

County Residents to Vote on School Districts To Vote on Board Members on Monday

Rural School Budget Monday

All residents of Jackson county will vote on the amount of the rural school district budget outside the 6 per cent limitation from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 7.

The total budget of the rural school district is \$2,161,337.40. Of this amount, the county equalized levy is \$2,553,885.93. The required levy is determined by formula within the law, and is not determined by the rural school board or the budget committee, the committee noted.

The available receipts to offset the total budget are \$55,040.64. This leaves the required levy of \$2,706,206.86. Of this required levy, the required county equalized levy makes up 94.36 per cent of the total, and the levy for the operational budget is 4.64 per cent or an estimated 1 1/3 to 1 1/2 mills.

Tax Base for District

The tax base of the rural school district is \$2,108,242.35 or approximately 72 per cent of the total. This is the amount that can be levied without a vote.

The amount in excess of the base is \$598,054.51, or approximately 28 per cent of the total, and is the amount that will be subject to vote.

This excess applies to the equalized levy portion of the budget only, since by law ever since the enactment of the Rural School Law in 1947, the operational budget is within the tax base and is the first charge against the total levy.

Increase in Budget

The increase in the total budget from \$2,380,117.13 for the current year of 1951-52, to \$2,761,337.40 for 1952-53, is \$401,220.27. Ninety-six per cent of the total increase is in the equalized levy. This increase of \$381,411.98 is an amount determined by law.

This leaves 4 per cent, or \$17,803.31 of the total increase which is subject to action by the rural school district budget committee.

Money for the required levy is apportioned to all districts on an average daily membership or average daily attendance basis. Purpose of the county equalized levy is to assist districts which have a low assessed valuation, committee members pointed out.

Operational Increases

The increases in the operational budget are largely in administration. The curriculum materials center budget increased from \$97,661.83 to \$100,024.28, or \$2,362.45.

Major increases in the administration budget are:

1. Inclusion of certain funds to comply with the budget law which includes \$1,300 of the state district reorganization funds, and \$4,000 of state reimbursement for the curriculum improvement plan, for a total of \$5,300.

The funds had not been a part of the budget previously. However, these funds are "in and out" items, and do not constitute a tax levy.

Salary Increases

2. Salary increases and additional personnel. The total increase in salaries for present personnel, professional and clerical in the administration budget is \$3,001.

The increase in professional salaries are based on a survey of positions in other county offices and other school positions requiring comparable qualifications and responsibilities. Salaries for clerical staff are based on the 1951 revision of the recommendations of the schedule prepared for the county in 1951 by the civil service commission, the budget committee noted.

Additional personnel was added in the administration department. One was a professional person designated as a special program director to handle such programs as the county testing program, special education and in-service programs, plus others.

The other is a bookkeeper-secretary to help handle the additional responsibilities placed on the office by law; all budget responsibilities and accounting are now handled by the county school office, a part of which had previously been handled by the county clerk's office, and the assumption of all educational responsibilities on the county level previously carried by three other boards.

Included in Latter

The latter includes the district boundary board, the non-high board, and the district reorganization committee. It includes also extra work involved in special programs such as the able and gifted study program, curriculum improvement plan, in-service and special education and other in-service programs in place of the traditional county institute, according to the budget committee.

3. Increase in the able and gifted study program from \$3,000 to \$8,600. This is a

reimbursed in the amount of \$4,300.

4. Increase in equipment from \$350 to \$1,240. This is largely for office equipment which has not been replaced for some time.

Result of Decrease

The increase in the required levy is mainly the result of a decrease of available receipts, from \$92,973.75 to \$55,040.64. Federal funds from the National Defense Education Act are reduced from \$30,875 to \$9,500, a reduction of \$21,375. For 1951-52, there was an available cash balance of \$12,060.20, and no cash balance is anticipated for the next year.

Increases in the required levy by the rural board

also are the results of the fact that all levy responsibilities for the operational budget must now be carried by the rural district. Previously, figures show that 20 to 35 per cent of such were covered by the Jackson county budget, the budget committee said.

After a thorough study and survey of various county offices, the legislative interim committee last week said "There must be something between the school districts and the state department." A United Press International story stated "there appears to be little or no support from the committee for abolishing the county offices outright." Some changes will be recommended, however.

Three members of the rural school board will be elected for three-year terms to the seven-man board on Monday.

They include:

1. One from Zone 7, consisting of Eagle Point District No. 9, Prospect District No. 59, and Butte Falls District No. 91. The only nominating petition which has been submitted is for the incumbent, John Spangler. All districts will vote on the member-at-large, but the elections in Zones 3 and 4 are limited to those zones only.

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Candidates for the various district school boards are:

District 4, Phoenix: Everett Schmelzer, John Spangler, Wanda Kane and Ann James, for a three-year term; and Chris Barker and Novella Vencill, for a five-year term.

District 5, Ashland: Robert W. O'Hara, for a four-year term, and Jack W. Williams, for a five-year term.

District 6, Central Point: Gold Hill and Sams Valley: C. W. Anhorn and Elizabeth Parrish, for two five-year term vacancies.

District 9, Eagle Point: Lloyd Mynatt, Edward Leaming, Dale Ackerman, Laura McFall and John Osterhout, all for one five-year term position.

District 35, Rogue River: Harry W. Andrews, five-year

term.

District 40, Applegate: Vernon P. Fowler and Marvin R. Brewster, for a five-year term position.

District 59, Prospect: Clarence C. Hedgepeth, five-year term.

District 52, Evans Valley: Ford M. Patterson, five-year term.

District 91, Butte Falls: Hannah Dalton, Carl T. Stanton, Andrew Hamstra and Donald Smith, for one five-year term position.

District 94, Pinehurst: Dorothy Moore, five-year term.

District 545, Medford: Mrs. Carroll Haupt, five-year term.

In addition, Phoenix, Ashland, Central Point, Applegate, Evans Valley, Butte Falls and Pinehurst will all vote on the portion of a school budget to exceed 6 per

cent. The Prospect school district budget is within the limitation so no vote is required. Rogue River patrons will vote on their budget May 14.

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