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## Board Of Education Adopts 81-82 Budget

The Duplin County Board of Education adopted a 1981-82 budget calling for \$2,471,194 from county tax funds last week.

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ultimate power of the purse. The county commissioners can accept, reject, reduce or increase the proposal of the school board.

The \$76,000 will fund a salary increase for county paid school employees at the same level as state paid employees, C.H. Yelverton, county superintendent, reported. If the state fails to increase teachers' salaries by the expected 4-5%, the money will be used elsewhere in the system.

Board Chairman Graham Phillips voted against the budget on grounds \$50,000 for a computer system should

be used for other purposes. The proposed computer system would mesh with a state system now being developed. E.L. Boyette made the motion to adopt the budget. Patricia Broadrick seconded, after saying she did not believe the board should attempt to persuade the county commission to increase its appropriation. Boyette, Broadrick, Jimmy Strickland and Joe Swinson voted for it.

The board passed a resolution to the county commission asking that \$200,000 a year, or more if available, be put into a school construction fund.

Yelverton commented, "In the past, we have had the money to run a good school system without any fat in it so any reductions now mean cutting programs."

He noted the Duplin system will be on probationary accreditation status with the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges because of a fund request reduction of \$33,000 by the county commission. The money would have paid for library aides and secretaries required by the association for accreditation. The positions have been paid by Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).



**JAMES KENAN STUDENTS ATTEND PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM** - During the week of June 13-20, several James Kenan High School students will be attending the summer session of a Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. The program is being held on the campus of

the American University in Northwest Washington, D.C. Selected to attend this program for their leadership qualities and academic standing: (L-R) Allen Roper, LeAnn Costin, Todd Bowden, Patrick Bell and Michael Anderson.

## Boards Discuss Wallace Library Finances

A long discussion concerning the operation and financial status of the Thelma Dingus Bryant Library in Wallace resulted in no action by either the town board of commissioners or the library board of trustees Thursday night.

Neither board made any request of the other during the discussion.

Underlying the discussion was a funding problem resulting from a reduction in the town's support of the library last year. The library board had insisted it needed three full-time employees at the library. The 1980-81 budget salary budget of \$22,625 provided money for two full-time and one half-time positions.

The library had been oper-

ating with a three-member staff. Its salary budget was cut about \$3,000 from the preceding year.

Last month the library board found it would run out of money to pay salaries on June 4. The town board appropriated \$850 from contingency funds last month to pay only the two full-time employees through the fiscal year ending June 30. The town board contended the library would have had sufficient money for the fiscal year if it had worked the third employee on a part-time basis as it had been scheduled to do.

The library's money problems were compounded by vandalism through the winter. In addition to damaging furnishings, the vandals

set a thermostat to 94 degrees from its normal 68-72 degrees. This caused utility costs, already higher than budget allotments due to increases, to soar during a two-week period the building was closed. The town board took \$1,500 out of contingency funds in April to keep the library operating through the fiscal year. The extra money was limited to paying extra utilities only. The library board had asked for an additional \$3,000 for utilities and salaries.

Library Board Member Winifred Wells told the town board the library has some money from a trust fund usually used to buy books. She said this money will be used to pay the third employee for the remainder of

the fiscal year.

Mayor Melvin Cording said the proposed 1981-82 budget provides money to pay three library employees.

"I hope we can keep this in the budget," he added.

The 1981-82 budget proposes \$37,980 for the library, including \$26,200 for salaries. The salary proposal is \$3,600 higher than the budgeted amount for the 1980-81 year.

The town board adopted a carnival ordinance providing only non-profit organizations can sponsor carnivals in the city. The ordinance also bars games of chance.

Bryant Henderson, Beth Phillips and Betty Matthews were reappointed to the three-year terms on the town recreation board.

Bids for the long-proposed Warsaw sewage treatment plant will be opened July 9 by the Warsaw town board, the board decided last week.

