

Eugene School Estimate Presented Budget Raises Big Questions

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Members of the Eugene School District Budget Committee Monday night walked into:

(a) Their first meeting.
(b) An administration proposed 1963-64 budget calling for a \$1.6 million general fund increase over the current year, and
(c) A long debate over teachers' salaries.

The committee members walked out 4 hours and 10 minutes later obviously concerned about:

(a) Possible voter reaction to the proposed \$10 million-plus budget.
(b) Possible teacher reaction if the proposed teacher pay raise with its \$325,000 price tag isn't granted, and
(c) Where the money is coming from.

Supt. Millard Pond, who along with Vernon Smith, the district budget director, presented the budget proposal, said about half the \$1.6 million increase is needed just to keep up with growing enrollments. The rest is needed for new programs the administration feels are needed, including the proposed teacher pay hike, Pond said.

After such things as increased state aid are considered, Pond said, the district would have to look for an estimated half to three-quarters of a million dollars in additional funds for the coming year. But he emphasized that this figure is only an estimate.

The budget committee is made up of the five members of the district school board and five other district residents. After more meetings it will make budget recommendations to the board, which makes the final decision on how much money will be spent.

The committee whizzed through the bulk of Pond's budget proposal in about two hours. Members asked the usual "why" and "what" questions ranging from why the district needs two new school nurses next year (because of enrollment increase) to why overtime is needed for food services personnel (time spent in filling out state reports on lunch programs).

But committee members saved most of their talk for the last hour of the meeting and the biggest section of the proposed budget—"instruction," which includes teacher and principal salaries, teaching supplies and the like.

Pond said he is recommending the teacher pay raise—\$300 a year across the board for those with bachelor degrees, plus \$125 more to those with master's—because "We did not at-

tract last year along the line the strength of people that we thought we should. We were not drawing the more mature, highly trained teachers."

Committee member Edward Rubey suggested retaining the present starting salary and not giving scheduled increments (raises) each year, but adding higher salaries at the top of the experience scale.

But Lloyd Millhollen, deputy superintendent, said this would prevent the attracting of "talented" new young men who say they can't support a family on the present starting salary of \$4,500 a year.

Pond said that the district has a "merit" pay scale above the regular scale for outstanding teachers.

Several committee members said they are afraid the district would have a hard time "selling" the proposed budget with its \$1.6 million increase to the voters. (In effect, the district budget is up for voter approval each year when an election is held to decide whether to allow the district to exceed 6 per cent tax increase provision.)

"Our basic problem is that in four years we've gone up 41 per cent in pupil load and in assessed valuation, but have gone up 95 per cent in general fund expenditures," said school board member Charles Sikes.

But H. Sanford Saari, who was elected chairman of the budget committee, said "All of a sudden we're talking about 'will the taxpayers go for it?' instead of whether we have to have it." Board member Henry Nilsen voiced similar sentiments.

Saari asked Pond if "you honestly feel you have to have this to run your schools properly?"

Pond replied, "We can get by with anything. We think this is tolerable. If you tell us to pare, we can pare some, and you won't ruin the school district. But you would impair it some."

Pond asked that committee members indicate where cuts should be made if they believed cuts were necessary. But the committee gave no such indications.

The committee did ask the administration to seek figures from the Lane County assessor's office on how much of the proposed increase might be offset by taxes on new properties added to the tax rolls.

The school board meets again next Monday. The budget committee meets again Feb. 4.

Frye Reports Recovery Of \$538,965

Retrieval of Support Money at New High

A new high of \$538,965 in child support payments was recovered in 1962 through action of his office, Lane County Dist. Atty. William Frye said Monday.

It was the second year in a row, Frye said, that more than half a million dollars were recovered as a result of activity of the child support and welfare recovery section of his office.

Frye's annual compilation of statistics on the section showed a slight decline in the number of child support cases handled. The 1962 figure was 1,320, compared to 1,358 in 1961.

The money recovered includes payments through the district attorney's office and the county clerk directly to mothers of dependent children, to the welfare commission to help offset costs of the Aid to Dependent Children program, and to agencies and courts outside the state.

The money comes from fathers who previously neglected their child support obligations.

Frye credited a complex tracing system, involving contact with federal, state and local agencies, with tracking down 94 "runaway fathers" during the year.

The district attorney reported 27 criminal convictions and 222 noncriminal support actions filed in circuit court during 1962. Prison terms were given to nine fathers who had been placed on probation by the courts but continued failing to make support payments.

Most child support cases are brought to Frye's attention by the county welfare commission. All applications for Aid to Dependent Children received by that office are referred to Frye for possible action against the fathers.

Driver Fined \$200 In District Court

A 26-year-old Eugene man was fined \$200 in Lane County District Court Monday after he pleaded under the influence of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Edward Earl Simpson, 4406 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, was arrested Saturday night on Highway 225 between Goshen and Eugene.

Driver Enters Plea

Ralph Royal Brickley, 55, of 1320 Cal Young Rd., Eugene, entered a plea of innocent to a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor in Lane County District Court Tuesday.

