

\$1.5 Million In Funding Is Sought

The Warren County Board of Education has agreed to seek more than \$1.5 million in county funds for operating and improving the public school system within the county during the 1984-85 fiscal year.

Meeting Monday night with Board Chairman Henry Pitchford and members Leigh Traylor and Henry Bobbitt present, the board voted to send the funding request to county commissioners. At earlier meetings, both boards decided to meet as committees of the whole to examine the budgetary request of the school board.

Supt. Mike Williams said Tuesday that he will contact County Manager Charles Worth to see if the meeting can be arranged in the near future.

The bulk of funding for the next fiscal year—\$1,181,216—sought by the school board is for normal operating expenses, pushed slightly higher this year by inflation. The local current expense fund for

continued services is up from \$1,078,716 sought last year.

In a listing of proposed revenues, the board members felt that \$1,023,716 should come from the county appropriation, \$500 from tuition and fees, \$60,000 from fines and forfeitures, \$59,000 in indirect costs from the federal programs and food services program, and \$38,000 from the fund balance from this year.

Additionally, educational leaders said they felt that 16 new items of funding should be financed by the county during the next fiscal year. The three most costly of these items are providing school nurses at all grade levels (\$31,920), establishing a math center at Warren County High School (\$22,217), and restoring professional supplements to the level originally budgeted for 1981-82 and institute supplements for the program directors (\$18,165). The total expansion budget request

is for \$145,118.

It was noted that there is no request for music, physical education and art instruction in the elementary schools. In prepared remarks, Superintendent Williams pointed out that the system has "tried for years to provide these services from local dollars and has not been successful. The money simply is not there to do the job."

Williams told board members he felt that the most reasonable course "is to pursue the position that if these services are truly part of the basic education program for elementary school children, then the state must take this position and provide the resources with which to offer the services."

The problem of recreation also surfaced during the budget discussion. Schoolmen were told that the need for recreation programs for school age children also extends to the adult population of the county.

Williams offered as a solution that the board

should "join interested citizens in the county who have maintained for years that this should be an effort undertaken by county government and financed with local tax dollars."

He said that "if the school system can secure support for moving ahead with a building program, then we can assist local government by relinquishing the facilities needed for this undertaking."

Capital outlay requests in the new budget total \$202,804 and are divided into three categories.

Category One items include construction, renovation or replacement of buildings and improvements to existing sites. These requests would amount to \$108,082, most expensive of which is lighting for the baseball and practice football fields at Warren County High School, an item expected to cost \$32,000.

Category Two items number 12 and are for acquisition and replacement of furnishings and equipment. Totalling \$33,476, the most expensive single item is \$7,500 for equipment for the

physical education programs in grades seven through twelve.

Category Three items include the purchase of one mini-bus or 16-passenger van (\$1,000), purchase of two automobiles for use by the administrative staff (\$17,500), replacement of one activity bus (\$26,500) and replacement of one pickup truck in the maintenance fleet (\$6,246).

Total capital outlay request amount to \$202,804.

Superintendent Williams noted that in 1983-84, the school system was appropriated \$96,249 for capital outlay and in addition the board of commissioners allocated 60 percent of the revenues from the new half-cent local option sales tax, not to exceed \$117,000, to the schools.

In addition to passing on the budget requests, the board heard an appeal from Mrs. Dollie Burwell that her daughter be permitted to enroll in kindergarten one year earlier than usual. Although denied at the April 9 meeting, the request was granted Monday night.

Ways Cited To Add To Space For Gardening

If you long for home-grown vegetables but feel you lack adequate space to grow them, try some of the suggestions on how to expand your gardening space from extension horticultural specialists at North Carolina State University.

Window boxes—Since window boxes don't provide much room for spreading roots, use them for growing radishes, leaf lettuce and onions. After these mature the boxes can be filled with annuals of your choice for color that will last all summer.

Borders—You may be pleasantly surprised to see how attractive a walkway can be when edged with carrots or beets in full foliage. Lettuce (both head and leaf types), cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli can also be sown. Sweet or hot peppers, eggplants and bush squash can be used for borders where larger plants are desired.

