

Here Is a Repeat of the March 28 School Vote Facts

That special Birmingham school district election on March 28 is an important one. That is why The Birmingham Eccentric repeats the following questions and answers about the important facts and background data relating to the election:

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Herewith we provide you with some pertinent information relative to the financial condition of your Birmingham Public School District. We trust it will aid you in making your mind in considering the board of education's request for a five-year increase of four mills on your tax bill.

The special election for this purpose has been set for Monday, March 28, 1960. The following comparative statement of 1954-55 through 1959-60 shows that you have secured from the State of Michigan a 10-cent increase in your property tax. You will note that we have selected the information:

What are we voting on? A proposed increase of four additional mills on property valuation AS EQUALIZED. For how long will this voted millage be collected? It will be for five years, or through 1964. What is this new money going to be used for? Additional teaching staff, instructional improvement, through additional materials at materials center, books for secondary school libraries, stronger inservice training program for faculty, matching funds for federal defense act.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Teachers (\$217,725.00), Principals (19,252.50), Custodians (78,000.00), Clerical (16,608.50), Central board staff (3,500.00), Increments (3,825.00), TOTAL (\$761,049.60).

Why do we have to spend it for these things? If we don't, then our teachers' salary schedules—already at the lower end of the Detroit metropolitan communities—will drop through the floor. Other school districts are raising salaries, and if we are to keep and obtain good teachers, we have to pay salaries which are competitive.

What is the school district's present total millage? It is 22.48 mills. This consists of 12.98 mills for school operation, plus 9.5 mills for school debt (to pay off bonds issued to construct new schools).

What will it be if the proposed millage vote is passed? It will be four additional mills, or a total of 26.48 mills.

How much money are we spending on school operation? In the school year ending June 30, 1959, we spent \$4,184,761.79 to operate our schools. For the school year ending next June 30, we estimate we will spend \$4,698,757.27.

What was the Birmingham school district's tax rate in 1954-55? It was 22.08, consisting of 11.98 mills for operation and 11 mills for debt retirement.

How much additional millage will be obtained from this 4-mill increase? How much additional school district valuation of \$100,262,104 times 4 mills equals \$761,049.61.

What does this "as equalized" mean? It's a pretty complicated formula. Basically, it means there is a state-determined ratio which equalizes assessed property valuations of all municipalities in a school district. In Birmingham, as assessed are equalized, a \$15,000 residence in one municipality (assessed at \$7,500), pays the same amount of taxes as a \$30,000 residence in a second municipality, which has assessed it for only \$5,000.

Is there any simpler way I can determine about how much additional school tax I should expect to pay? The proposed 4-mill increase is a 17.7 per cent increase over the present total millage. So multiply your last year's tax by 1.177 per cent. This would approximate your new school tax. (Be careful not to include in your figuring any county taxes.)

What were the Birmingham school district's ASSESSED AND EQUALIZED valuations in 1955? The assessed valuation was \$80,866,659, the equalized valuation \$100,262,104.

What is the district's ASSESSED AND EQUALIZED valuations TODAY? The 1959 assessed valuation is \$100,262,104; equalized, \$100,262,104.

Why—with all the increases in valuation—can't we get along without an increase in millage? Because the increase in tax valuation from our new building of all kinds is offset by the loss of tax value in the school district. In fact, we have new homes built in the school district.

Are we paying any special millage now? Yes, we are.

When did we pass it, how much is it, and when does it expire? When did we pass it, 1957, amounted to 6 mills, and runs out in 1961.

Can you give us other important comparisons between 1955-56 and 1959-60 figures? Tax rate: 1955-56: 22.08 mills; 1959-60: 22.48 mills. No. of pupils: 8,791 on Sept. 30, 1955; 12,045 on Sept. 30, 1959. Pupil per classroom: 26 in 1955; 26 in 1959.

What is our bonded debt at the moment? It is \$14,222,000.

What was this bonded debt last year? Then it was \$7,818,000.

When do we vote? On March 28, anytime between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Where do we vote? In 13 different school district precincts: Precinct No. 1—East Bluffs; Precinct No. 2—Harrison; Precinct No. 3—Baldwin; Precinct No. 4—Pierce; Precinct No. 5—Franklin; Precinct No. 6—Bloomfield Village; Precinct No. 7—Walnut Lake; Precinct No. 8—Bryant; Precinct No. 9—Greenfield.

In case I'm not registered to vote, where do I get this done and what's the deadline? At the city, village or township clerk of the ward or precinct in which you live. You have until 5 p.m., Friday, March 18, to sign up.

That's one reason why a community should encourage teachers to take additional college work, or to study together, to further their education. An increased program of inservice training is planned for the Birmingham schools with money provided by the tax levy.

"ALL SEVEN of the Birmingham school board members join in this appeal to all citizens to vote 'Yes' March 28 in order that Birmingham schools can stay ahead in providing good education for the district's youngsters. A 'Yes' vote is needed to do these things:

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