

B'ham Schools Operate on \$7 Million Budget

The 1962-63 operating budget was approved at the June, Birmingham Board of Education meeting. The budget is slightly over \$7.2 million.

About \$700,000 additional will go to support improved teachers salaries and an instructional program next year.

Other budget categories remained proportionately about the same or showed proportionate decreases. Plant operation and maintenance showed some increase to take care of two new buildings and five additions currently under construction.

ADDITIONAL TEACHERS to handle expanding enrollments and to maintain reasonable class sizes were cited by Daniel Nesbitt, deputy superintendent in charge of instruction, as major reasons for increases in the instructional accounts.

Other factors included an expanded in-service training and professional growth program, increased emphasis on curriculum research and new system-wide programs in junior high math, seventh grade foreign language and in elementary social studies and mathematics.

All program improvements will require new textbook adoptions, according to Nesbitt.

Bus Statistics

In Birmingham, 10 school buses on 82 separate routes will transport over 1,000 children daily to 15 different school buildings.

In Bloomfield Hills, a total of 28 buses travel over 67 routes to transport children to 10 different schools.

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School Calendars For 1962-63 Birmingham

Aug. 31	Orientation Day
Sept. 1, 5	Pre-School Conference
Sept. 6	Half Day of Classes
Sept. 7	First Full Day of Classes
Oct. 11, 12	MEA Regional Conference
Nov. 21-26	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Christmas Vacation
Jan. 25	Last Day of First Semester
Jan. 28	Opening of Second Semester
April 11-22	Easter Vacation
May 30	Memorial Day Commencement
June 13	
June 14	Last Day of Second Semester

Bloomfield Hills

Sept. 4, 5	Teachers' Workshop
Sept. 6	Half Day of Classes
Sept. 7	Full Day of Classes
Oct. 11, 12	MEA Teachers' Institute
Nov. 22, 23	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 22-Jan. 1	Christmas Vacation
Jan. 25	First Semester Ends
Jan. 28	Second Semester Begins
April 12-19	Spring Vacation
May 30	Memorial Day
June 14	School Closes

Meadow Lake Opens in Nov.

All elementary school children will be attending their home school when classes begin Sept. 6 with the exception of Meadow Lake school, which is tentatively scheduled to open Nov. 1.

Children who were formerly transported out of their home school because of the crowded conditions will be back at Bloomfield Village, Franklin, Harlan and Pembroke schools. The finishing touches will be completed by Sept. 15.

THE NEW Westchester elementary school will be open and ready for the children, all of whom will be able to walk to and from school. The finishing touches in the building will be completed by Oct. 1.

General, electrical, and mechanical bids will be received on the new junior high school and the Barnum Junior High addition on Aug. 15. The Barnum addition is expected to be completed by second semester, and the junior high by Sept. 1963.

The bulk of the building program is being financed from the \$4,915,000 bond issue which was approved by the voters, Nov. 1961. Money for Westchester elementary school was approved by the voters in 1957.

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