

School to put \$900,000 tax base to a vote

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Plagued by inflation and dogged by 32 percent less in state financial support, the Welches School District will put a \$900,000 tax base before the voters on Nov. 2.

Kenneth Blackburn, superintendent, estimated the taxable valuation of the Welches district to be over \$187 million. This, he said, is adequate to cover the increase sought from the tax base.

The district's current base of \$400,000 was voted in three years ago, said Blackburn. By law, the district can increase the tax base by 6 percent a year without a vote of the people.

However, if more operating funds are needed, a special levy has to be approved by the people. This year 1.9 percent more, or over \$524,047, is needed, said Blackburn.

After being defeated the first time by only seven votes on June 29, the \$106,782 special levy was passed Aug. 10.

Blackburn said the district's proposed \$900,000 tax base was a conservative one, based on anticipated cost increases through the 1985-86 school year.

Less than optimistic, Blackburn said he doesn't anticipate the tax base

Job opening is announced

The U.S. Forest Service has announced the opening of a temporary opening at the Zig Zag Ranger Station through its Experienced American Program.

The job is being offered through the Senior Community Service Employment Program of the Forest Service. It will consist of light maintenance work, both in- and outdoors. It is open to both males and females. The wage is \$3.55 per hour.

Night set for Spook Alley

The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce and the Hoodland Park Plaza Merchants Association will be sponsoring the annual Spook Alley Night Sunday, Oct. 31.

"There will be food, fun and games for all," according to Patti Griffin. "And lots of freebies for the children."

There will be a pumpkin carving contest and a jelly bean counting contest, in addition to the expanded schedule of 21 games for kids and adults.

Also, the Great Pumpkin will make its first appearance.

passing the first time before voters.

If you examine the tax bases voted upon in 1982, of the proposed 30 to 40, "to the best of my knowledge only a half dozen passed," said Blackburn.

Tax bases have not fared well the past few years, Blackburn said.

Faced with less state support, Blackburn said the district is being forced to "seek this support at the local level."

Jan Clemmers of the state Department of Education, is more optimistic than Blackburn. She said 49 percent of the tax bases in 1980 passed. In 1981, 39 percent passed. This year, 19 percent of all tax bases put before the voters passed.

Although down slightly, Clemmers said she feels confident the district will successfully weather the current economic storm in the state.

GAMBLER'S BUDGET
Blackburn said preparing an operating budget for

a school district today is like gambling with money you didn't really have. He said the budget is prepared in March, about the time the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as mandated by law, gives the district an estimate of what his office believes will be given for basic school support.

This is about four months before district officials actually know how much money they will be receiving, said Blackburn. The result is a budget with no guarantees that the money will be forthcoming.

Last year for example, Blackburn said the state first informed him that the district would probably be getting \$245,000. Later this was reduced to an estimated \$216,000. Still later, they were told they would be getting only \$196,000. As it turned out, they received \$201,000.

"It's getting tougher each year," said Blackburn. "The budget's already put together and I

have no guarantees relative to how much state money the district will actually receive."

At the beginning of the current school year, Blackburn said the district believed they had enough operating money. But with the reduction in enrollment, less support money is anticipated from the state. They district may be short of funds this school year. How much the shortage will be, Blackburn could not say.

The state money, said Blackburn, is based on the school's average daily number of students in attendance. If a school has less students attending at the end of the year, as compared to the start of the school year, they can expect less money.

"This year Welches has an enrollment of 329, down 33 from last school year," said Blackburn, which means less money to operate.

Statewide the trend is the same, said Blackburn. In June there were 440,000 students attending public school in grades kindergarten through 12. This is 7,000 students less than the year prior.

Blackburn blamed the problem on the local economy, pointing out people will move when they can't find work.

"I can't control the stu-

dent population from the standpoint of numbers," said Blackburn.

Last year the district anticipated receiving \$650.04 per student but received only \$619.86 per student.

"Statewide, school districts lost \$13 million," said Blackburn. "For Welches this meant a loss of \$9,000 to the district that has to be absorbed."

For the 1982-83 school year, Blackburn said the district has received word from the state to expect to receive \$30.18 less per student. At the conclusion of the school year this could be even less.

To ease the existing burden placed on school districts, Blackburn said "the whole financial process and support for public schools needs to be revamped." He said

district officials should know, prior to approving their final budgets, the exact amount of money they will be receiving from the state.

Blackburn said this reorganization should take place immediately because the burden is getting too heavy for the taxpayer. He said when one considers 308 school districts, representing 49,000 teachers and school employees and 1,284 public schools, this makes sense.

Schools are the largest identifiable business in the state take the most money to operate, said Blackburn.

"Continual operation is based on financial support and sound planning. This seems difficult under the existing system of guesswork."

Closure causes change

The closure of the Sleepy Hollow Bridge, between Barlow Trail Road and Sleepy Hollow Drive, on Oct. 7, has disrupted normal school bus traffic.

