

Why Clarenceville Budget Rose 4 Per Cent For Year

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Clarenceville Board of Education will hold a public hearing at 8 p.m. Thursday on a 1973-74 school budget of more than \$4.1 million, an increase of more than four per cent over last year.

Edward Salisz said this is not considered deficit financing because the district's fund equity (surpluses left over from previous budgets) would be used to balance the budget.

Largest increase, according to Salisz, is in teacher salaries amounting to about five per cent of \$150,000. Seven teachers were eliminated

from the staff this year.

Besides salaries, other costs of the new teacher contract are student co-op aides at \$7,000 and improved employee insurance coverage amounting to nearly \$22,000.

Areas where costs have risen significantly are in contracted services and fuel.

Contracted services include lawyers and accountants for the district. "We're going to lawyers more for interpretation now, and the budget includes \$5,000 to cover legal fees for the busing suit," said Salisz.

"Principals have been told that field trips will possibly have to be curtailed," Salisz continued.

Last year the district paid 12.43 cents per gallon of gasoline; however, this year the district will have to pay

18.5 cents with 90 per cent of the volume it used two years ago.

Salisz said that special education and education classes required more fuel supply for transportation.

Revenues this year are affected by decreased taxes, increased valuation, increased state aid and reduced federal funding.

Operating millage in the district was reduced by 33 mills, which means a reduction of \$24,000 in revenue.

Debt retirement millage was also reduced by .06 mills to 7.01 mills, the "minimum needed to borrow money from the state." Such millage does not affect operating revenue in the budget, however.

Local revenues will increase by nearly \$150,000 due to increases in property valuations.

Tax appeals, however, have already cost the district \$17,000 in revenue, and a pending court suit could cost the district \$1.2 million because of tax receipts received during the last three years.

State aid revenue to the district will increase by more than \$51,000 because of a new formula. The budget also accounted for a decrease in student enrollment of 144.

"Last year we received over \$100,000 in federal programs. This year we will get \$17,000 less," added Salisz.

He said that the district may still receive funding for another federal vocational education program and funding for special education for last year.

Trainer Quits COG -- 'Health'

James L. Trainer has resigned today as executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Citing "physical problems," Trainer said he was following the advice of his doctor in announcing his decision.

"I am concerned that this decision may be misinterpreted," Trainer said. "Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to express my open appreciation and gratitude to all the members of the executive committee for your support." He also praised the SEMCOG staff as "loyal, dedicated and extremely effective."

Trainer, 38, came to SEMCOG in June 1971 as a management consultant to reorganize the agency. In September 1971 he was named deputy director. Subsequently, he was named acting director and, after a nationwide search, director. He has directed SEMCOG activities for 17 months.

Trainer offered to continue in his position until Dec. 28.

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The plea was adopted unanimously by the four board members, three of whom are county commissioners.

"In all 82 other counties in Michigan, a violator may be fined \$10,000," said County Commissioner Brian G. Arrowsmith, of Wayne, health board chairman. He added: "It is ironic that only in Wayne County, which has the heaviest concentration of industry and therefore the biggest problem, the maximum fine is only \$100."

The Air Pollution Control Division of the County Health Department enforces the air pollution control regulations enacted by the Board of Health under the state law. The board resolution de-

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