

R-1 School Budget Climbs; State Aid Poses Question

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to finance proposed improvements on Morgan Street extension to Heppner High school, has been removed from the budget by board action last week.

This change in the budget as it is now being published. Resources will be decreased by \$8,000 and estimated expenditures will also be decreased by \$8,000, so the net result on the proposed tax levy will be unchanged.

Under the action of the board, the \$8,000 will be transferred to the care of the City of Heppner to be used for the street improvements whenever the city is able to secure help from the state in improving the street. Two years ago the state agreed to the project, and agreed to stand all but the \$8,000 of the cost. However, neither the city nor the school district had prepared for the local share in budgeting, and the project could not be undertaken. Application of the city last year was turned down, after the school district had provided the \$8,000 as its share of the project in the 1966-67 budget. It is hoped that work will be done on agreement between the city and state in an ensuing year. Interest earned on the \$8,000 while it is in the custody of the city, will be added to the fund.

Hearing March 28
Public hearing on the budget is scheduled for March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the administration building at Lexington. At that time the public is invited to appear and ask questions, or speak for or against the budget.

Supt. Potter states that he will be glad to speak on the budget at the request of any group in the county. Questions also may be answered through the district school board or budget committee office or by members of the committee.

Board members are Irvin Rauch, chairman, Lexington; Don McElligott, Ione; Maxwell Jones, Irrigon; Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Heppner; Kenneth Batty, Heppner; Jack Sumner, Heppner; and Ralph Skoubo, Boardman.

Lay members of the budget committee are C. E. (Clint) McQuarrie, chairman, Heppner; Bob Sicard, Boardman; Charles Carlson, Ione; Frank Anderson, Heppner; Harley Young, Heppner; Elden Padberg, Lexington; and Mrs. Warren McCoy, Irrigon.

Assessor Rod Thomson said Tuesday that he could not predict with any degree of accuracy at this time what the increase in millage rate will be in property taxes if the budget passes.

He is uncertain as to the amount of state property tax relief that will be received, and the county's assessed valuation is uncertain at this time. Loss of construction equipment in the Boardman area, assessed on the roll in recent years, will tend to reduce the valuation. On the other hand, the proposed reappraisal in the north end of the county might tend to offset this loss.

On present county assessed valuation of approximately \$24,000,000, the amount of increase in the school budget, \$160,000 would be about 6.6 mills.

Volkswagen Dealer Sets Open House

Mel Winter Volkswagen, authorized Volkswagen dealership in Pendleton, will hold open house Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, at its new building on Highway 395 South in the city's Southgate area.

In extending an invitation to the public to visit the new Volkswagen facility, Mel Winter said it represents the finest type of layout for the sales and service of automobiles.

The new building, of standard Volkswagen design, has some 12,500 square feet under roof and is on three acres of land.

Special features at the open house will include display of a Volkswagen camper designed and built in the Northwest for the sportsmen and outdoorsmen of the area; a new Volkswagen sedan, one-half in its original protective shipping coat and the other half in a showroom sparkle; all current models of Volkswagen, including the highly successful 1600 Fastback and Squareback sedans; refreshments for visitors; and toy Volkswagens for the children.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

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Dismissed, after receiving medical care, was Christine Buschke, Heppner.

Few More Donations Needed to Start History

Start of work of writing and compiling a Morrow county history reported at a meeting of the Morrow County Historical Association at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Thursday.

The committee agreed that when \$1000 was in hand, Giles French could be asked to begin his research towards the history. Gene Pierce, treasurer, reported that \$800 had been received, most of it from former residents now living out of the area.

Other contributions have been promised, so that the \$1000 goal is near, Oscar Peterson, chairman, said. Some organizations have agreed to help with donations.

The committee has asked that donations be made in amounts of \$25 or more. Those contributing will receive a copy of the finished book without cost, but it may take two years to get the job done.

Total cost is expected to reach somewhere in the neighborhood of \$7500, depending on

the publisher's charges and other factors. The committee expects to pay French's expenses incurred in his research for the book and some wages for his work.

It is planned to include a page in the book acknowledging the donations that made it possible and listing the donors.

In the near future, a local solicitation will be organized in the hope of swelling the fund.

Contributions should be sent to Gene Pierce at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Board Acts on Contracts

Board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1 approved new contracts for most teachers in the system at a meeting Thursday night at the Lexington administrative office.

However, four teachers submitted resignations for personal reasons, one was granted a year's leave of absence, and contracts of two were not acted upon.

Two teachers who were eligible for three-year contract renewals asked that they be given only one-year contracts. One was Mrs. La Vern Partlow, Boardman, elementary teacher, who made the request because of what she termed the uncertainty of the future of the Boardman elementary school, and the other was Mrs. Ruth Coy, who pointed out that she is near retirement age. She also requested that her duties be limited to two-thirds time, and this was granted.

