

# C'ville Planning Staff Cuts Of 10-20

Clarenceville School District will have to reduce its total certified staff by 10 to 20 teachers and administrators for the next school year.

But because of the uncertainty of the school revenue, the Board of Education voted to notify all the first and second year probationary teachers that they would not be offered contracts for the 1971-72 school year. About three dozen would be affected.

Notifications were approved to comply with the state tenure law, which requires that all teachers be notified 60 days prior to the end of the school year if their contracts will not be renewed.

SUPT. DAVID McDowell said the district hopes to be

able to hire some of the teachers back before the end of the school year when it has a better idea of what the revenue will be.

McDowell listed a number of expenses that Clarenceville had to absorb as a result of the state's inability to provide enough school aid:

"(1) The Supreme Court decision in August of 1970 regarding free textbooks and supplies. Immediately following this decision, the State Legislature passed on intent resolution to help the schools. They were unable to make good on the resolution. Cost to the District: \$25,000.

"(2) The state aid act called for a reduction in state aid equal to the amount of money received from house trailers in the district. Cost to the district: \$8,000.

"(3) State aid was reduced equal to 3/4 of the per cent of the district's total operating revenue. Cost: \$25,000.

"(4) The state will only pay approximately 80% of the money promised for special education and the intermediate district will only be able to absorb 60% of the amount the state is unable to pay. Cost: \$38,000.

"(5) The district suffered an additional loss in transportation because of a quirk in the law. Cost: \$25,000. Total loss: \$121,000.

"TO OFFSET this loss, the district did qualify for \$35,000 under Sec. 17 of the state aid act. Sec. 17 provides some additional funding for school districts that have high taxes other than school operating taxes.

"It is anticipated the district's total revenue for 1970-71 will be \$3,357,000 and the expenditures are estimated at \$3,483,000. Simply stated, expenditures exceeded the revenue by \$96,000.

"Fortunately the district had a combined general fund equity of \$300,000 on June 30, 1970. This fund will be reduced by \$96,000 on June 30, 1971.

"Further, fund equity does not represent a cash reserve, as many people think. Instead it represents assets, such as accounts receivable, taxes receivable, inventories, prepaid insurance as well as cash. The district will probably have no cash balance on June 30, 1971. It is estimated the district will have to borrow some \$300,000

between July and December of 1971 in order to operate.

"THE CLARENCEVILLE Board of Education and the administration have agreed that it must plan for a balanced budget for the 1971-72 school year.

"There is no evidence, at this time, that the State Legislature can or will do much to increase their appropriations to schools this coming year. Further, they appear reluctant to make an early decision so that the schools can plan. Therefore, Clarenceville's Board of Education must, like all other school districts, develop a budget without knowing the amount of revenue it will receive from the state.

"Under the present state aid act, because of anticipated

increased valuation and some reduction in school enrollment, the district will receive approximately \$36 per child less from the state than it did last year.

"If this estimate proves to be fact, it will mean that the support of education by the Clarenceville School District has shifted over a five-year period from 50% state support and 50% local support to 34% state support and 66% local support. As a direct result of rising costs and the state's apparent inability to finance education, certain drastic cutbacks must be planned by the district.

"SINCE APPROXIMATELY 85% of all expenditures go to pay salaries of employees the major cost reduction must come through the reduction of personnel.

"(1) The first reduction possible is to return persons on special assignments to the regular classroom. Five persons in this category are scheduled to be regular classroom teachers. The net effect of their return will be to eliminate five positions currently held by probationary teachers.

"(2) A decreasing enrollment in the elementary school causes a further staff reduction of three probationary teachers.

"(3) By adjusting slightly at the high school and junior high school, it is possible to reduce the secondary staff by two probationary teachers without materially affecting the quality of education.

"The above reductions have been included in the preliminary budget and by using this year's state aid formula and planning only increments the district's expenditures would exceed revenue by \$42,000.

"A NUMBER of austerity programs must be planned so that the Board of Education and administration will have alternatives as they attempt to balance the budget for the ensuing year.

"One austerity program would reduce the following programs and staff: two elementary physical education teachers, two elementary librarians, one vocal music teacher, one elementary art teacher and one senior high school counselor.

"Because many of the persons referred to above have tenure, it would necessitate the scheduling of these people

into assignments currently held by probationary teachers and further reduction of staff by eight probationary teachers.

"Further austerity or more drastic reduction would be to eliminate the remaining elementary personnel in the following areas: one physical education teacher, one librarian, one vocal music teacher and one art teacher.

"The above personnel are tenure teachers. Therefore, they would be scheduled into regular classes and replace four more probationary teachers.

"WHEN PLANNING an austerity program, other areas must be looked at in hopes of locating areas, other than those directly affecting the education of children, which could be reduced.

"Some areas which should be explored before a final decision is made are as follows:

"(1) Transportation—should be reviewed with the idea of limiting transportation, as much as possible, to only those children who would be eligible under state transportation regulations.

"(2) Limit summer school to only self-supporting programs.

"(3) Reduce or eliminate inter-scholastic competition.

"(4) Limit purchase of new textbooks, supplies and educational equipment.

"(5) Reduce preventative maintenance program.

"(6) Reduce custodial staff—do not clean certain areas nightly.

"(7) Close Westbrook Elementary School.

"(8) Eliminate more administrative positions.

"(9) Elementary secretaries sell lunch tickets.

"(10) Not attempt to publish the Newsletter—use media."

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Popular show music will be featured when the Redford Civic Symphony presents its Cabaret Concert Sunday, April 25, at 4 p.m., in Thurston High School cafeteria, Schoolcraft Rd., west of Beech-Daly.

Tickets for this performance, as well as next year's memberships will be available at the door. Families are invited and refreshments will be served.

The concert is being presented by the Redford Township Music Society, which is now accepting memberships for the 1971-72 concert season.

AS AN ADDED bonus, those joining the Music Society for the first time are invited to attend the Cabaret Concert without charge. Advance memberships may be obtained by calling Mrs. John Kargul, Kargul Chemical Lab, 15182 Woodbine, Redford Township.

John Gajec, conductor, and Robert Zimmerman, associate conductor, will direct the symphony and Winston Hudson will be the narrator.

HIGHLIGHTS OF the program will be selections from "Oliver," by Bart and Reed and a Symphonic Scenario of "South Pacific" by Richard Rodgers, arranged by R. R. Bennett.

Two works from "Airborne Suite" by Creston, "Afternoon in Montreal" and "Night in Mexico" will be heard in the concert.

Other works will be "A Midsummer Night's Dream Overture" by Mendelssohn; "The First Day of Spring," by Anderson; "Chit Chat Polka" by Strauss; and "Dancing Violins" by Winkler.

**Concert May 6 At C'ville**

Clarenceville's Junior High vocal music department will present its annual spring concert on Thursday, May 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium in Clarenceville High School.

Admission is 50 cents per ticket for both adults and students.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Chorus and a selected group called the Candy Canes will sing under the direction of Miss Carol L. Hornung.

Formal selections will be featured during the first half of the program with the second portion devoted to popular selections from the Lerner and Loewe musical "Paint Your Wagon."

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