

Walled Lake assesses how it did with budget

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One year ago, the Walled Lake Schools' business office developed a five-year spending plan, based on a tax increase approved by voters last December.

Since the millage passed, did the school board stick to that plan in 1984? A review of board-approved expenditures in 1984 reveals spending for all

the promised items: buses, roof repair, building repair, library materials and textbooks.

In addition, the school board authorized about \$50,000 in areas not mentioned during the December 1983 millage campaign. Included in the \$50,000 were an in-house suspension program, preschool program, a salary increase for the superintendent and a building inventory project.

THE BOARD started the year by ordering nearly \$20,000 worth of textbooks in January. Included in the order were junior high math textbooks, Central High School English textbooks and Western High School English, math and psychology textbooks.

Also at the start of the year, 10 school buses were ordered for about \$250,000.

In February the school board authorized about \$16,000 for a new in-house

suspension program. The program is designed to keep suspended students working in a classroom during their suspension period. The salary for the supervising teacher is the primary program expense.

Additional funding for the district's secondary libraries materialized in March when a \$10,000 appropriation was approved for additional materials and staff. Both high school libraries

were able to restore a secretarial position with the additional funds.

WHEN THE 1984-85 school budget was approved in June, it included a number of items promised in the millage campaign. In July, the board approved more than \$800,000 for building roof repair. Maple, Twin Beach and Commerce elementary schools, Central High School and Clifford H. Smart Junior High were slated to receive repairs.

The \$300,000 price tag for the work was about \$122,000 over the budgeted amount.

IN SEPTEMBER, nearly three months after the 1984-85 budget was approved, the board passed an outline of the equipment purchases for this year. Items on the \$250,000 capital outlay list ranged from classroom furniture and science equipment to video-cassette recorders and copiers. The list also included approximately \$17,000 for replacing old maintenance equipment, including vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers and floor buffers. Increased capital outlay expenditures was a promised spending priority of the December 1983 millage campaign.

In October, the board approved a \$18,000 building inventory. This item was included in the 1984-85 budget and was to involve an inventory of building contents and the appraisal of each school facility.

Salaries were another area of spending in 1984. In January the board settled contracts with union and non-union administrators and with school bus drivers — all of whom received 5 to 5.9 percent pay increases for 1984-85.

Finally, in October the school board approved a \$4,259 salary increase for Superintendent Don Sheldon for 1984.

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COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM-MING SCHEDULE
Monday, Dec. 10

- 12 p.m. — Soundtrax — WLBS Garage Tapes.
- 1 p.m. — Rock Hot Shots.
- 1:30 p.m. — Lifestyles, Diana Martina.
- 2 p.m. — Cranbrook Hospice presents: Lorraine McCarty, artist.
- 6 p.m. — Soundtrax — WLBS Garage Tapes.
- 7 p.m. — Rock Hot Shots.
- 7:30 p.m. — Lifestyles, Diana Martina.
- 8 p.m. — Cranbrook Hospice presents: Lorraine McCarty, artist.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

- 12 p.m. — Duel of Knowledge, Mercy vs. Harrison.
- 12:30 p.m. — Oakland City Parks

& Recreation platform tennis.

- 1 p.m. — Self-protection Seminar, Farmington Hills Police Dept.
- 2 p.m. — Insight: topic, Nicaragua.
- 5 p.m. — Duel of Knowledge, Mercy vs. Harrison.
- 6:30 p.m. — Oakland City Parks & Recreation platform tennis.
- 7 p.m. — Selfprotection Seminar, Farmington Hills Police Dept.
- 8 p.m. — Insight: topic, Nicaragua.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

- 12 p.m. — Church of Today, An adventurous life.
- 1 p.m. — Farmington Community Library Express, food fun.
- 1:30 p.m. — Celebration First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

- 2:30 p.m. — Hand & Spirit clay pieces.
- 2:45 p.m. — Do You Care? Interview and slides on the Philippines.
- 6 p.m. — Church of Today, An adventurous life.
- 7 p.m. — Farmington Community Library express food fun.
- 7:30 p.m. — Celebration — First Presbyterian Church of Northville.
- 8:30 p.m. — Hand & Spirit clay pieces.
- 8:45 p.m. — Do you care? Interview and slides on the Philippines.

Thursday, Dec. 13

- 12 p.m. — Health talks, Henry Ford Hospital.

- 12:30 p.m. — A House for all Seasons. Avoiding the draft.
- 1 p.m. — Money Matters, achieving financial independence.
- 1:30 p.m. — Asthma, allergy and you.
- 2 p.m. — Insight, Nicaragua.
- 6 p.m. — Health talks, Henry Ford Hospital.
- 6:30 p.m. — A House for all Seasons. Avoiding the draft.
- 7 p.m. — Money Matters, achieving financial independence.
- 7:30 p.m. — Thursday Review.
- 8 p.m. — Insight, Nicaragua.

Friday, Dec. 14

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At times all of these joints are painful, while at other times only one or two are tender and difficult to move. There are occasions when no joint appears inflamed, but because of strain on muscles surrounding the inflamed joints, the individual notes profound fatigue.

A person with rheumatoid arthritis may feel badly for another reason: depression over losing the ability to live independently. This despondency may be expressed as withdrawal, quick temper, complaints of boredom, or statements on the hopelessness of trying to carry on.

It takes sensitivity to live with someone having rheumatoid arthritis. The task is particularly difficult, as at times the need for help exists but the individual with arthritis fails to call for assistance. Since the physical and emotional needs of the arthritic person are constantly changing, family members must try to be perceptive to these shifts if they are to offer appropriate support.

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This only goes against tradition. It goes against ancient and modern wisdom. It is essential to admit to death's reality. Even if this is a somewhat painful experience, it can be helpful and rewarding one. To view the body is one of the first and most important steps of accepting death.

Most people wish to remember the deceased as he or she appeared alive. This is where the skill of the funeral service licensee comes in. If the death was violent or the body wasted away, this skill can be used to modify or erase the scars of violence or the ravages of disease. This will help with the families peace of mind.

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