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LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of School District No. 113 in the County of Lake, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education from and after 9:00 o'clock A.M., 31st day of May, 1949 at Highland Park in this School District.
Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:30 o'clock P.M., 13th day, July, 1949, at the Highland Park High School in this School District.
Dated this 31st day of May, 1949.
Board of Education of School District No. 113 in the County of Lake, State of Illinois.
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DEERFIELD-SHIELDS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.
By L. C. Tucker, Secretary

LEGAL

LEGAL:—Bids wanted by Water Department, Highwood, Ill., on 1-ton truck, dual wheels, with

dump body, 7 x 6. Bids will be opened June 17 at the Council meeting at the City Hall at 8 p.m.

City Clerk
City of Highwood

Division of Dist. 113—

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program to the District's taxpayers would be considerably in excess of the cost of adding to the existing school. During the maneuvers attendant upon procuring legislation for the purpose of separating the district, it was suggested that the problem be solved by the erection by District 113 of the Lake Forest High School and the operation by the District of the two schools in lieu of additions to Deerfield-Shields Township High School. This was agreed to by all parties and efforts to obtain legislation for separation ended. As a result of the understanding of 1933, the taxpayers of the entire District 113 have paid for Lake Forest High School, on which there remains a relatively minor bonded indebtedness.

In 1934 after construction of the new Lake Forest High School was begun, nine sections of Shields Township including Lake Bluff, which had theretofore comprised a part of a non high school district, likewise elected to attach to District 113, which now consists of Deerfield Township and substantially all of Shields Township. In 1936 the name of Deerfield-Shields Township High School was changed to and now is Highland Park High School.

The Lake Forest High School was opened in 1935; its present enrollment is 425 students. Children from the northern portion of the District have continued to have available to them the advanced vocational training facilities of Highland Park High School and each year several students from the northern portion have chosen to enroll in Highland Park High School for that purpose. In addition to making the extra facilities of the larger Highland Park High School available to all, the operation of both schools in one District has made it possible to solve certain difficulties which have arisen from time to time by transferring children from one school to the other.

The Trustees of schools must have discretion in acting upon petitions such as this, otherwise the Legislature would not have imposed upon them the duty to grant or refuse the prayer of the petitioners for detachment.

We do not propose to dispose of the petition on technical grounds and we expressly do not pass upon the jurisdictional questions raised at the hearing nor upon the sufficiency of the petition. However, we must state that we believe that the petitioners have not complied with the legal requirements of the applicable statutes. Among our reasons for such belief are: Many signatures to the petition are illegible. The petitioners have not established: (1) the number of legal voters in the area sought to be detached, (2) that all of the persons who signed the petition are legal voters in that area or (3) that the petition was signed by two-thirds of the legal voters in that area. The affidavit of Mr. Charles F. Clarke, attached to the petition, does not expressly state that the signatures affixed to the petition are signatures of two-thirds of the legal voters in the area sought to be detached. At the hearing Mr. Clark was asked, "Mr. Clarke, was it intended by that affidavit to state that the signatures were signatures of legal voters in the area sought to be detached?" He answered, "Nothing was intended except what was stated and I read it in the record and will be glad to read it again." (Transcript page 32)

In passing upon the petition, the primary consideration is, and must be, the educational benefit or detriment to the children who are in what is now School District 113. Public interest must prevail over private convenience.

The tendency of Illinois legislation during the past decade has been to encourage reduction of the number of school districts and to consolidate school districts and not to create new districts. As a result of recently enacted legislation and county surveys, the number of school districts in the state has decreased from more than 12,000 to less than 5,800 at the present time, and the State Department of Education has expressed the hope and belief that within the next decade the number would be reduced to less than 2,500. Therefore, it would appear that, unless cogent and compelling reasons are clearly shown, the petition should be refused.

The theory of public education which has been followed in the

United States and which has helped it to achieve greatness has been equal educational opportunities for all regardless of race, color, creed or financial ability. Such educational opportunities embrace at least the elementary and high schools. A well-educated citizenry is particularly necessary in a democracy. Funds for such education are obtained primarily from taxes levied on property. Such taxes are based upon the value of taxpayer's property; they have never been based upon the number of taxpayer's children of school age or the number actually attending public schools. Hence railroads, public utilities, business corporations, trusts, bachelors and spinsters are required to pay school taxes even though they have no children, and the parent who sends his child to public school pays no more school taxes than the parent whose children are beyond school age or attend private schools. The value of the taxpayer's property and not the number of his children attending school must be, and always has been, the basis for taxation for school purposes. To levy school taxes on any other basis would make it impossible to provide free and equal public school education.

