

Schools Candidates for 8 board positions face Lane County voters Tuesday

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While other candidates around Lane County are just getting into the campaign swing for the May primary, candidates running for positions on the Eugene, Lane Community College (LCC) and Bethel school boards have already run the campaign gambit and are down to the wire.

Voters will cast their ballots to elect school board officials Tuesday and the final results will determine the future directions of education in Lane County in the upcoming years as well as decide the fate of Tom Payzant, Lane County School superintendent.

Included on the ballot is a \$5.95 million bond issue, which would permit school district 4-J to undertake almost \$2 million worth of long put-off school maintenance projects, remodel schools, making them accessible to handicapped students and support additional school remodeling and construction.

The passage of the bond issue obligates tax payers for 25 years, although the annual cost of a typical homeowner would not be great.

Three positions are open on the

Eugene school board with Guy Di Torrice, a former radio newsmen; Maggie Gontrum, a former teacher and Ned Risbrough, executive director of the Eugene Hearing and Speech Center, running for Position 1. Position 1 is a four-year position.

Jim Jeppesen, a county engineer; Barbara Koser, a grant writer for the Willamette Community Design Center and Richard Paul, a former teacher are competing for Position 3, a two-year position. Jeppesen was appointed to the position in February when board member Barbara West resigned.

Running for the four-year term Position 5 are Rosemary Boss, Jame Britton, a civil engineer and Douglas McCool, a lawyer.

The most publicized campaign issue has been whether candidates like or dislike Payzant. Gontrum, Jeppesen and Britton have all spoken out against Payzant. If all were elected, they would constitute a majority on the seven-member board if joined by Howard Warner, current board member. Warner went on record last year, saying he would not vote to resume Payzant's contract.

Payzant's contract expires June 30, 1979, and the decision to rehire him would be made by the board next spring.

Other campaign issues have been the mandatory transfer of school principals, junk food being sold in the schools and alternative and community schools.

On the mandatory policy of principle switching, Koser, Boss and Risbrough favor the policy, while Jeppesen, Britton and Gontrum oppose it. Di Torrice and Paul would like to see a more flexible policy. McCool has no position on the issue.

Koser, Jeppesen, Paul and Di Torrice are convinced of the evils of sugar and approve of the banning of junk foods from schools. Gontrum opposes the idea and McCool would like to forward the matter to individual student councils for decision.

The county-wide LCC school board ballot will have 14 candidates on it, although four have withdrawn and only 10 are actively seeking the positions.

Candidates for Zone 5, representing residents of the Eugene school districts, are John Hanks, a commercial sales engineer and Catherine Lauris, a catalogue editor for the University. Lauris is seeking her third term on the

four-year position.

Vying for Zone 3, a three-year position that opened up after board member Lynn Moore's death, are Charlene Curry, a homemaker and a former appointee to the LCC board; Ronald Farmer, a bailiff and reporter for Lane County District Court; Alan Scott Jr., lawyer and Lawrence Wheeler, local executive director of the Eugene Switchboard Inc. All candidates for Zone 3, which represents the entire Springfield, Marcola and McKenzie school districts, live in Springfield.

Running for the at-large position, a four-year term, are Richard Freeman, a Eugene motel owner seeking his third term on the board; Leslie Hendrickson, an evaluation specialist for the Eugene School District; Leonard Wassom, a jeweler and William Watkins, a managing partner of Total Copy Service, a Eugene print shop. The at-large represents the entire college district.

In the Bethel school district, six candidates are running low-key campaigns for the two positions open. Running for Position 3 are Gregory Greenough, Raymond Swinehart, Irene DePaepe and Brian Pindell. John Hulsey and Al Hoffman are competing for Position 4.

'Nightscape' exhibit here

The photography of Richard Misrach will be featured at the Oregon Gallery at the University Museum of Art, Tuesday through May 7.

Misrach, who teaches photography at the University of California at Berkeley, will display mostly black and white prints from his collection of "night landscapes."

Misrach uses a large format camera and is primarily self-taught. In 1976 he was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts grant to further his photography and also the Ferguson Grant from Friends of Photography in Carmel, Calif.

His work was shown last year in New York, Seattle and San Francisco.

The gallery is open free of charge during the regular museum hours, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

The exhibitions are funded in part by the Oregon Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and the City of Eugene Parks and Recreation Department.



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