Brickley was arrested Monday afternoon at the intersection of Willagillespie Road and Country Club Road, Eugene.



(Register-Guard photo) It was a family affair Monday night at the U.S. Navy Reserve training Center in Eugene when David Ted Biggs, left, was sworn into the reserves by his father, Lt. Cmdr. Ted Biggs, U.S. Navy (Ret.), right. David is a student at Crow High School, and the family lives at Rt. 1 Box 756, Veneta. At Monday night's meeting, which was a 13th Naval District inspection of the unit, two other young men joined the reserve unit — Jerry Don Galinski, second from left, and David Frederick Lemery, third from left.

Family Affair

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5 Ordinances To Be Read

The second reading for five proposed ordinances — the first will be enacted under Lane County's new home rule charter — will be held by commissioners Wednesday morning.

The five ordinances are "housekeeping" matters related in the transition to the charter form of government. The commissioners meet at 10 a.m. in their hearing room at the court house.

The ordinances concern forms of ordinances, administrative organization, local service districts and levying of special assessments against real property. In most cases, the ordinances merely continue the same procedures the county followed under its old form of government.

In other matters, the commissioners will consider a license to Far West Amusements for a dance hall at 32nd Street and Jasper Road in Springfield, and the sale of the county farm property to Leslie and Eleanor Mortensen.

Financial Report of County Wins National Recognition

A financial report of Lane County prepared by County Clerk Olga Freeman has won recognition from the Municipal Finance Officers Assn. in Chicago.

Mrs. Freeman was informed that a Certificate of Conformance was unanimously approved for her report because it "conformed with the high standards of financial reporting" established by the association.

Lane County is the first governmental unit in Oregon to win this recognition for a financial report, and is only the 12th county in the United States to receive the certificate.

In addition, the county is the 154th recipient of the award for distinguished financial reporting out of 1,150 reports that have been submitted for review by the association from all levels of government.

Mrs. Freeman's report was issued on Nov. 1 covering the fiscal year of Lane County ending June 30. The 80-page report analyzes the financial condition of all county funds.

Youths Recaptured

WOODBURN (AP)—Five runaways from MacLaren School for Boys were recaptured Monday.

A few hours after they escaped, Amos Reed, superintendent of the school, said they were caught near the school by employees.

Engine Trouble Interrupts Flight

A twin-engine Navy plane made an emergency landing Monday night at Mahlon Sweet Airport in Eugene after developing engine trouble en route from Oakland, Calif., to Seattle.

Soon after the plane passed over Eugene, one engine stopped operating and the other began to lose power, so the plane was ordered back to Eugene to land because its destination, Whidby Island Naval Air Station, was fogged in.

The plane, carrying 25 Navy enlisted men and a crew of five, made a routine landing. The crew and passengers were billeted overnight in Eugene.

Springfield Councilmen Mull Second City Hall Story

What will it cost to add a second story to Springfield's city hall?

This question was considered Monday night by Springfield councilmen at an informal work session.

A survey conducted by Don Lutes, Springfield architect, in 1956 estimated that the city hall

could be remodeled, including the addition of a second story, for \$157,000.

Requested Monday evening Councilman Frank Smiley to ask the architectural firm of Lutes and Amundson what it would charge to prepare a preliminary plan and preliminary cost estimates for adding a

second story to the city hall this year.

Bond Issue Proposals

In other matters, the council approved recommendations by A. B. Rogers that bond issue proposals should be submitted to voters this year to finance the city hall project, construction of a second fire substation and construction of an extensive drainage system for the eastern portion of the city.

Rogers has estimated that the three bond issue proposals would total \$800,000. He said all three measures could appear on the same ballot.

Monday night, Councilman Delbert Cooper suggested it might be cheaper for the city to move the main fire station from its present quarters in city hall and build another main station in the vicinity of 12th Street. He said the vacated fire station quarters could be remodeled for use by other city departments.

Should Be Together

Smiley, however, said he personally feels city departments should be kept together as much as possible. "I favor keeping the central station at the city hall," he said.

Rogers said the present central fire station "is as big as it will ever have to be."

In years to come, the mayor said, a series of substations can be constructed as the various areas of the city grow to capacity.

Councilman John Danielson asked whether it would be feasible to build a new city hall on a new site. Cooper said it would be "ideal" to have a city hall away from the central business district, but that "this is out of the realm of our budget."

Notices Meeting

Tonight

Individual income tax preparation class will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. in Room 28, South Eugene High School, Eugene. Openings in class are still available. For information, call DI 2-1151, Ext. 254.

EUGENE COMMUNITY Orchestra will practice at Wilson Junior High School, 18th Avenue and Lincoln Street, Eugene. All musicians welcome. For information, call DI 3-3747.

Wednesday

SENIOR ACTIVITY Center meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Celeste Campbell Recreation Center, Skinner Butte Park, Eugene. Crafts, cards and sewing. Bring sack lunch. All senior citizens welcome.

EUGENE LODGE No. 11, AF and AM, and Willamette Court No. 2, Order of the Amaranth, will co-host potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. for all Masonic families at Eugene Masonic Temple, 992 Olive St., Eugene. Short program after dinner.

