

School Budget Goes Before The Voters May 24

It is time again for the Jefferson County School District 509-J to submit its budget to the voters. Election day for the 1977-1978 school budget is Tuesday, May 24.

Voters are being asked to approve a \$3 million levy which is an 8.86 per cent increase over last year. Superintendent Darrell Wright explains that this increase is due primarily to higher salaries and increased employee benefits (insurance).

The school district will also be adding two more teachers and six teacher aides.

One week before the budget election, voters will be going to the polls to decide on a ballot measure that would provide a "safety net" for school operating levies. If passed, school districts would be limited to two elections per year. If the budget levy fails both times the school board may authorize an operating levy that is not more than 6 per cent greater than the previous year's.

The closure of some Oregon schools this year was due to levies that were continually defeated by voters.

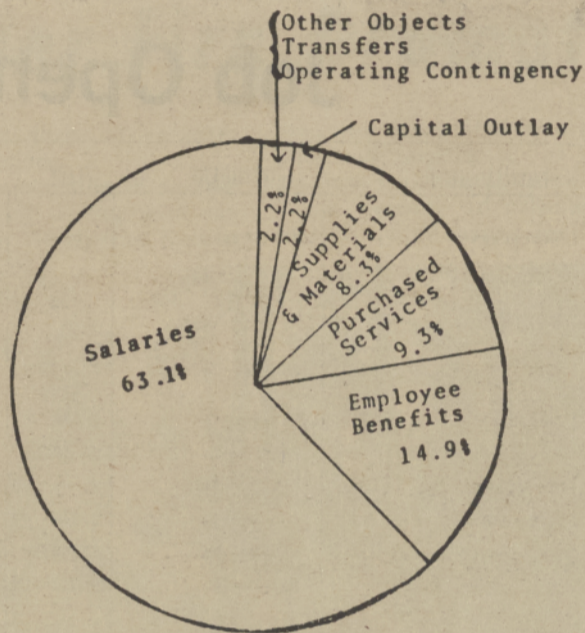
Wright points out that Jefferson County voters have turned down the budget levies on two occasions in the twenty years he has been in the district. Both were in the last several years.

He said this could be a growing problem which a "safety net" could prevent.

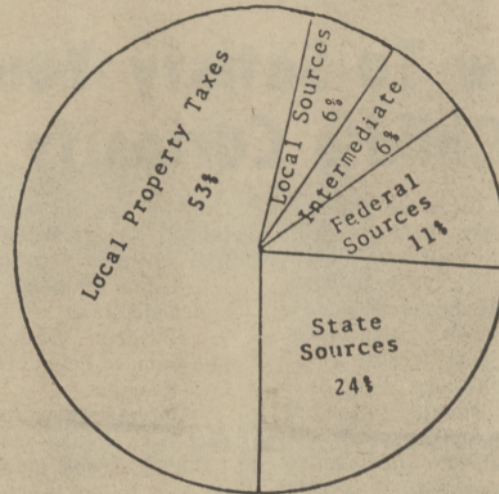
The following is a summary of the 1977-1978 school budget for 509-J, with a breakdown of income and expenditures.

BUDGET EXPENDITURES

	1977-78 Amount	Percent of Budget
Salaries	\$2,891,119	63.05%
Employee Benefits	683,792	14.91%
Purchased Services	425,070	9.27%
Supplies & Materials	381,803	8.33%
Capital Outlay	102,568	2.23%
Other Objects	20,751	.45%
Transfers	60,548	1.32%
Operating Contingency	20,000	.44%
Total	\$4,585,651	100.00%



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	1977-78 Amount	Percent of Budget
Local Sources	\$ 255,500	5.57%
Intermediate Sources	288,316	6.28%
State Sources	1,091,033	23.79%
Federal Sources	502,000	10.95%
Taxes Required to Balance Budget	2,448,802	53.40%
Total	\$4,585,651	100.00%

BUDGET SUMMARY

The 1977-78 budget is summarized below and compared to the 1976-77 budget. The main reasons for expenditure increases are increase in staff salaries and employee benefits, addition of two full-time teachers, and inflation in costs of items to be purchased. Textbooks are increased due to the requirement to purchase new math and science books in all grades. 51.5 daily hours of teacher aide time have been added.

GENERAL FUND

	1976-77	1977-78	Increase (Decrease)
1000 INSTRUCTION			
Elementary	\$1,047,341	\$1,178,598	\$131,257
Junior High	398,623	433,392	34,769
Senior High	791,297	866,403	75,106
Special Education	29,579	85,258	55,679
Adult Education	100	100	-0-
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$2,266,940	\$2,563,751	\$296,811
The instruction function includes instructional activities designed to prepare students for activities as citizens, family members and workers; includes salaries, textbooks, and supplies; salaries are for teachers.			
2000 SUPPORTING SERVICES			
Guidance, Health	77,251	86,155	8,904
Improvement of Instruc.	275,702	298,289	22,587
Admin.-Supt. Office	65,270	75,548	10,278
School Administration	294,508	320,770	26,262
Business, Transp., Maint.	1,133,323	1,118,602	(14,721)
Food Services	4,830	-0-	(4,830)
Central Printing, Intern. Serv.	1,915	23,438	21,523
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$1,852,799	\$1,922,802	\$70,003
Supporting Services are those services that provide administration, secretarial, guidance, health, transportation, and maintenance to support the regular program; salaries and supplies.			
3000 COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 3,634	-0-	(\$ 3,634)
Community Services provided summer recreation program.			
4000 INTERAGENCY/FUND TRANSFERS	\$ 69,050	\$ 79,098	\$ 10,048
OPERATING CONTINGENCY	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	-0-
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	\$4,212,123	\$4,585,651	\$373,228
CAFETERIA FUND			
Transfer from Gen. Fund	\$ 50,500	\$ 60,548	\$ 10,048
WARM SPRINGS HOUSING (Non-tax Fund)	(income) \$ 25,031	(expense) \$ 25,031	
BUS REPLACEMENT FUND (Cash on Hand)	(76-77) \$ 6,129	(77-78) \$ 6,656	\$ 527
DEBT SERVICE	(76-77) \$ 136,858	(77-78) \$ 129,217	(\$ 7,641)

★ Grade School Girls, con't.

But she is getting the hang of basketball and commands authority on the court. Ms. McClelland says she is grateful to parents who have "helped me give good pointers to the kids."

About her team, she explains that many of the girls came to the team with well-developed skills from playing at the community center and on the playground. She has seen those skills improve and has also watched the girls develop their attitudes.

"They're extremely competitive — they want to win. And that's positive." But they're also learning to handle the "joys and sorrows" more maturely.

Ms. McClelland has enjoyed getting to know the girls on her team, who are: Nadine Scott, Rowena Begay, Donna Sutterlee, Janell Smith, Judy Kalama, Joni Wallulatum, Sandra Tanewasha, Deana Smith, Jolene Johnson, Betty Kalama, Buffy Hurtado, Sara Frank and Addie Eyle.

The last game will be Warm Springs II vs. Madras II at the grade school gym in Warm Springs Tuesday May 17. Game time will be 3:45.

By then the Blazers should also be wrapping it up. Warm Springs might have to settle for a tie, but they are champions just the same.