Various figures purporting to show amounts paid as high school taxes and cost of educating students in the various areas have been presented by petitioners and by opponents of the petition. It is difficult to reconcile these figures. Both sides make assumptions which may be logically defended but they do not agree upon the assumptions to be made. However, a careful examination of the figures makes it clear that Lake Forest pays more than the cost of educating Lake Forest children actually attending Lake Forest High School and that Highland Park pays either the cost or slightly more or slightly less than the cost of educating Highland Park children actually attending Highland Park high school; in any event the overage or underage is not substantial. Highwood, Deerfield and certain other high school areas in the district pay substantially less than the cost of educating their high school students. If we assume that the number of children of high school age (disregarding whether such children attend public or private schools) in the area sought to be detached is proportionately the same as in the remainder of the district, then the difference in taxes paid is about equal to the amount by which the per capita average assessment of property in Lake Forest is greater than in Highland Park. The additional taxes paid by Lake Forest appear, therefore, to be due to the higher taxable property values in the area sought to be detached and not to any inequities in the tax scheme.

There has been no showing that the present area of District 113 is too large for efficient operation or that students in either the northern area or southern area would be benefited by separation. As above stated, the primary consideration is and must be the educational benefit or detriment to the children of the entire district. Upon whom taxes fall is secondary. There is no evidence that children would be helped by the petitioners referred to at the hearing) would give only minimum help. State aid amounts to only \$7 per pupil and there is no prospect of any increase; it would be completely insufficient to maintain the present high standard of the district.

The vocational training courses offered at the Highland Park high school, which have set the standard for Illinois, are available to students throughout the district and many students in the northern portion have taken advantage of them. Small high schools cannot offer such vocational training, which is invaluable, particularly to students who do not expect to attend college. The percentage of students who wish to take such courses is small. A high school with an enrollment much under one thousand cannot afford to furnish such training because the cost per pupil would be high if only a comparatively few pupils enrolled. Granting this petition would deny the benefits of this training to students in the northern portion.

The petitioners made clear at the hearing before the trustees that their case is bottomed upon the tax saving to the area sought to be detached. Every citizen wishes his taxes to be as low as possible, and the desire of the petitioners is understandable and

appealing. Attempts to save taxes are in general commendable, but granting this petition cannot result in tax savings for the entire district. It would result in tax savings for a part of the district at the expense of the remainder. It means separating an area voluntarily joined for more than forty years, for the sole purpose of changing an equitably distributed tax burden,—for, as has been shown, school taxes are based on property values and the inequities in District 113, if any exist, arise from the fact that the per capita value of the taxable property of taxpayers in the area sought to be detached is greater than that in the remaining portion.

If this petition is granted, there is no practical limit to the extent to which District 113 might be reduced or the number of new separate districts which might be created. If we grant this petition, the City of Highland Park, with equal justice, might then ask to be separated from the remainder of the district for the reasons advanced by the petitioners. Granting such a petition would reduce District 113 to a district with many school children of high school age living in an area with low tax value property, from which it would be difficult or impossible to get sufficient tax revenue to maintain high school education at its present standard. Areas in Highland Park and Lake Forest with few or no children of high school age might seek to be detached and create their own separate high school districts and so entirely avoid taxation for high school purposes.

Granting this petition would create a precedent applicable to every school district in Lake County. It would create insuperable problems for Boards of Education and the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools. The chaotic conditions which would ensue would render impossible sound educational planning, practices and financing. District School Boards of Education must plan for the future; such plans require long-term thinking founded upon reasonably predictable factors. If school districts are readily subject to reduction in size, boards of education and the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools will be unable to plan accurately for the future. No one could then estimate future capacity requirements of the physical plants, number of students, or the number of teachers which might be required a few years hence.

It is our considered opinion that (1) the long-established traditional American policy of free and equal public school education paid by taxes levied upon property without regard to whether the taxpayer uses the schools, (2) the declared policy of the Legislature of the State of Illinois to decrease the number of school districts, (3) the clear indication that educational standards would deteriorate in the less privileged remaining portions of the district if this petition were granted, and (4) the possibility that the principle of detachment for the purpose of reducing taxes in the area sought to be detached, once established, could be applied without limit to the complete elimination of certain areas from taxation to the detriment of less wealthy or privileged areas, compel us to, and we do hereby, refuse the prayer of the petitioners.

