

Meeting Slated Tuesday to Discuss Bond Issue, School Budget

Phoenix—E. R. James, superintendent of the Phoenix-Talent school district, has reminded district patrons that a meeting will be held at the Phoenix Grange hall at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, to explain a bond issue and the 1963-64 school budget.

Patrons of district 4 will vote on the bond issue and the amount of the school budget exceeding the 6 per cent limitation at the annual school election May 6. Patrons also will elect board members.

Polls will be open May 6 between 2 and 8 p.m. at the Phoenix and Talent grade school gyms.

Candidates Listed
Candidates for school board directors are Allen Harris, incumbent, and Mrs. Leah Zundel from the Phoenix area; and Ed Heim, who is running without opposition from the Talent area. Heim is a candidate for the position of Bruce Cyphers, who is not seeking reelection.

Patrons of the district will vote on a serial school bond issue for new buildings and additional educational facilities, James noted. Bonds will not be sold at one time, but in two different stages as needed, thus effecting a savings in interest charges and bond election costs, he pointed out.

The school board and administration has been studying building needs of the district for the past several years. In the spring of 1962 the edu-

cational research bureau of the University of Oregon was employed to conduct a survey of the building needs of the Phoenix district.

James noted that the current bonding plan is the result of the findings of the research bureau and of conferences involving the school board, the research bureau personnel, and the school administration.

Details of the overall long range building program are now being worked out by school officials and the architect.

The first issue of bonds will cover the remodeling of the present high school shop and vocational agriculture departments into four or five urgently needed high school classrooms and a biology lecture and laboratory area, the board noted.

The first issue also will be used to build a separate building for vocational agriculture and woodshop a short distance from the present high school building.

Provide for Gymnasium
It also would provide for a gymnasium at the Talent Junior High school, as well as a multipurpose room which would get full utilization as a music room and school cafeteria with complete kitchen and dining area facilities, the board noted.

The initial bond sale also would provide for a cafeteria at the high school, as well as expansion of physical educa-

tion and gym facilities at the high school, which at present are handling almost double the number of physical education students for which they were designed.

Bonds for these projects would amount to about \$600,000, the board said.

The second sale of bonds, which would be issued a year to two years later, would be sold to construct a new six or eight room elementary school within the district to handle the increased elementary enrollment which at present is reaching its capacity at both the Phoenix and Talent elementary schools. It also would provide for eight more classrooms as needed in the high school and junior high school, the board said.

Total About \$285,000
Bonds for the additional classrooms would total about \$285,000, the board said.

Increased enrollment and the expansion of the instructional program are two reasons for the urgent need for additional building facilities, district officials pointed out.

In its report, the bureau of research survey team said that "during the 1956 to 1961 period the Phoenix schools grew 13.5 per cent." They went on to point out that on the basis of the data presented it is their conclusion that enrollment in the Phoenix schools will continue to increase at the same or at a greater rate.

District officials pointed out that the Phoenix district has several advantages in regard to financing such a bonding program at this time. Among them are:

1. The assessed valuation has increased 35 per cent in the past five years.

Legal Bonding Limit
2. The legal bonding limit of the Phoenix school district from 1957 to 1961 has increased from \$1,228,218 to \$2,394,956.

3. The remaining bonding capacity of the district is more than adequate to cover building needs in the foreseeable future. Only about 10 per cent of the bonding capacity is now being used. With the sale of the proposed bonds, this would not reach a point above 40 per cent of the bonding capacity at any time.

4. The present Phoenix High school bonds will be retired next year, thus the first issue of bonds for the proposed building program will mean but a slight increase, if

any, in the annual tax levy for building purposes, the board noted.

Low Millage Rate
5. The present millage rate in the Phoenix school district is the lowest in the county, with the exception of one small district.

The board said the choice of a serial bond levy will enable the district to vote bonds necessary to provide for classrooms and other facilities needed immediately and in the foreseeable future.

However, since the bonds do not have to be sold until the need is imminent, considerable savings in interest payments, election costs, printing and bond attorney fees would be effected by having the entire bond issue voted at one time, but the bonds sold as needed.

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Petitions to Form Water District in West Side Signed

Petitions for formation of a water district in the west side area have been completed, according to George A. Cooksey, 2930 Oakridge ave., a member of the water district committee.

Cooksey said he was able to get more than the 100 required signatures. Ninety-five per cent of the homeowners visited signed the six petitions, he said.

A water district with future water lines serving the area were deemed necessary following a public meeting of affected property owners at the West Side school last fall. Earlier the Jackson county public health department sanitarians discovered a large percentage of the water wells in

the area were contaminated from septic tanks.

The proposed water district would extend along the Old Military rd. area, along Beall lane to Elk Lumber company, along Ross lane to KMED radio and television studios, would include the Grant Acres area near Central Point and the land between Ross lane and Beall lane, including the West Side school, Cooksey said.

The petitions will be presented to the county court in the near future. After signatures are verified, a public hearing will be called. Any person affected may ask to be excluded or included, according to Ervin Hogan, Medford attorney and committee member.

The court may then make any boundary changes it deems reasonable, then call for an election for formation of the district and a board of directors.

If and when the district is formed the board will seek federal funds for an engineering study.

If the engineering study determines a water system is feasible then a bond election will be called. The district would not have to pay for the engineering study unless the water system is installed.

Cooksey said the proposed district would include 400 homes and possibly one farm.

Recognition Dinner Set at Crater High

Central Point—For the first time this year, a banquet will be held Thursday, May 2, honoring seniors at Crater High school who are in the top 5 per cent of the class scholastically.

Members of the baseball, track, cross-country, wrestling and tennis teams also will be recognized at the banquet.

Speaker for the event will be John Dellenback, Jackson county member in the House of Representatives. More than 100 students are expected to be recognized at the dinner.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. in Crater High school gymnasium and will be open to friends and relatives of the students. Ellsworth Robinson, past grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be master of ceremonies.

The event is being sponsored this year by the Central Point and Gold Hill Lions clubs. Present plans call for the banquet to replace the several smaller banquets held now to honor individual team members.

Tickets are available at Crater High school or from members of the Gold Hill or Central Point Lions club.

Illinois Valley High Students Campaigning

Cave Junction—Students of the Illinois Valley High school are campaigning for the student body primary election with various phases of electioneering being conducted.

Candidates running for president are Darryl Gellert and Rodger Martin; vice president, Ron Kenfield, Doug Robinson and Danny Kibb; secretary, Toni Whitley, Donna Mills and Karen Elmore; treasurer, Linda Versteeg, Rae Thrasher, Mary Anne Lewis, and Diana Williams; sergeant at arms, Walt Zleshe, Terry McNaught and Don Wilson.

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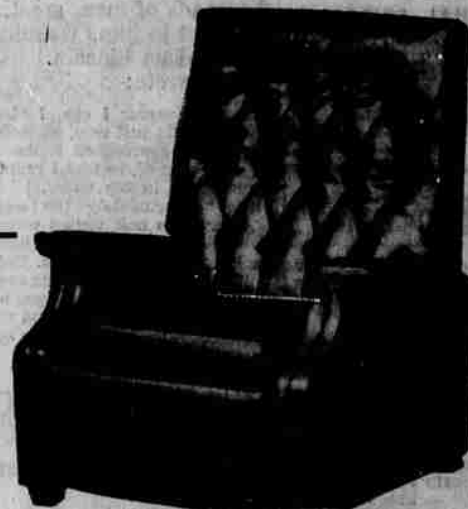


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