

We Urge Your Yes Vote

ON THE

Morrow County School District Budget

AT THE THIRD ELECTION AT THE SIX REGULAR POLLING PLACES

Monday, July 1, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WE, AS CITIZENS WHO ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM, BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EVERY ELIGIBLE VOTER CAST A BALLOT IN THIS ELECTION. THE MATTER IS IN THE CRITICAL STAGE, AND WE EARNESTLY ASK YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE BUDGET.

In the hope of creating a better understanding about the budget and the present school situation, we submit this information:

Budget Reduced

After the budget defeat on June 3, 1968, the district budget committee reduced the budget by \$47,656 and increased receipts by \$2,400. This reduced the proposed tax levy by \$50,056.

Number of Teachers Cut

Major reduction was made in the area of teachers' salaries by eliminating two teaching positions. In all, this makes a total reduction of six teaching positions from this year's staff.

Other Reductions Made

Other cuts were made at any place in the budget where it was felt the reductions would do the least damage to the year's educational program.

Increase Now Only 4%

These reductions eliminated more than half the proposed increase in the budget over that for 1967-68, so that the budget to be voted on July 1 shows an increase in requirements of \$49,958. This amounts to an increase of 4% over the present budget and parallels the 4% increase in the cost of living index.

Receipts Decline

Budget receipts from sources other than property tax have declined in the amount of \$52,388. This decrease is due primarily to a decline of state basic school support revenue. Most of the decrease in receipts is in the area over which the Budget Committee and School Board have no control.

Retirement, Social Security Responsible For Half of Increase

The largest single budget increase resulted from changes made in the social security law and the retirement law. The new rates must be applied for the 1968-69 school year, without any choice by the school district, and have resulted in an increase to the district of \$25,000. The increase for these two items constitutes over half of the total budget increase. We emphasize that this is fixed by law and is a matter over which the Budget Committee has no control.

Salaries Aim at Average

Salaries for non-teaching personnel were also increased to meet average state salaries for similar positions.

Much of Budget Below Year 1967-68

Overall the remainder of the budget total is less than it was for the current year with reductions actually shown in several areas, such as in transportation, health services, and capital outlay.

Committee Aims at Economy

We believe that the School Board and the Budget Committee have endeavored to present the most economical budget possible while meeting and attempting to correct a deficit situation faced during the past two years.

WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A FINE SCHOOL SYSTEM IN MORROW COUNTY FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR CHILDREN--WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE SOUNDTEST INVESTMENTS THAT WE, AS CITIZENS, CAN MAKE.

WITH THE FEELING THAT YOU MAY SHARE THESE VIEWS, WE URGE YOUR YES VOTE JULY 1

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