

R-1 School Board Covers Wide Range of Business

Morrow county's school directors covered a wide range of business in another four-hour session at the regular meeting Monday night in Lexington.

They heard a report from Supt. David Potter that the State Department of Education has approved the six-six plan for lone, stating that it appeared to be a sound and well-considered program.

A letter from the department suggested, however, that some plans for the curriculum for the 7th and 8th grades could be strengthened, and that the department would work with the schools on this matter.

Grandstand Talked
Members of the fair board were present to ask the directors what plans they would like incorporated in a new grandstand at the rodeo grounds if such a facility were built.

Floyd Jones, chairman, said they would like to know if dressing and shower rooms would need to be built under the stands. Tentative plans are to build the new stand at ground level, thus saving expense, but in that case, no rooms could be provided underneath.

Director Jack Sumner proposed separate frame structures for dressing rooms, and this seemed to be a popular suggestion. The fair board was advised that so far as the school district is concerned, they should go ahead with their plans for the ground level stands.

"We have enough funds to build a grandstand without anything underneath it," Jones said. The matter caused Principal Dick Carpenter of Heppner High and the board to consider the future of athletic fields serving Heppner High. Carpenter said that he did not think it feasible to consider lighting the new field at the high school. Football requires only four or five games per year, but in the spring, with track and baseball season at the same time, and students of all levels needing facilities, it is necessary to find space for as many as 150 in the programs, he said.

It was agreed that Carpenter and Sumner would continue to work with the fair board on plans, with the assistance of coaches if needed.

Fence Talked
Another matter relating to the fair and rodeo grounds came up in regard to fencing the school property where bus sheds are located, from the rodeo grounds. Tad Miller of the rodeo board said that 375 feet of fencing would be needed and that gates cost \$190 each.

One suggestion was that present woven fencing around the Lexington school grounds be taken down and be moved to the rodeo grounds location. Supt. Potter said that it could be moved at a cost of about \$1 per foot as compared with a cost for new fencing of \$2.25 per foot. Elden Padberg entered a mild protest on behalf of the City of Lexington, stating that the city wanted the fence left in Lexington as it is.

It was finally agreed to install new fence between the school property and rodeo grounds.

Field Discussed
The talk of fences led to a discussion on the school playground at Lexington. The district has sought to get the city to provide water for the grounds while the district made the property available for recreation to the city.

Padberg asked that the property be deeded to the city, after which the city would supply the water and maintenance. The matter was tabled until the June meeting when it will be considered further.

Nine Teachers Needed
There are currently openings for nine teachers in the county system, Potter said. Openings include these: Heppner High — commercial subjects and speech (one position); Riverside High — commercial and girls' physical education (one position); social studies and basketball coach (one position); A. C. Houghton — third grade teacher (one position); fifth and sixth grade teacher and physical education (one position); lone High School — English teacher, librarian, and one teacher for reading and commercial. In addition, there is need for a special education teacher for Heppner High school.

The board approved contracts for: Arnim Freeman for Heppner Elementary on a 9½ month program. He will work on the special education program there and will help with the guidance program. He is of Milwaukee where he has taught in the grade school, is married, and has several children.

Miss Alice Riley for Heppner High school as language teacher. She has been teaching in Utah for a number of years.

The board also approved extending contract for three weeks for Kirk Horn at Heppner High to do work necessary in setting up a new course in field biology.

Educational TV Planned
Educational TV plans for the school system are rapidly taking form, and it is expected that it will be in use by next fall. Supt. Potter said. Both Umattilla and Morrow counties expect to have it for teaching.

To this end, a workshop is planned for Hermiston on Monday, May 22, with local teachers attending. School will be dismissed earlier than usual here that day in order that

teachers may attend the workshop.

Teacher Resigns
Mrs. Marilyn Murray, teacher at A. C. Houghton school, tendered her resignation to the board, and it was accepted with a motion for a letter of commendation to be sent for her work.

