

Schoolcraft Studies First \$5 Million Year

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The meeting will be open to the public. No official action can be taken in a study session. Any consensus reached will have to be confirmed by official vote in the regularly scheduled board meeting the following Wednesday, March 11.

THE BOARD LEARNED in its February meeting that its budget may exceed \$5 million next year for the first time. College President Eric Brad-

ner presented the board a tentative schedule of revenues totaling \$5,084,004. The total assumed passage of the governor's budget bill, which is currently being hard fought in the Legislature, State aid of nearly \$2.2 million is

expected if that bill passes unchanged, which will amount to 42.82% of the prospective Schoolcraft budget. He predicted local tax revenues of \$1,269,000 or 24.96%; tuition and fees of \$1,448,000 or 28.48%; federal reimburse-

ments of \$150,000 or 2.95%; and investment, earnings, fees and rental income of \$40,000 or 0.79%.

Kenneth Lindner, vice president for business affairs. He said he expected to have a special session. The Schoolcraft operating budget this year (1969-70) totaled \$4,891,220.

State aid totaled \$2,087,000 or 42.7%. Local taxes totaled \$1,081,000 or 22.1%. Tuition totaled \$1,532,500 or 31%. Federal reimbursements totaled \$131,000 or 2.7%. Miscellaneous totaled \$244,000 or 5.0%.

Expenses were: instruction—\$3,028,286 (62.4%); public service—\$45,082 (1.0%); library—\$157,557 (3.3%); student services—\$288,330 (5.9%); administration—\$55,910 (1.2%); and plant—\$714,649 (14.6%).

LOCAL REVENUES are gained through a 1.03 mill levy on a \$1,045,643,960 (\$1 billion-plus) state equalized valuation (SEV), which is the combined SEV of the five-member

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school districts. The district levies an additional 0.74 mill for debt service.

Enrollment for fall term 1969 was 5,129, compared to 2,018 when the college opened in 1964. Faculty members now number 141 compared to 42 in 1964.

This year state aid is being received at the rate of \$37 per full time academic student and \$425 per full time vocational student.

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