At the Welches school board's monthly meeting Thursday, Kenneth Blackburn, superintendent-principal, said the bridge closure has resulted in delays as well as extra mileage. School buses and other traffic are being detoured

across the bridge at Brightwood. The closure has forced the school bus serving that area to travel about an extra ten miles per day.

The bridge will be closed until April 11, 1983.

Re-elect HOOPER Treasurer

NOTICE OF ELECTION
CITY OF SANDY, OREGON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 2, 1982 there will be submitted to the legal voters of the City of Sandy a Special Election to be held in conjunction with the General Election, within the corporate boundaries of the City of Sandy, Oregon, for their approval or rejection a certain question, the ballot title of which is designated as follows:

ESTABLISHING A NEW TAX BASE FOR THE CITY OF SANDY

QUESTION: Shall the City of Sandy establish a new tax base of \$460,000 effective in fiscal year 1983-84?

EXPLANATION: This measure, which would be partially State financed if approved, will authorize the City of Sandy to increase its tax base from the current \$14,142.56 to \$460,000.00, to be effective for fiscal year 1983-84, which commences July 1, 1983. Article XI, Section 11 of the Oregon Constitution limits annual increases in a tax base to the preceding year's tax base plus six percent. The current tax base is not adequate to maintain City services.

BE IT RESOLVED that Tuesday, November 2, 1982, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m., is designated the time for holding the election for the purpose of voting on the measure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said election shall be conducted by the Clackamas County Election Department, which department shall establish polling places, precincts, and election boards for said election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the precincts for the election shall be and constitute all the territory included within the corporate limits of the City of Sandy.

ATTEST:

June M. Isakson
June M. Isakson City Recorder

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Special Election to be held in conjunction with the General Election of November 2, 1982, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m., the following candidates will be placed on the ballot for the purpose of filling the offices of Mayor and three City Council members. These candidates will be placed before all qualified voters of the City of Sandy, Oregon at the polling places established by the County Elections Officer for the General Election.

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES have been properly nominated and are certified to be placed on the ballot for the election to be held in conjunction with the General Election of November 2, 1982:

MAYOR	James C. Duff
TWO-YEAR TERM	Ruth Loundree
VOTE FOR ONE	
COUNCIL	Dick Harrison
FOUR-YEAR TERM	Deane R. Weselink
VOTE FOR THREE	James B. Griffin

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Administration chided

The Welches school board last week awarded the bid to repair damages caused Sept. 14 when a 65-foot cottonwood tree uprooted during high winds.

Damaged in the mishap was about a 25-foot section of cyclone fence and a light pole, both located on the south side of the new wing of the school.

The bid was awarded to Cascade General Repair for \$125 plus materials.

Board Member Bruce Erickson took issue with

the amount of time it took for action to be taken on approval of the repairs.

"If it's such a small amount, why did we wait a month, until another board meeting, to act on it," asked Erickson.

Erickson said there was a possibility the leaning light post could have fallen over and then the school district would have had a liability much greater than the cost of the repairs. He recommended that the administration pursue such matters at a faster pace.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
The Bull Run School District #45 Board of Directors will be meeting on Thursday, October 28, 1982 at 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria to review the first draft of amended and new school district policies.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS ESTATE OF ROBERT BYRON EDMONDS NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
No. P. 82-8-44

NOTICE: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas, has appointed Joyce F. Edmonds and Bryon C. Edmonds as personal representative for the Estate of Robert Byron Edmonds, deceased. All persons having claims against that estate are required to present the claim, with proper vouchers, to the personal representative c/o Judy Grant, Attorney for the Personal Representative at P.O. Box 432, 17460 Shelley Avenue, Sandy, Oregon 97055 within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information

from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative.

Dated and first published October 21, 1982
Joyce F. Edmonds and
Bryon C. Edmonds,
Personal Representative
Judy Grant, Attorney for the Personal Representative
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INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Clackamas County School District No. 13 will receive sealed bids until the hour of 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, November 11 for one (1) new or used 65 passenger conventional school bus.

Proposals shall be delivered or mailed in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "School Bus Bid" and bearing the name of the bidder.

Bids will be publicly opened at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 11, 1982. Specifications may be obtained at Welches Elementary School, Welches, Oregon 97067, 622-3165.

Kenneth C. Blackburn
Superintendent-Clerk
Welches Elementary School
Welches, Oregon 97067
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Worrells plan move; board position open

The Welches School District will have a position open on the school board effective Nov. 1.

The opening is the result of the resignation of board member Ron Worrell of Brightwood. He announced his resignation at the board's Oct. 14 meeting. Worrell, a resident of Timberline Rim and an executive with ITT, has been promoted and transferred to the corporate offices in Fremont, Calif.

Worrell, a Welches director for approximately two years, expressed regret and stated that he has enjoyed his work with the district and staff.

Also relocating will be his wife, Carol, and daughters Jennie, a Sandy Union High School sophomore, and Jamie, a sixth grader.

The person selected will hold office until June 30, 1983.

Interested persons should indicate their interests by writing a letter to Dick Hoffman, chairman, Welches Elementary School, Welches, Ore., 97067.

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