Cooks' Salary Changed
The board approved salary recommendations for cooks after a study made by Ron Daniels, Riverside High principal, and Albee Vance, clerk. It was recommended that the board grant regular increments plus \$10 per month to all cooks for the 1967-68 year. This would keep the total expenditure at \$24,093, within the budgeted item.

Effective for the 1968-69 year, a new schedule will take effect. A cook with no experience in the system will start at \$2160 and go to \$2430 with three years' experience. Assistants and cooks would start at \$1980 and go to \$2250.

Votes Canvassed
Vote of the May 1 election was canvassed and certified with Jack Sumner reelected and Beverly Gunderson elected as directors.

The vote between Dr. Wallace Wolff and Mrs. Edda Mae Lovgren for the one-year term on the Heppner-Lexington advisory committee was resolved by flip of a coin. Dr. Wolff won.

Mrs. Phil Mahoney, who had been elected to a 3-year term on the committee, advised the clerk that she did not wish to serve. The board named Jerry Sweeney to this place. He was one of those who received several written votes for the position.

(Sweeney said Wednesday that he had declined appointment to the advisory committee because of other commitments).

House Bids Planned
Principal Harold Beggs of lone said that lot had been purchased and all is ready to call for bids on a teacherage at lone. He urged the board to act promptly on the call for bids because of the housing shortage for teachers in lone. Although six teachers left the system there are only three houses left vacant because of circumstances, he said. In one case (Arnie Hedman) the teacher leaving already lived in Heppner. In another, two unmarried women teachers shared a house.

He said that he hopes the house will be ready by August 15. It will be occupied by the principal and his family.

Bus Bids Planned
The board agreed to call for bids on a 30-passenger bus and an 8- or 9-passenger panel. The bus will be used to replace a small bus in lone, which will go on a Cecil run. Three older vehicles will be traded in on the deal.

It was also recommended that the Huber-Campbell bus run be bid, and that the Balm Fork-Willow Creek run be bid as two separate runs because of additional children. These recommendations were approved.

Field Trips Talked
Field trips came in for considerable discussion at the meeting. Jim Jacobs, student body president of Heppner High, requested a field trip for HHS seniors to Oregon Museum of Science and Industry Monday, May 22. He said this is not to be considered a senior sneak and outlined plans for visiting OMSI and the Portland zoo, expecting to be back home by 8 or 9 in the evening. He said that the trip would be under the supervision of Principal Carpenter and that students would pay all expenses except for transportation.

This request received some protest from members because it was made so near to the end of the school year and because it might set a precedent in lieu of a senior sneak. Supt. Potter reiterated a firm position against senior sneaks but said he felt this trip would be educational and would be well chaperoned. It was approved with one dissenting vote, two in favor and two abstaining.

Three other field trips were approved: From lone, fourth grade class of Mrs. Ely and third grade of Mrs. Martin to the Whitman Mission; 6th, 7th and 8th grade field trip to Pendleton by bus to visit the airport and weather station; first and second graders of Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hynd to go by train from Hinkle to Pendleton and visit the airport.

Zone Change Eyed
Some consideration was given to changing Heppner city zones for school directorships so that the area would be expanded into the surrounding rural area in order to expedite getting candidates for the board. The matter was turned over to Attorney Bob Abrams for further study and recommendation.

The board granted the Catholic church use of the Heppner Elementary school for summer school again.

Text Fund Expanded
Supt. Potter pointed out the concern of teachers that money set aside in the coming budget for textbooks was inadequate and asked permission to over-expend the fund up to \$4,000. In the budget for the coming year is \$6140 as compared with \$8500 in the 1967-68 budget. The added money will come out of another fund in the budget. After some discussion the permission was granted.



DINGY condition of the dressing rooms in the bath house at the Heppner municipal swimming pool is noted by Mayor Clarence Rosewall in this photo. Pool and bath house have been condemned by the State Board of Health. The building was converted to a bath house after serving as Heppner's first power house. Partitions (note in background) are thin and were designed so that they could be moved to use structure for recreation center at times when pool was not in use. (G-T Photo).