The town has been under a construction limitation for several years pending construction of a new sewage treatment plant.

Cost of the project will be about \$2 million, of which the town will pay 12.5 percent. Voters authorized a \$400,000 bond issue two years ago.

In addition to receiving bids on the treatment plant,

the board will receive separate bids on a 12-inch outfall sewer line from the west side of town to the new plant on the southeast side of the city. Its construction will be authorized if bids remain within the available funding. Town Administrator Alfred Herring said.

The board also accepted bids for rehabilitation of five houses as part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant program. The grant of \$417,000 provided funds for repairing 36 houses. The five

involved bring the total repaired or being repaired to 19.

Robert Green was low bidder at \$9,672 for a house at 108 E. George St. and \$9,227 for one at 808 S. Pine St.

William Frederic was low bidder at \$9,009 for repair of a house at 307 S. Pine St. Robert Carr was low bidder at \$10,805 for a house at 801 S. Pine. James Frederick was low bidder at \$9,105 for repair of a house at 802 S. Pine St.

The board also voted to seek another HUD grant of \$488,000 for repair of 45 houses in the North Front Street area.

Fuel bids were opened and Blackburn Oil Co. of Warsaw received the contract for vehicle fuel on a base bid of \$1.189 per gallon, with the price to be adjusted up or down according to the market price.

Pargas of Warsaw and Smith Gas Co. of Magnolia received the contract for liquid petroleum gas at 74 cents a gallon.

## Rose Hill Board Approves 'Largest Ever' Budget

The Rose Hill board of commissioners approved a \$1,305,700 budget, described by Mayor Bell Harrell, as the "city's largest ever," last week.

He said the reason for its size is a \$817,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. With the grant deducted, the normal operating budget figure will be \$488,700, about \$6,000 larger than the 1980-81 budget.

The grant funds will finance rehabilitation of 35 houses, demolition of 10 houses, and water, sewer and paving improvements on 12 blocks, all in the Yellowcutter area of northern Rose Hill.

Bids will be received June 19 for rehabilitation the first six houses by McDavid Associates, consulting engineering firm, which will make recommendations to the board at its next regular meeting July 14.

The town tax rate will remain at 70 cents per \$100 assessed valuation for the second year in succession. Assessed valuation of the town is \$15 million. The levy brings in 105,000. An owner of a \$50,000 home will pay \$350 in real property taxes this fall.

The board, however, did increase the garbage collection fee \$1 per month, which

will bring in an additional \$6,000 a year to meet increased garbage pick-up costs.

Commissioner Keith Hinson suggested the board investigate the possibility of contracting for garbage collection with a private operator. "When we spend \$27,000 to buy a garbage truck and the cost increase 20-30 percent, we're just spinning our wheels. We give less service, and it costs more. I think other small towns should also seek an outside concern."

Woody Brinson of Kenansville, a consultant with McDavid Associates and former Kenansville administrator, said garbage trucks in many small towns are only used about 16 hours

a week, a small amount of use for a \$40,000 investment.

By a 3-1 vote, the board approved transferring a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act position as police dispatcher to the city payroll at an annual salary of \$6,968. Voting for the proposal were Commissioners Jerry Cottle, Clarence Brown and Clayton Jerring Jr. Opposing the step was Hinson.

The approved construction of a 50-by-100-foot shop and storage facility property owned by the city on the Lake Tut Road. Cost will be about \$30,000.

The board directed Town Clerk C.T. Fussell to order 700 city vehicle license tags and 200 decals (for vehicles without a place to put a city

tag on the front) for next year. No price was placed on the tags, however.

The CETA program is being eliminated.

Benjamin J. Matthews was hired as principal of the Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary School to succeed Charles Slemenda, who has been named principal of the Wallace-Rose Hill High School. Matthews is coming to Duplin County from Campbell College, where he is supervising teacher training.