Fences—Fences are ideal for growing vining types of cucumbers and even cantaloupes. When cantaloupe melons begin to enlarge, tie them to the fence in a loose sling made of burlap or another fabric to keep them from "self-picking" (falling off before they are ripe). The vining types of lima beans and snap beans can grow along a fence. Tomatoes can also be staked to a fence.

Containers—Lots of vegetables are suitable for growing in containers. A standard size tomato needs a container with a capacity of three cubic feet. Dwarf or miniature varieties can grow in pots with a capacity of one cubic foot. Dwarf varieties include, Patio, Sweet 100, Small Fry, Pixie, and Presto. Eggplants, carrots and peppers can also be raised in containers.

League Warfare Might Be Best

A return to conference play may be just what the doctor ordered for Warren County's Eagles, who dropped two games to non-league foes during their last April outings.

The last defeat last month for Warren County High School came from neighboring rival Vance, which posted its seventh win against five losses in taming the Eagles, 16-5.

Davis Capps started on the mound for the Eagles and was relieved by Todd Davis in the sixth. Warren County's moundsmen gave up a total of 10 hits, one more than the Eagles collected, but were charged with seven errors, most of which came in the fifth and sixth innings and contributed to the Eagle defeat.

Franklin Hargrove and Marvin Harrison led the Eagle attack, each going three-for-three. One of Hargrove's hits was a home run in the fifth with no one aboard. Dan Blaylock had two hits, including a triple, in four trips and Todd

Davis smacked a double.


Timmy Gupton, Jerry Waverly and Eric Owens each had two hits for Vance, with Owens getting a home run in the second and four RBIs for the game.

On April 20 Warren County played host to Bunn, and absorbed an 11-7 licking.

Todd Davis went the distance for the losers, walking two and striking out six while giving up 10 hits. The two teams combined for 13 errors, with the Eagles charged with seven.

Franklin Hargrove had a home run in the first with no one aboard en route to a two-for-four day at the plate. Davis Capps also had two hits in four trips.

The Eagles entered yesterday's home contest against North-west with a 4-4 Roanoke River Conference mark and a 4-8 over-all record. On Friday the Eagles will be home again to a conference foe, hosting Northampton West.



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Pansies Offer Wide Selection Of Color

Pansies are among the most popular garden flowers, offering a wide range of colors, markings and sizes.

They are perennial in most areas of North Carolina but can be grown as an annual plant. Pansies flower best in early spring when day temperatures are mild and night temperatures are cool, according to N. C. Agricultural Extension Service horticulturists.

Pansies are used as border and mass plantings. They can be interplanted between various spring bulbs. Flowering commences with the bulbs and continues on into summer.

Instead of planting seed, most gardeners prefer to purchase plants already started in peat pots or dug bare rooted. While pansies can be planted anytime during the fall in Eastern North Carolina, best results are obtained in the Piedmont and mountains if they are planted during October and November. Choose only stocky plants that possess four to six leaves.

Potted pansies are readily available in early spring at most garden centers and will usually perform well in the garden.

Pansies thrive in a bright sunny location. Too much shade results in spindly plants with few flowers.

Plant pansies 6 to 12 inches apart. Press the soil firmly around the plants so that good contact is made with the roots.

Mulching is especially beneficial to pansies. It checks evaporation of water from the soil surface and controls weeds. Medium coarse peat moss or pine bark applied in a two to three-inch layer makes an excellent mulch and looks like soil.

Pansies should never be grown in areas where soil is allowed to become excessively dry. Pansies are very shallow rooted and, as a result, suffer quickly from insufficient moisture.

The soil should receive at least one inch of water each week from rain or watering. Avoid watering late in the day to prevent disease development.

A succession of pansy blooms depends on regular fertilization. The first application of two pounds of 8-8-8 per 100 square feet should be made 7 to 10 days after planting in the fall. A second fertilization can be made in early January followed by a third in early March.

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