EMERALD EMPIRE Council of International Reading Assn. will have first meeting at 8 p.m. at Condon School, Eugene. Speaker, Walter Hill, director of the reading laboratory at the University of Oregon. Further information available by calling DI 2-1151, Ext. 282.

Reduction In Duties Asked By Planners

The Springfield Planning Commission recommended Monday night that it be relieved of some of its current responsibilities so it will have more time for long-range planning.

Specifically, the commission feels the board of appeals, a body that meets infrequently, should hear all applications for variances from regulations covering area, height limit of buildings, or yard requirements. The planning commission now hears these applications.

The planning commission is also recommending that if the Board of Appeals should deny a variance request, the petitioner could appeal to the city council.

The commission's recommendation will be considered by the Springfield City Council at its next meeting.

Members of the board of appeals are P. D. Pullen, E. W. Baldersee, John Amundson, Ed Johnson and Roscoe Perkins.

Other types of variances, such as variances to permit a multiple family use in a single family zone, would still be considered by the planning commission.

Agency Offers Social Security Tip

It isn't enough just to tell the postman you are moving if social security checks are expected to arrive on time.

The Eugene office of the Social Security Administration advises people who are moving to inform both the postoffice and social security payment center. The notice to the postoffice will assure that checks on their way will arrive promptly, and a notification to the payment center will take care of all future checks.

In 'Critical Areas'

Council to Initiate Sewer Projects

Springfield councilmen Monday night indicated they will start initiating sanitary sewer projects in several "critical areas" in the eastern section of the city rather than wait for residents to petition for random sewer projects.

In the older section of the city (west of 28th Street), it has long been the council's policy to initiate individual sewer projects by petition only. Projects were also handled in the order in which petitions were filed.

But at a work session Monday night, councilmen agreed it will be impossible to construct sewers first in those areas that need it most if the city waits for petitions to be filed.

City Manager Frank Smiley said Lane County some time ago made a survey designating six critical areas with poor sewage conditions. The two worst areas, in the vicinity of 34th and 35th streets, and 39th to 41st streets, are already largely sewered, but other regions now need attention, Smiley said.

The other critical sections are: 41st to 47th south of Main Street, 31st to 36th streets near Commercial Avenue, in the vicinity of 51st and 52nd streets south of Main Street, and a

strip south of Main Street from about 57th to 71st streets.

Councilman Edward Buckholz said it is logical that "a whole area should be outlined for development and a project initiated by the council."

After more discussion, the council informally advised Smiley to put in motion the necessary machinery to initiate several comprehensive sewer projects in the months to come.

Councilmen indicated one of the first projects to consider should be the core of the Adams Plat, designated by the county study as critical area number four. This is the region between 31st and 36th near Commercial Avenue.

UO Cellist to Play Opera Variations

Variations from Paganini's opera, "Moses," will be played entirely on one string by University of Oregon cellist Robert Hladky, during his recital Thursday.

Hladky will be assisted by William Woods, pianist. Both are faculty members of the University's School of Music, and members of the University Trio.

The recital will take place at 8 p.m. in the School of Music Auditorium. The public is invited.

Ad Club to View Film on New Dialing

Telephone all-number calling (ANC), which is scheduled for the Eugene-Springfield area this year, will be the subject of one of two films shown Wednesday evening at a dinner meeting of the Eugene Advertising Club.

The no-host meeting at Bev's Steak House is open to the public. It will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL (Eugene)

(Jan. 21, 1963)

MOORE — Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Moore, 1240 Beebe Lane, Eugene, a daughter.

DONHAM — Mr. and Mrs. Dan Donham, 2338-12 Patterson Dr., Eugene, a son.

WEIR — Mr. and Mrs. James Weir, 2062 Wisconsin St., Eugene, a daughter.

LANDENBERGER — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Landenberger, 2015 W. 17th Ave., Eugene, a son.

GREEN — Mr. and Mrs. John Green, Box 104, Swanton, a son.

ARNOLD — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Arnold, 2926 Friendly St., Eugene, a daughter.

(Jan. 22, 1963)

HUFFMAN — Mr. and Mrs. John Huffman, 1279 W. Third Ave., Eugene, a son.

BARR — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barr, 1423 Ivey St., Junction City, a daughter.

DEATHS

SCHOELLING — Cyrel A. Schoelling, 75, of 854 Lingo Lane, Junction City, died Jan. 21. Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Junction City Chapel of Murphy Funeral home with interment in the Harrisburg Masonic Cemetery.

HALL — Eva Hall, 62, of 646 Piney Lane, Junction City, died Jan. 21. Recitation of the Rosary will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Junction City Chapel of Murphy Funeral Home. Requiem Mass will be Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Helens Catholic Church, Junction City, with interment in Lane Memorial Gardens.

BLANTON — Edward Franklin Blanton, of 1901 Sunny Dr., Eugene, died Jan. 21. Arrangements are pending at England Funeral Home.

HARTLEY — Grant Otis Hartley, 54, of 1237 Ferry St., Eugene, died Jan. 21. Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Smith Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, with interment in the Sears Cemetery.



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