

High school eyes bond issue; moves on land

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"We must move to update and plan for new facilities now to meet the student enrollment crush we expect in the next few years," said Sandy High School superintendent Joe DeMarsh.

DeMarsh told the Post, the district is planning to move ahead with a major remodeling plan and has just recently purchased property adjoining the present campus site for any future expansion which will be needed.

"The district board and the administration had some plans of our own," said DeMarsh, "but we also wanted to know what our area feeder grade school districts were thinking to see what effect their plans would have on the high school."

On Dec. 11, the high school board held a joint meeting with representatives from the area grade school districts (Boring, Sandy, Welches, Cottrell and Bull Run). Following this meeting, the high school board moved to obtain new property and to plan for remodeling of the present campus.

"The high school district is planning to insure we are able to have room to meet the curriculum needs of our increasing student body and to hopefully avoid any future increase in the cost of construction," said DeMarsh.

The high school district this spring paid \$42,000 for a 19 acre parcel of land which lies north of the present varsity baseball field.

"We looked at several pieces of property, but this seemed to best meet our needs, especially since it adjoins our present campus," said DeMarsh.

The funding for this property came from funds which the district already had at the county level.

DeMarsh stated the property has three-way access, good drainage and is level.

"We presently will leave the land as it is," said DeMarsh. "But in the near future, it will be needed when we outgrow our present facilities."

A strong point the district saw in the land

was its adjoining of the current athletic fields. This will eliminate the need for completely new athletic facilities when the land is put into use.

The high school district has several options on which way it will grow, according to DeMarsh. The district could move towards freshman-sophomore and junior senior buildings or if the area districts should unify it could construct a middle school on the land.

Besides the property, the district with the funds which were on deposit at the county has moved to construct a transportation facility on the north end of the parking lot at the athletic fields on N. Bluff Rd.

"The construction on this facility should begin in the next few weeks," said DeMarsh.

By moving the transportation garages, the district will gain the use of the present garages for more classroom space for next year.

The district has also been contracted by Cottrell Grade School district to do service and maintenance for next year.

"The district also has 80 acres in the Cherryville area which was donated to it," said DeMarsh. Next year the district is developing a timber management program on this acreage.

"The land is really not suited for building construction, and we are in need of a good forestry program," said DeMarsh.

The district has tentatively set Sept. 18 for a building bond election. This bond will be used to do remodeling of the present facilities and for two additions.

"If approved, the new construction would make the present facilities able to adequately house 1150 to 1200 students. Right now, we are overcrowded with 975 students."

Most of the remodeling work needed is in the older portion of the school building which was constructed in the 1930's.

The two major additions planned include a multi-use auditorium and service facilities adjacent to the present gym. The second is a wing between the older main building and the new part of the main building. This wing would house six

teaching stations (classrooms).

The new classrooms would include a special education area, multi-use room for vocational education programs and sections for language arts and social science classes.

"We also have some remodeling work planned which will complete the athletic stadium," said DeMarsh.

This work will consist of the construction of dressing rooms under the stadium, drainage tiling of the field, and a walkway to the stadium from the parking lot.

The district has hired the firm of Bloodworth, Hawes, Peterson and Associates to do the architectural work. This is the same firm which did the work for the additions to Sandy Grade School district.

For those interested in these projects, the district has blueprints and drawings available for viewing in the district offices, according to DeMarsh.

"A definite date for the bond election will be set during either the July or August board meetings," said DeMarsh.

Fire district to seek budget increase June 26

The Sandy Rural Fire District will put its 1973-1974 budget before district voters on June 26. The fire board approved the proposed budget of \$103,713 at a public hearing on Tuesday night.

This is an increase of \$4,836.50 over the current operating budget.

Of this new budget, \$58,648.56 is outside the 6 per cent limitation of the district and this is what the voters will seek on their ballots.

The board also moved to have the election polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The area where the largest increase is noted is in the Personal Services section. The budget calls for \$72,228, while the

current budget amount is \$42,067.50 for personal services.

Fire chief Bob Rathke in his report to the board, stated this large increase is caused by trying to bring the two paid firemen and the three district dispatchers salaries up to a "living wage."

"Also this year the district must pay over \$8,000 in fixed costs such as sick pay, public employees retirement system, life insurance and hospitalization which the district did not pay last year," said Rathke.

Board member Tom Day in a response to questions from those attending the meeting stated, the budget will give about

a 17 per cent increase across the board to the paid people in the district.

"But most of this increase will go to cover the fixed costs and only a 5 per cent increase will be realized in the take home pay," said Day.

Harry Amacher, who resigned from the board several months ago, questioned the board and chief Rathke concerning the "captain" position as outlined in the budget.

This is a new position created for next year and will be filled by one of the district's two paid firemen.

The two paid firemen in the district besides the chief are Don Blair and Mike Baret. (Baret was hired Tuesday night after scoring the highest point total in a series of tests. Four other persons applied for the job.)

Rathke stated, each of the two paid firemen will be given an opportunity to act in the new position and the board would be asked to make a permanent appointment in the fall.

The salary for the captain will be \$9,000 per year, while the paid firefighter will receive \$8,400.

The salary of the three dispatchers for next year is set at \$4,600 per year.

Under the current budget the salary for the paid firemen is \$6,900 per year each, while the dispatchers are making \$3,000 each.

The board also indicated at the meeting and through the budget its intention of keeping the dispatch unit at the Sandy station for at least another year. Although, several of the board members indicated the district will investigate both the countywide central dispatch and the centralized operation at the Boring fire department.