Mrs. Janet Dockweiler, teacher at A. C. Houghton Elementary asked for a year's maternity leave, and this was granted.

Teachers who resigned included Mrs. Mary Dell Alaniz, Ione, first grade teacher; Miss Rebecca Case, Ione High home economics teacher, both of whom were highly commended by the advisory board for their work; Mrs. Marian Easton and Miss Susan Thompson, both Heppner Elementary teachers.

At the request of Supt. David Potter, a new contract was not offered to his wife, Mrs. Frances Potter, who has been teaching at Heppner Elementary school. The superintendent pointed out that board policy stipulates that the wife of an administrator not be employed in a school which he administers. He felt that this could be construed to include the Potters and said that he preferred that she be called upon to teach only in the event of an emergency when other teachers are not available to fill a vacant position.

A contract for another two years was approved for Supt. Potter as county administrator.

No action was taken on contracts for two teachers. These include Arnold Melby, band teacher at Heppner Elementary and Heppner High and business law teacher at the High school, and Tom Hughes, seventh grade teacher and coach at Heppner Elementary. It was understood that their contracts might be considered at a special meeting to be held Wednesday, March 15.

Offered contracts in the system were these:
Heppner Elementary—Second 1-year contracts: Thomas Caldwell, Judy Gochbauer, Jane Rawlins. Third 1-year contracts: Jessie Faye Morris, Clifford Williams, Frances Williams, Dorothy Agee, Alena Anderson. Three-year contract renewals: Clinton Agee, Velva Bechdolt, Juanita Carmichael, Inez Erwin, Marguerite Glavey, Ola Mae Groshens, Mildred Hanna, Kathryn Hoskins, Pauline Miller, Frieda Slocum, Anita Stockard, Lorena Jones. Currently on 3-year contracts which do not run out this year are: Inez Meador, Lucile Peck, Cleo Ribinson.

Heppner High—Second 1-year contracts: Doris Brosnan, Charles Carr, Adrian Cook, Jackson Fielder, Edward Hemstra, Mary Ann Hilderbrand, Carl Lawson, Terry Linecum, Gary Thompson, Justine Weatherford, Elmer Weitzel, Hal Whitaker, Leona Winters. Third 1-year contracts: Dale Holland, Kirk Horn, Marge Thomson. Three-year contract renewals: Violet Lanham, Bernice Struckmeier. First 3-year contract: Robert Clough. Currently on 3-year contract is Rachel Dick.

Ione High and Ione Elementary—Second 1-year contract: Edwin Kessler. Third 1-year contracts: Cecelia Adams, Arnie Hedman, Lloyd Johnson, Rita Kerr, Mildred Ione Martin, Jerry Martin, James Marvin. Three-year contract renewal: Gladys Ely. First 3-year contract: Gordon Meyers. Currently on 3-year contracts not expiring are Eugene Dockter, Beth Hynd and Jack Loyd.

Riverside High and Boardman Elementary—Second 1-year contract: Robert Chilman. Third 1-year contract: Carol Tolar. One-year contracts (by request): Puth Coy, La Vern Partlow. Three-year contract renewals: Zoe Billings, Ronald Black, Dante Dalton, Lester Leroux, James Harper. Currently on 3-year contracts not expiring: Nancy Leroux, Della Lindsay, Edith Partlow.

A. C. Houghton—Second 1-year contracts: Robert Byrd, Marilyn Murray. Third 1-year contract: Eleanor Sergeant. Three-year contract renewals: Ruth Bentley, Joyce Smith. First 3-year contract, Rose Hoosier. Currently on 3-year contracts not expiring are Elsie Gugle and Gladys Hobbs.

Administrators in the system including Richard Carpenter, Heppner High school; Al Martin, Heppner Elementary; Harold Beggs, Ione; Ron Daniels, Riverside and Boardman Elementary; and Michael Tolar, A. C. Houghton, were offered contracts following action earlier.

Warren Wins Lions' District Contest

Steve Warren, a freshman at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren, Heppner, is winner of the district Lions' Club contest, Steve was winner of the local Rexburg Lions Club contest and has now had his essay judged best in an area comprising the Eastern half of Idaho.

There were 297 essays entered in the 25 contests of this district and 25 winners went on to enter the district contest which Steve won.

He will receive a personalized district award plaque and a \$50 savings bond which will be presented Thursday, March 16, on KIFI-TV by the Lions president from Idaho Falls. The presentation will take place at Rexburg.

Steve's essay will be entered in the multiple district contest by March 15.

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