

17% School Budget Hike Asked

By Sherry Matthews
After a three hour meeting, the Hoke County School Board adopted a requested budget that will be presented to the county commissioners within the next two weeks.

The budget calls for a 17.2% increase or \$150,572 more than the schools received from the county last year.

The school board is asking the county to appropriate \$1,024,799 for the 1983-84 fiscal year and is calling for a total budget of \$9,495,818.

That figure is \$536,641 more than was appropriated for the education system last year.

According to Finance Officer Don Steed most of the projected increase is coming from the state funds which have risen some \$237,888 from last year's figures.

Local funding requests have increased by only \$133,572, while federal funding levels have been cut by 14% or \$49,582.

On the local level, a \$7,000 increase has been budgeted for the superintendent's salary climbing from \$6,000 to \$13,000, and only a 5%, or \$28,850, across-the-board salary increase has also been allocated within the local budget for all school employees.

In local money, \$20,000 has also been requested for an ROTC unit at Hoke High School which if approved will allow for the first program of its kind in the Hoke school system.

Other salaries that are weaved within the local "wish list" include janitor and maid salaries that range from \$4,576 to \$8,148 and maintenance salaries that start at \$9,600 and extend to \$17,000.

Other expenses maintained within the local proposed budget are travel expenses for the central office and the school board members.

Included in those expenses are \$6,000 allotted to the superintendent and \$6,400 for the school board's travel.

According to Steed, money is allotted for hotel arrangements, food expenses and in the superintendent's case, travel inside and outside the county.

Other local expenditures include principals' supplements totaling \$7,400 and athletic supplements of \$32,000.

At Tuesday night's special budget meeting, Superintendent Robert Nelson suggested that the board "seriously" consider appointing a task force that can study the possibilities of getting supplements for teachers.

At present, no money is budgeted for teacher supplements.

Within the state monies budgeted for the coming fiscal year, salary increases have shown a substantial rise.

The superintendent's salary has increased by \$2,520 to \$36,984, compared to last year's figure of \$34,464.

Principals' salaries have also increased \$9,857 while teachers' salaries have increased from \$2,830,583 to \$2,901,357 or a \$70,774 rise from last year's budgeted figure.

In the central office salaries range from \$18,000 to \$36,984, while principals' salaries begin at \$22,000 and increase to the highest paid which balances near the \$34,000 area.

Other items budgeted for the 1983-84 year include federal revenue sharing funds which total \$184,650.

Weaved into the revenue sharing funds is \$64,865 that will go towards roofing improvements at South Hoke and Upchurch schools along with illumination to buildings at J.W. Turlington and Upchurch.

Also included within the revenue sharing is proposed money for typewriters, band equipment, vocational equipment and school furniture.

At Tuesday night's meeting, the board voted to adopt the budget prepared by Steed and submit it to County Manager James Martin for adjustments.

Included in the school board's budget request is \$1,103,799 in local monies, \$6,456,466 in state funds, \$1,750,938 in federal dollars and \$184,615 in revenue sharing requests for a total budget of \$9,495,818.



Burning location

Health officials believe that this site near McCain Hospital has been used for late night burning of hazardous materials.

\$64,000 In Butter, Cheese Offered

The Hoke County Department of Social Services (DSS) plans to distribute 30,000 pounds of cheese and 12,800 pounds of butter valued at \$64,068.00.

The distribution will occur only on June 1, 2 and 3 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Old National Guard Armory, located on 401-Business.

Ken Witherspoon, Hoke DSS Director, said volunteers are still needed to assist with the project.

Both men and women are needed to work in four-hour shifts from either 8:30-12:30 or 12:30-4:30 on any of the days. Those who are interested in volunteering are asked to call the Department of Social Services at 875-8725 and volunteer.

Eligibility has been expanded to include any individual who is 60 years of age or over without regard to income or resources. An authorized representative will be permitted to pick up the butter and cheese should an over 60 individual be unable to come.

Individuals receiving any one of the following types of assistance will be eligible:

--Individuals receiving Social Security Disability payments, Supplemental Security Income payments, an Aid to Families with Dependent Children check, Medicaid or Food Stamps.

--Individuals who have a gross monthly income at or below 150% of the 1982 non-farm poverty level

will also be eligible. This equates to a family size of one with a gross monthly income of \$585.; family of two is \$778.00; a family of three is \$970.00; a family of four is \$1,163.00; a family of five is \$1,355.00; a family of six is \$1,548; a family of seven is \$1,740.00. Add \$193.00 for each additional family member beyond seven.

Witherspoon said the cheese and butter will be distributed to households and an applicant needs to meet only one of the criteria group for the entire household to be eligible.

All applications are a self-declaration by the applicant and no verification will be required.

...State Probe

(Continued from page 1A) samples had not been completed Tuesday, Horne said the early indications were that the three sites would have to be cleaned up.

Wilson said if the state tells him to clean the sites, he will.

"We are not handling any dangerous PCB's, and if there is a problem we will correct it," Wilson said.

Most of the transformers for the salvage operation come from a contractor who purchases them from Carolina Power and Light (CP&L), Wilson said.

"We purchase them from Jim's Electric out of Jacksonville, Arkansas. They buy them from CP&L, and we go to Raleigh and pick them up," Wilson said.

"I believe this whole thing has been blown out of proportion," Wilson said. "We want to let the people know that we are not doing anything illegal."

No PCB's above levels considered dangerous by the federal

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 50 parts per million, are being handled by the Hoke County dismantling operation, Wilson said.

Recent sampling of the storage tanks used by Wilson showed readings of 23 parts per million PCB, Horne said.

At his state Highway 211 location west of Raeford, Wilson says he dismantles the transformers, removes the copper wire cores, drains the oil, which is placed in the underground storage tank of an abandoned service station, saves the casings for sale and places porcelain parts in the Moore County Landfill.

Efforts have been made to get a permit to operate incineration equipment at the site, however, Wilson said, the regulations were stiff and the equipment costly, so the project was abandoned.

The equipment would have been used to burn paper from the copper wire coils, he said.

The coils are now taken to

Goldsboro, where they are sold and exported to Taiwan, Wilson said.

The oil is sold back to Jim's Electric for 40 cents per gallon and shipped to Jacksonville, Arkansas, he said.

Some transformer casings are shipped to Dillon, South Carolina and sold, and others are stored on the Hoke County sites until the scrap market improves, Wilson said.

Although Wilson lives in Goldsboro, he says he uses the Hoke County location for his dismantling because it is easier to reach by truck, and shipping costs can be kept low.

Correction

In an editorial it was incorrectly stated that the Faberge expansion would create 200 jobs.

The expansion will actually create 50-100 new jobs. We regret the error.

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