

## School Budget Message

January 23, 1973

This budget message is being presented to the Budget Committee in compliance with ORS 294.391, which requires that the budget officer provide an explanation of the budget document. Such explanation is to include an outline of financial policies for the ensuing year, the reasons for changes from the previous year in appropriation and revenue items, and an explanation of the major changes in financial policy.

The budget document as presented here contains an estimate of the requirements necessary to operate the Morrow County School District from July 1, 1973 to July 1, 1974.

The budget calendar mandates that we estimate our expenditures from six months to eighteen months in advance of the actual expenditures. This makes exact budgeting very difficult due to changing cost patterns over relatively short periods of time. However, all budget estimates are based on detailed cost records from past years and do include price increases in instances where our suppliers have indicated that price increases are forthcoming.

The receipts section of the budget shows an increase in cash carryover of \$36,000. This increase will result in a smaller increase in the tax levy than is reflected in the total increase in the expenditure section of the budget.

Basic school support money has been computed on the same basis as the preceding year. However, I am confident that receipts in this fund will be increased substantially prior to our budget election.

As you know, Governor McCall has proposed a broad new program for the financing of education in Oregon. The Governor's proposal would provide 100 percent state funding and if passed, would make part of our present budget procedure obsolete.

Realistically it would seem that 100 percent financing may be very difficult to achieve and may, in fact, be less than desirable.

Several members of the legislature have talked in terms of 50 percent financing and it is their opinion that this can be achieved with only minor changes in current tax programs. If 50 percent state funding is achieved it would mean an increase in BSSF fund of approximately \$400,000 for our district. The Governor's budget, aside from any major change in school financing, does include an additional \$2.3 million to the BSSF. This amount would appear to be a minimum increase and would provide an additional \$85,000 to

Morrow County Schools. As the picture of state funding becomes clearer, it will be necessary to adjust the receipts section to reflect the increase in state funds.

The balance of the receipts section shows only minor changes and they will be discussed in detail as we review the receipts section.

The major increase in the requirements section of the budget is reflected in salaries and fixed charges. These sections reflect an increase of \$60,926 over current year costs. Retirement and social security increases account for \$22,000 of the increase. New positions which are described on page 3 of this budget document account for another \$14,579. The balance of \$24,347 reflects salary increases for the approximately 133 school district employees. Other sections of the budget show an increase of \$9,151.

The total budget increase then is \$70,677, which amounts to a 4.37 percent increase over the current years budget.

However, due to the increase in cash carryover, the increase in the tax levy would only amount to \$36,295, which is an increase of 2.77 percent.

The budget as presented here does not contain any major program changes. It is hoped however, that the 1974-75 budget will contain some program changes that will make our programs more realistic in view of current needs.

The maintenance, remodeling, and equipment sections of the budget have been reviewed by the local Advisory Committees and over \$22,000 in equipment and projects were dropped at that time.

It is interesting to note that while school levies in the state of Oregon have increased on a state average of from eight to fourteen percent, each of the last five years, the school levies of Morrow County Schools have exceeded five percent only once in the last five years and has been less than four percent the other four years.

Additional tax levy comparisons can be found on pages 65 and 66 of the budget document.

The increased tax levy of \$36,295 would require an additional levy of approximately 29 cents per \$1,000 of T.C.V.

This budget document has been prepared for your review and consideration. It is now the duty of the budget committee to consider this document in connection with the total costs, as well as benefits to the educational program and to reach a consensus of opinion as to the amount that should be submitted to the voters for their consideration.

## Boardman Tillicums Plan Sweetheart Dinner

The Boardman Tillicum Club met Tuesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Tim Haugen with Mrs. Dewey West Jr. as Co-hostess. Guests included Mrs. Leland McKinney and Mrs. Charles Zach.

Plans were made for the annual Sweetheart Dinner which will be held at the Greenfield Grange hall Feb. 11. The affair will be potluck and will be a dinner-dance.

Mrs. Roy Partlow brought new books from the school library and displayed them to the group.

Money was voted to purchase new fireman's pants for the Boardman Volunteer Fire Department.

A traveling food sale is planned for Feb. 17.

The next regular meeting will be held Mar. 13 at the home of Mrs. Ronald Black with Mrs. I. M. Docken as co-hostess.

There were three tables of pinochle in play at the card party held last week at the Greenfield Grange hall, sponsored by the Women's Activity Committee of the grange. Mrs. Tom Harrison was hostess.

High prize was won by Mrs. Ben Donovan and second high went to Mrs. W. G. Seehafer. Mrs. Seehafer and Faye Anderson received the traveling pinochle prizes.

Members of Greenfield Grange who went to Lone Saturday for the session of Morrow County Pomona Grange at Willows Grange included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball, Mrs. W. G. Seehafer, Hazel Carpenter, Mrs. Frank Marlow, Mrs. Donald Baker, Bill Bates, Mrs. Tom Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe and Andrew Skiles.