Trustees of Schools of Township 43 North, Range 12, Lake County, Illinois.
Samuel R. Rosenthal, President
Henry C. Siljestrom
Ralph S. Peterson
Martin C. Hart, Treasurer
Highland Park, Illinois
June 6, 1949

H. P. Hospital —

6th, as it was felt that a decision of such great importance should be made by the full Board which represents every segment of our community.

Trustees Approve 2-Story Wing

After a thorough examination of every possibility, the Board of Trustees decided that it was in the public interest to go ahead with the building program as far as possible, without incurring any greater debt than was absolutely necessary. It was decided to build a 2-story-and-basement east wing now, and to add a 3rd story addition at some future date.

The plan which is now under way will give the hospital a total of 83 beds, thus doubling the present bed capacity for medical and surgical patients. The basement will contain the new laundry and enlarged storage space; the first floor will contain the new, enlarged surgical suite completely equipped with the most modern facilities, the new emergency rooms, new laboratories and new

X-ray and out-patient department; the second floor will contain private and semi-private rooms, including two 4-bed wards. The total cost of the work, already completed and this 2-story-and-basement wing will be in excess of \$800,000. The third floor, when added, will give us an additional 30 beds, but it was felt that to build the entire 3-floor wing would mean a large debt burden that did not seem wise.

Selfridge Review Plans

"The construction now under way will give us a hospital of which our community may well be proud", states President Frank F. Selfridge of the hospital board. "We have had many serious problems to solve, but our citizens have responded nobly and the results are highly gratifying. No hospital in the country has a finer obstetrical department than the one we have now built and our new power plant which is now in operation, is equipped with two 90 h.p. boilers, either of which is capable of handling a 125-bed hospital, so we have ample capacity for any emergency."

As a matter of fact, all of our

The new 2-story wing will give new service facilities,—laundry, power plant, storage, staff and reception rooms, office space, surgical, laboratory and x-ray facilities,—are adequate for a 125-room hospital. This means that we will have no new expense for these services when our bed capacity has to be expanded in the predictable future."

us a total of 83 rooms, and, while this is somewhat less than we originally planned, it will actually double the number of beds we now have for surgical and medical patients. I urge all who have contributed to the building fund, as well as all others, to come to the hospital and see the work now in progress. You will be thrilled, I am sure, to see that our dream of an enlarged Highland Park Hospital is becoming a reality."

The steam shovels are now digging the foundations for the new wing and for the new lobby entrance on Glenview Avenue. All the water, electric and telephone lines have been relocated. The new parking area on Glenview Avenue is being cleared of trees and leveled for more than 60 automobiles at one time.

Student Day At Wesley Methodist Sunday, June 12

Student Day will be observed at the Wesley Methodist Church during the Sunday Morning Service on June 12th. The worship hour is being planned by the young people of the Church School under the direction of their teachers and Mrs. Ira Breakwell, Superintendent.

North Shore Line Eliminates Train Service As Economy Measure

The new schedule for the North Shore line, by which 54 trains were eliminated from suburban service, went into effect on June 5.

Obituaries

Fisher

Services were held in Evanston on Monday, June 6, for Mrs. Lily Millard Fisher, who died on Thursday, June 2, at Merion, Pennsylvania, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert C. L. Price. She had made her home there since leaving Highland Park some years ago after the death of her husband, Dr. Hugo G. Fisher. She was a member of one of the oldest Highland Park families, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Millard, having settled here about 60 years ago.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Mallory of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Robert Price, and five grandchildren.

Oliver

Funeral rites were held on Monday of this week at St. Luke's church of the Holy Spirit in Racine, Wisconsin, for Mary Louise Oliver, 630 No. Sheridan road, Highland Park, who passed away in St. Mary's hospital, Racine, on the preceding Thursday, three hours after being struck and severely injured by a North Shore line train at a Racine station. She was 26 years of age.

Visiting in Racine, she and her mother, Mrs. John Oliver, had alighted from a southbound train after a day of shopping. Witnesses said that she started to run across the tracks and was struck by a northbound train.

She is survived by her parents, and three sisters, Joan and Evelyn Oliver of Highland Park, and Mrs. D. F. Harbridge Jr., of Palos Verdes, California.