

School budget vote

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true cash value of the district is expected to show considerable growth. It is hoped by the board that the combination of increased state aid and value growth will assist the local property owner in the tax arena. Meanwhile, Sandy High is much like many districts who find themselves without realistic tax bases. For example, the amount that the budget board could levy without voter approval is only \$185,769 out of a proposed \$1,147,071. Vote on June 26.

The following is a statement submitted to the Post from Sandy grade superintendent Tony Bryant concerning the proposed budget:

The Sandy Grade School Board has set Tuesday, June 26, as the election date for the proposed 1973-74 operating levy. This budget was reviewed and approved by the school board and budget committee.

The increase in our budget is due in part to an increase in students. In September 1971, we had 1,234 students, in June 1973 we had 1,310. This along with the announced new housing developments indicates we will continue to grow.

Some increase is due to salary adjustments made by the board. All such

adjustments were made in terms of average salaries being paid for similar jobs. Along with this is some increase in fixed charges.

Some increase is due to our moving into new facilities this fall, and our aim to maintain a favorable student-teacher class load.

As in past years, it continues to be the districts policy to maintain a good school program at a competitive cost.

The 1971-72 audit cost figures for the elementary districts at Canby, Mollala, Estacada and Sandy shows Sandy's average cost per student \$100 per student under the average of these four larger elementary districts in Clackamas County.

Also in comparing the 1972-73 tax rates of the before mentioned county elementary school districts, we find Sandy's tax rate some \$1.15 per \$1,000 of true cash value under the average tax rate of the group.

The legislative assembly now in session in Salem has promised to come up with some increase in the state basic school support and when this is known, this amount will be subtracted from the levy

the voters approve.

We do not have a tax base and so moneys to maintain our schools, except for county and state sources, must come from local property taxes. Our fiscal year starts July 1. We need a budget now so we can prepare for classes to start in September.

The elementary school program, we hold, is the foundation of each child's educational program for life as well as an investment in the future human resources of the community and state.

We urge a careful consideration of the proposed budget. The kids and community deserve it. Please vote!

Also grade school board chairman Robert E. Richardson and budget chairman John A. Rowell submitted this statement to the Post urging for people to vote on the school issue:

The School Board has called a second election because the schools cannot operate for a full year without a special levy. Sandy Grade School does not have a tax base so any dollars we spend for school expenses in excess of state and county moneys require voter approval each year. This is not a new levy. It replaces the one

voters approved last year. The budget was reviewed and approved by the elected School Board and the five other representative citizens on the budget committee.

Many citizens express concern because property taxes must provide most of the financial support for schools. We agree the present system is unfair. We are supporting efforts at the Legislature to provide much needed tax reform, but until those efforts are successful we have no choice but to ask local voters to approve a budget levy. We need a budget now so we can purchase supplies and equipment and do other work necessary to get ready for school in September. When the Legislature's increase in state support is known, the levy voters approve will be reduced an amount equal to the additional state support.

We will vote Tuesday, June 26, on a proposed grade school operating budget levy for 1973-74. The levy was defeated by 76 votes at the regular annual school election May 7. There were 907 who voted at the May 1972 election, but only 648 voted at the May 1973 election.

The second binding of the hard covered Centennial book is now available in Sandy. The Centennial book is entitled "Sandy Pioneers Early Settlers and Barlow Road Days" and now is available in both the hard bound cover and the soft bound covers at the Sandy Post, Sandy Rexall Drug Store, Sandy Office Supply and Phil Jonsrud Realty. The hard covers cost \$5.95 and the soft covers \$2.95.



If all the year were playing holidays, to sport would be as tedious to work



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Clackamas High School, against some of the decisions by the Planning Commission and the County Commissioners.

Time and time again Hazel Stevens needed help to stop the depredations by gravel operators in the Clackamas River and the struggle is still continuing.

In the future: We need to stop the proliferation of rural slums by developers.

We need to tighten sewage permits. If an owner elects to put in his own system, the sanitation department can not, legally, go on private property and force the owner to dig it up for inspection.

We need to get some hard and fast rules on the alarming increase of small airports in our residential area.

We need to support people appearing before legislative hearings. Legislators inquire as to the number of people we represent.

We need to fill appointments for the various boards with new people.

We need to present a united front in elections to get people nominated and elected from our own citizenry.

We need to have discussion so that we are not covering the same ground as the one right before us did.

We need to gather information and send out a newsletter on environmental, taxable and governmental happenings.

Individuals are tired of

fighting alone-physically and mentally. We need to close ranks behind these individuals to reinforce their efforts.

We find that we can be effective! Many changes in the zoning code that we have been advocating are now being suggested by county authorities. The Comprehensive Plan, far being as publicly involved as Benton County's, has started in that direction. I refer to Ken Bonnam's Feedback newsletter of May 18, 1973: "The acceptance of Benton County's Comprehensive Plan, May 8, 1973 culminated a 2 year treadmill of more than 200 public town hall or workshop meetings plus care and date feeding of 13 area advisory committee. Barry Bauer, Planning Director, estimates 30 thousand people have been involved... with a miserly budget and an almost non-existent staff. This Benton County success... lends support to those who contend that honest involvement of citizens from all walks of life can enhance rather than weaken the process of giving positive direction to Oregon's future."

Individuals and communities who consider these needs vital to Clackamas County's future and who wish to have their community or organization represented in this association, are requested to write to me in care of:

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