Bond Issue Vote Gives Swim Pool Short Reprieve

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gress towards a new pool has been quite encouraging, we are modifying our earlier position. We recognize that some time is required to complete the preparations necessary for bringing the existing pool up to an acceptable state. Therefore, we will no longer require that the bonds be approved before the 1967 operating license is issued."

Smythe said that the state board would require that minor improvements be carried out to render the existing pool "marginally acceptable" for the 1967 season.

"We sincerely hope that by this time next year you will be ready to open the new pool," he concluded.

Meanwhile, all plans are moving forward for the election on May 31 when the vote on the \$110,000 bond issue will be held in the old city library with polls to be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

20-Year Issue
As proposed by the city, the bond issue would be for a period of 20 years, with \$5500 in bonds to be retired each year.

Clark and Groff, engineers who made a study of costs and requirements for rebuilding or replacing the pool, estimated that \$103,000 would be necessary for the job. An additional \$6000 in the proposed bond issue is allowed for possibility of increasing costs since the time of the study and contingencies. The engineers estimated that it would cost \$144,000 to build an entirely new pool.

In the cost estimates for the rebuilding job are these items: Gunite pool walls and floor, \$19,200; mechanical work, \$20,000; new concrete decks, \$8,700; lighting and pool equipment.

\$1,000; fencing, \$800; bonds, contractor overhead, miscellaneous, \$4,000; bathhouse, 27'x75', \$28,300; engineering and contingencies @ 20%, \$17,400.

It is to be noted that the bathhouse would be new under the rebuilding plan.

Cost on a millage basis to taxpayers is difficult to ascertain accurately because it is not known how much interest would be required on the bond issue until the bonds are sold; because assessed valuation is not exactly known at this time; and other factors.

However, using the city's 1967-68 assessed valuation of \$1,727,000 and assuming an interest rate on the bonds of 4 per cent (which may be low), the first year's taxes to cover the bond retirement and interest for that year would be close to six mills. The principal payment would be \$5500, and interest on \$110,000 at 4 per cent would be \$4400, making a total of \$9900 to be paid. One mill on the above assessed valuation would raise \$1,727, thereby requiring nearly six mills for first year's principal and interest.

In succeeding years, the millage levy would decrease as bonds were retired and interest dropped.

Next week, the paper plans to publish a sketch drawn by Clark and Groff of the rebuilt pool, together with a layout of the bath house and other information.

Tour of District Slated Monday

Annual adult conservation tour of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district is scheduled for Monday, May 22, and the public is invited, according to Roger Palmer, who is working on arrangements for the tour on behalf of the district.

A bus will leave from the county fairgrounds at 9:30 a.m. and all interested — both men and women — are invited. It is suggested that women wear slacks. All should bring sack lunches.

Visit at the ranch of Louis Carlson, 1967 Conservation Man of the Year, will highlight the tour. It is planned to arrive there at 11:30 a.m. and have lunch at the ranch.

Stubble mulching will be viewed on the Carlson place, and after lunch, Ralph Richards, conservationist of the district, will give a demonstration on soil structures. Spring developments, sod waterways and di-

version ditches will be shown and discussed.

While in the area they will note comparisons in grass near the Valby church.

After leaving the fairground at the start of the tour, the group will go first to the Don Evans place where channel work and new alfalfa seedings will be observed. Second visit will be at the Paul Brown ranch where they will discuss wind breaks and view strip cropping on the Brown and Al Bunch places. At the Roger Campbell place they will see stubble mulching.

A stop is scheduled about 10:30 in the Rhea Creek area at the Jim West place where they will see drop structures connected with irrigation. Before reaching Carlsons, they will see tree plantings at the Walter Jepsen place, new diversions and sod waterways at Bob Jepsen's, and diversions and grass seedings at the Herb and Robert Petersons'.

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