The boards next regular meeting will be at 8 p.m. July 7. It plans to meet once a month in July, August and December. The board normally meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

## James Kenan High School Scholarships Awarded

According to Judy Hunter, counselor, the following scholarships were received by the James Kenan 1981 graduates:

Regina Arnette - Presidential Scholarship to attend Mount Olive College in the amount of \$1,500.

Kim Austin - William Randolph Hearst Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500, the Anna Foster Memorial Scholarship from Modern Matrons Club in the amount of \$200, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Goldsboro chapter, \$350.

Pam Brock - Extension Homemakers Scholarship for \$800.

Amelia Carlton, Presidential Scholarship to Campbell University, \$1,000 per year for a total of \$4,000.

Wanda Costin - 4-H Development Fund for \$500.

Teresa Emery - Admissions Scholarship to attend Campbell University at \$800 per year for a total of \$3,200.

Pam Ezzell - Faculty Scholarship to MOC, \$750.

Bernita Kea - N.C. Insurance Agents Association Scholarship, sponsored by

Carlton Insurance Agency of Warsaw, \$1,000.

Donna Kennedy - Patsy Howard Memorial Scholarship given by Beta Eta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, \$200.

Sonya Kernstine - Justen's Foundation, \$500.

Julia Spicer - Morehead Scholarship to attend UNC-CH (She is the first girl from James Kenan to receive this honored award. It pays for four years of college study and summer trips and outward bound adventures.) for a total of \$22,000.

Wanda Costin - Pepsi-Cola, \$200.

Darron Ezzell - Hasty Memorial Football Award, \$100.

Regina Arnette - Louis P. Boyette Memorial, from the Warsaw Business and Professional Women's Club, \$500.

Eddie Moore - Rotary Scholarship, \$500.

Sonya Kernstine - Kenan Scholarship, \$4,800.

James E. Frederick - Kenan Athletic Award, \$100. The grand total of merit awards received by James Kenan graduates of 1981 amounted to \$42,700.

## First Patsy Howard Memorial Scholarships Awarded

The Beta Eta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa has recently announced recipients of the Patsy Howard Memorial Scholarship.

According to Elizabeth P. Holly, president, the chapter is awarding scholarships to Donna Kennedy of Kenansville and Ramona Page of Burgaw. The membership of the chapter comes from Pender and Duplin counties.

This is the first time a scholarship has been awarded by the chapter. The scholarship is in memory of a deceased member, Patsy Howard, who taught in

Kenansville.

Donna Kennedy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver A. Kennedy of Kenansville and a graduate of James Kenan High School and a former student of Patsy Howard. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and enroll in a course of study in the medical field. While a student at James Kenan, she was a marshal, secretary of the student council, and treasurer of the Junior Beta Club.

Ramona Page, a graduate of Pender High School, is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood M. Page of Burgaw, and is an accomplished pianist. She will attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and plans to major in music. Miss Page was inducted in both the Junior and Senior Beta Clubs, was marshal, and was a Morehead Scholarship nominee. She participated in the band for six years and was a lieutenant during her junior and senior years.

The Patsy Howard Memorial Scholarship committee is composed of Edna

Earle Brinson, chairman; Sally Jo Houston, Bettie B. Hawes, Norma M. Swann and Frances J. Lindler.

## Reward Offered In Jernigan Murder

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. announced last Thursday that the state was offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the slaying of Inez Quinn Jernigan, owner of Jernigan Tractor Co. in

Kenansville, who was found beaten and stabbed to death in her home near Kenansville.

Anyone having information about the case should contact the Duplin County Sheriff's Department or the SBI.



**JAMES SPRUNT RECEIVES THIRD YEAR SAFETY AWARD** - Oscar Lambert, JSTC electrical installation instructor and safety officer, was presented a certificate of safety achievement from the N.C. Department of Labor. Lambert, left, is being congratulated

by James Sprunt President Carl Price, right, for safety efforts at the technical college. The certificate recognized James Sprunt for a third consecutive year in the area of on-the-job safety.