The Estacada fire district recently voted to centralize its dispatch with the Boring fire district. At the same time, the Sandy board voted to not do so.

Some discussion at the budget hearing also centered around the 20 year bond levy which the district passed this spring. This \$190,000 levy was passed to make improvements in the district's equipment and to support the construction of substations in Dover and Aims areas.

Amacher told the board the first priorities should be the two new pumper trucks and the completion of the Dover station.

This bond levy is reflected in the Capital Outlay section of the proposed budget. There is over a \$23,000 drop over the current budget.

There were under 10 persons in attendance at this public hearing, but none of the firemen who recently resigned and who are now asking for defeat of the 1973-1974 budget were present. (See Letters to the Editor this week on page 2.)

Cottrell, Sandy grade, high set budget votes

Sandy High School and Sandy Grade School will seek voter approval on budgets on June 26, while Cottrell Grade School will hold a budget and building bond elections on June 29.

This will be a second try to pass a budget for 1973-1974 for both the high school and Sandy grade districts. And it is the first for both the budget and the bond elections at Cottrell.

In the case of both the high school and Sandy grade budgets, the total figures will remain the same as those budgets which were defeated, but there has been a transferring of funds in both budgets.

At the high school, the proposed budget will call for a total amount of \$1,147,071. Of this amount, \$961,302 is outside the 6 per cent limitation of the district and is what the voters will see on the ballot.

Major alterations in the revised budget included the deletion of one counselor, a one-half time nurse appointment, window remodeling replacement and summer activities supervision. Areas receiving increased attention were architectural and legal services, electricity, heating and transport fuels and other utilities. A total of \$21,740 was transferred.

Sandy Grade School district is again calling for a total budget of \$1,217,804. Of

this amount, the voters will vote on \$804,905.

The district has transferred \$4,500 to meet the increase in electric, gas, telephone and other utility services. In the original budget, this money had been for the hiring of a part-time nurse.

No other changes have been made in the budget, according to district superintendent Tony Bryant.

"Since the budget defeat on May 7, the board and other school officials have been unable to determine any specific reasons for the budget defeat," said Bryant.

With this in mind, the district's budget committee Tuesday night approved the revised budget and set the election date.

"This budget is needed if we are to keep up with the expanding student population in this area," said Bryant. "We already know of several large home developments being planned in our district which could increase our enrollment even more than we expect for next year."

In the Cottrell district, the voters will decide on a \$168,068 budget outside the district's 6 per cent limitation and a building bond of \$335,000.

The total budget for the district is \$278,684.50 for 1973-1974.

The building bond is needed to ease the overcrowded conditions which presently exist in the district.

The bond would construct and equip four classrooms to house the sixth, seventh and eighth grades on property located to the south and adjacent to the school's baseball field. Also, a new gym and locker room facilities would be constructed, according to Principal Mrs. Jean Lundy.

All school officials stated they are watching to see what additional help districts can expect from the legislature as far as increasing the state aid to local districts.

Council sets outside sewer hookup policy

The Sandy city council Monday night approved one zone request and delayed another to the July 2 meeting.

The council approved a R-1 zoning for newly annexed property along Langensand Rd. Action was delayed on zoning for annexed property on Sandy Heights.

According to city administrator Carl Hatfield, the council delayed action until more information concerning the R-M (multi-family) zoning was available to the council members.

The council also developed a policy statement concerning sewer hookups outside of the city limits. The council will not consider hookups outside the city until the city's comprehensive plan is completed.

Hatfield said the council based its decision on the need to use the comprehensive plan as a guideline to help direct the growth of the Sandy area.

The council will hold an adjourned meeting Monday, June 11, 7 p.m. to complete the agenda held over from Monday's meeting.

School out, Commissioners deny weather good

The summer vacation got off to a good weather start this week for Sandy area youngsters.

The last day for school for most area grade school students was Wednesday, while high school students have been getting out since last week.

Sandy high held its graduation ceremony Sunday and the weather also proved to be a friend towards the first outdoor graduation ceremony.

Narcotic charges

A combined force of Clackamas County Sheriff officers, FBI agents and U.S. custom officials arrested two Sandy area residents on at least two counts of smuggling narcotics and for jumping bail.

Arrested Thursday, May 31, were Carol Susan Perucca, 23, Rt. 3 Box 62 and Fred Henry Darenley, 26, same address, according to the sheriff's deputies.

Darenley was also charged with attempting to allude police officers.

According to police officers, several other federal charges could face the pair.

Commissioners deny

A 126-unit mobile home park in the Kelso area was denied by the Clackamas County commissioners last week.

The commission action was taken in response to an appeal from Thomas W. Cody, Boring, on the approval given Robert B. Dix by the county planning commission earlier to build a trailer court. The location is the southwest side of Orient Drive, northwest of Bobby Bruce Lane.

The proposed land in the past has been used for agricultural lands.

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Open Sunday



THE "GOOD old Centennial Days" will come back to the Sandy pool Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. This is when members of several clubs in the area will join the Sandy Blue Marlin Aquatic Club swimmers for the final hour in the 100 Hour Centennial Swim-A-Thon. Wednesday the

Blue Marlin swimmers reached the 1/2 way point in the event and they had used 36 swimmers and had gone 98 miles (6,500 laps). Here some of the Blue Marlin swimmers show off the swim suits which will be modeled at the end of the swim. From left to right top row are: Laurie

Anderson, Vicki Cyphers, Paul Busch and Jody Perkins. Bottom row left to right are: Melanie LeRoy, Mike Edgar and Bob Crane. See sports pages for more information.

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