MRS. PETE PETERSON has returned home from a two and a half week's trip visiting relatives in Montana. At Anaconda she visited at the home of her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Joe Varela, and at Choteau she visited at the homes of her mother, Mrs. Martin Gronberg, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gronberg. On her way home she stopped in Spokane, to visit at the home of another brother and sister-in-law, Lt. Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Richard Gronberg. Mr. Peterson went to Spokane to meet her and bring her home.

Mrs. M. I. Oveson is a patient in St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. Robert Harwood has returned home from there after being a patient the past two weeks.

Light snow was falling in Boardman at 3 p.m. Monday, but it was melting as it fell. Temperature was 35 degrees.

Flu and colds caused a total of 39 students absent from class at Riverside Junior-Senior High School Monday out of an enrollment of 175.

MENU  
Cafeteria menus for Riverside Junior-Senior High School for the week of Feb. 5-9 are as follows:

MONDAY—Corn dogs, French fries, buttered peas, fruit and cookies.

TUESDAY—Toasted cheese sandwiches, pickles, buttered green beans and pudding.

WEDNESDAY—Goulash, hot rolls, vegetables sticks, cottage cheese and fruit, and jello.

THURSDAY—Beef stew, cheese sticks, fruit and cake.

FRIDAY—Potato soup with crackers, tuna and peanut butter sandwiches and fruit salad.

Bread, butter and milk are served with all meals.

Scott McMurdo of Corvallis drove up to Heppner Friday to see his mother, Mrs. A.D. McMurdo. On Sunday another son Ted McMurdo flew up from Portland to see his mother.

## Carpenter Comes to Lone

Jack Morris, his wife, Darlene and two children have moved to the lone area from Newport, recently.

Mr. Morris is a carpenter with many years experience in all facets of the building trade. He has been a journeyman in the carpenters union for seven years and was recently the supervisor for Summerville Homes, a general contracting firm in Newport.

Prior to Newport, the Morris' lived in the Portland area where Mr. Morris was with a construction firm.

He hopes to establish himself in the area doing general repairs and remodeling. He can also do tile, linoleum and carpet laying or practically anything that calls for a carpenter as he has built houses from the foundation up. Eventually, Mr. Morris would like to get into furniture making.

Mr. Morris says he loves this part of Eastern Oregon and they look forward to having a place for horses and livestock here.

Their two children are Johnetta, 10 who is in the 4th grade at Lone and Kyle, age 3.

With today's pollution, ALL bridges are over troubled waters.

# SCOUTING'S 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration



## Scouting. It Knows No Limits

There are no city limits or county lines in Scouting. A boy is a boy, whether he comes from a big metropolis or a farming community. His interests may differ, but his high goals never vary—working to better the community or working at developing a personal skill. He will give his all to achieve good sportsmanship as well as to conservation. He is a realist who deals honestly with himself on all counts. Bright, alert and proud of what he stands for, the only limit he might strive for is the sky. We think he'll make it.

## Congratulations ...To Our Local Boy Scouts and Their Leaders

Because America's Manpower begins with Boypower...we are especially proud of the Boy Scouts of our community and of their leaders, who give of their time and effort that Scouting may flourish. To all our Boy Scouts, our hearty thanks and congratulations, during Boy Scout Week.

## The Following Merchants Congratulate You For Your Achievements



Through Scouting, "Boypower" grows... developing "Manpower" for our community and our nation. We're proud of the "Boypower" of Scouts and Scouting here in our area... and we wish our Scouts much good fortune in all future projects.

- Bank of Eastern Oregon
- Cal's Arco Service
- Cal's Lounge and Cafe
- Case Furniture Co.
- Central Market
- Coast-to-Coast Store
- Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative
- L. E. Dick
- Elma's Apparel
- Farley Motor Co.
- Fiesta Bowl
- First National Bank of Oregon  
Heppner Branch
- Gardner's Men's Wear
- John Gochnauer
- Farm Bureau Insurance

- The Gazette-Times
- Gonty's
- Gray's Repair Shop and Union Oil Consignee
- Heppner Auto Parts
- Heppner Cleaners
- Heppner Inland Chemical Co.
- Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce
- Heppner Nor-Gas
- Leonard's Mobil Service
- Kinzua Corporation
- M & R Company
- MiLadies Apparel
- Morrow County Abstract & Title Co.

- Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.
- Murrays Rexall Drug
- Northwestern Motel
- Peterson's Jewelers
- Paul Pettyjohn Co.
- Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders Supply
- Ruggles-Boyce Insurance Agency
- Jack Van Winkle's Sears
- Authorized Catalog Sales Merchant
- Thomson Bros. Grocery
- Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Ins.
- Van Winkle's Motel
- Wagon Wheel Cafe & Lounge
- Western Auto Store