbor, Mich., recently.

Theme of Monday's conference will be "Moving Ahead With Positive Action."

RUSK'S SON ON JOB

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk's son David has taken a job with the Washington Urban League, a group devoted to improving race relations in the capital.

The 22-year-old Rusk is working as an assistant to Sterling Tucker, a Negro executive director of the league's local office.



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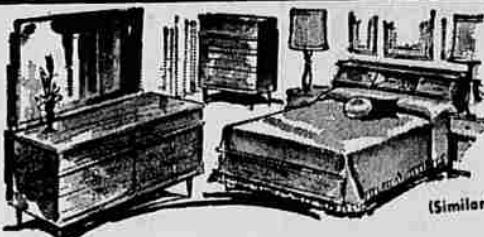
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