

WHY DO COSTS SEEM HIGH

In The Brookings-Harbor School District?

SINCE 1927-28 SCHOOL YEAR—

High School Enrollment has increased.....557%
 Cost per High School Pupil has DECREASED.....22%

SINCE JUNE, 1944--

High School Enrollment has increased.....178%
 Cost per high school pupils has increased only.....34%
 Census of the district has increased.....297%

NOTE THAT, whereas there is approximately 300% increase in census, the amount allowed under the constitutional 6% limitation has increased from \$7,217.00 to \$10,950.00, or \$3,733.00, which amount includes Harbor's addition to the Brookings base at the time of consolidation.

FOR THE 1947-1948 SCHOOL YEAR

Estimated Receipts from the County School Fund.....\$3400.00
 Estimated Receipts from the elementary school fund NONE
 —IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE OPERATED ON \$3400.00 FOR THE COMING YEAR!!
 Available from the Basic School fund is estimated \$17,425.00. This fund is received from the state and is distributed to STANDARD elementary and high schools! If the State of Oregon were to declare Brookings-Harbor NON-STAN-

DARD, this district would then be no longer eligible to receive the fund, according to law for the period in which it operated on a non-standard basis.

Total Estimated Receipts from all sources.....\$25,155.15
 Less Net Deficit10,047.22

Total Available Cash Balance and available

receipts are15,107.93
 To this could be added.....10,950.60
 which amount could be levied by the board without a vote of taxpayers.....\$26,058.53

THIS AMOUNT, \$26,058.53, IS ALL that is available for operation of the school if the amount above 6% limitation does not pass!

Available Funds From The County & Elementary School Funds ARE NOT SUFFICIENT to Maintain the Brookings Harbor School

Are Brookings-Harbor, District No. 17, costs extravagant or wasteful? A comparison with the Gold Beach public schools will show that District No. 17's proposed budget provides for much less cost per child than the Gold Beach schools, which are described by even opponents of the local budget as "well managed."

For the 1947-48 school year, Gold Beach Grade School budgeted \$27,895.00 in the general fund for operation. They now have 130 pupils in attendance, or \$210 per child in school. Brookings-Harbor budget, proposed, would provide \$4,840.00 for the general fund for operation. If we have the same number in school this year as was present when school was out—168—the Brookings-Harbor cost would be \$27.00 per child, or \$3.00 less per child.

Gold Beach Union High School has provided \$25,190.00 in the general fund for operation of their high school. They now have 45 pupils in attendance, or a budgeted cost of

\$559.77 per high school student.

Brookings-Harbor's new budget calls for \$23,425 to provide for 86 pupils, who have already registered in high school (9th, 10th, 11th and 12 grades)—or a total of \$272 per child. Brookings-Harbor's proposed budget calls for less than one-half the amount per high school student registered than Gold Beach Union High School.

THESE FIGURES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES—The Brookings-Harbor District, No. 17, budget cannot be called "excessive" or extravagant when compared to Gold Beach High and Elementary Schools.

And don't miss this figure! Brookings-Harbor high school budgeted \$1765 less to care for 86 pupils than Gold Beach Union High School did to care for 45 pupils!

It was only out of the utmost consideration for the taxpayers of this area that school costs per pupil were kept at such a low figure by the budget committee.

SO WHAT?

Costs have been held to the very MINIMUM! But teachers salaries, janitors salaries, bus drivers salaries, and principals salaries with nothing else added, amount to \$38,900.00. If the taxpayers of the Brookings-Harbor area do not approve the amount over the 6% limitation, there would be \$26,058.53 available to pay \$38,900.00 salaries, not counting any other school costs!

If the amount over the 6% limitation does not pass there are two alternatives, depending upon: school, tax and court authorities!

If the above authorities decided that warrants could be issued in excess of the amount levied legally, then the cost

would be the amount paid, PLUS 6% interest.

If the above authorities were to decide that warrants could not be issued in excess of the amount legally levied, and the school board were governed accordingly, then when the amount of available money was expended, WHAT ELSE COULD BE USED FOR MONEY?

A negative vote on the budget would jeopardize the standards of the public schools of this area, and the education of the children.

VOTE "YES" to exceed the 6% limitation at the school house Friday evening, of this week, September 26, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

We support the school board and budget committee and respect their "integrity," and will challenge any statement or accusation of mismanagement, waste, extravagance or fraud!

Progressive Taxpayers

OF BROOKINGS-HARBOR VICINITY

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