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'78 School Budget Under Consideration

Tentative budget considerations for 1977-78 were expected to be presented to Board of Education members at last night's meeting of the board at Jefferson School. Full coverage of the session, held too late for this week's Leader deadline, will appear in next week's issue.

The question of funding field trips in the Westfield Public Schools is expected to receive major consideration by the Board of Education as 1977-78 budget discussion and decisions continue.

Based on decisions by Fred G. Burke, New Jersey Commissioner of Education,

the board is considering funding field trips on the premise: "If the field trip is educationally sound, it should be offered to every school age student without cost."

Full funding of field trips by the Board of Education would require that funds be included in the school budget. Up to now, the school budget has not included these funds. Field trips have been paid for by parents. In case of financial need, field trips are paid for by the principal who uses a special fund set up for that purpose by the Parent-Teacher group in each school. Thus, no student has ever

been refused participation in a field trip because his or her parents could not afford it.

Commissioner Burke ruled in two cases, one in Colt's Neck and the other in Springfield, that field trips during school hours should be offered free to each student. The commissioner's decision deals only with field trips during school time. The decision does not affect field trips taken during non-school hours. Such recreational trips can still be offered to students, with funding from parents or through group fund-raising activities.

Ok Home Development

An appeal by C.W. Meyers and R. Williams for a preliminary plan for 13 homes in the Fairacres Ave.-Gallows Hill Rd. area was approved by the Westfield Planning Board Monday night following considerable discussion over drainage plans for the area. A possibility remains that the contractor and the town may cooperate on a drainage program for the tract, but Meyers' plans for drainage meets requirements for the tract.

Approval by the Environmental Protection Agency also must be obtained before building begins.

The Planning Board will recommend to the Board of

Adjustment that a parking variance be given to Raymond's Restaurant on North Ave. A site plan for expansion of the establishment was approved at Monday's session.

Also scheduled for Board of Adjustment action are plans of Dr. Robert I. Oberhand to expand his office and construct an additional apartment area in a residential zone at 320 Lenox Ave. His site plan also won approval of the Planning Board.

A preliminary plat plan and final map for a development by George Kovak was okayed by the Planning Board and will

include a terminus of Munsee Way as recommended by the Town Council.

Westfield Hall, a local church group, was given permission to expand its parking lot at property at 916 Boynton Ave. A 15 foot driveway and lot screening will be required. Dr. William E. Patton was given approval to convert the first floor of a house at 131 South Euclid Ave. into a dentist office and Robert Youngmans was given a 90-day extension on his previous approval for a major subdivision at the corner of Central Ave. and Washington St.

Republicans Sweep Local Offices

Republicans took a clean sweep of municipal offices in Tuesday's election, with Mayor Alexander S. Williams returning to office and Republicans Jack Meeker and Ron Frigerio taking council seats formerly held by Democrats in both the third and fourth wards.

Only one Democrat, Thomas Pluta of the third ward, will remain on Town Council when that body organizes in January. Both

third ward seats and one from the fourth ward are currently held by Democrats who have a 3-6 minority on the council.

Williams won handily in an 8,628 victory over Democrat Peter Cowles for mayor, sweeping all four wards and losing in only five of the town's 22 districts.

John Brady and incumbent Councilman Charles Brandt won by more than 2-to-1 margins in the first and second wards to defeat Democratic hopefuls David Newall and George Gerson by votes of 2460-1134 and 2414-1004

respectively. Incumbent Democrat James Eisenmann, councilman from the third ward who is completing his first two-year term of office, failed to carry more than the third district of his ward in his loss to Meeker who tallied 1971 votes to his opponent's 1664 to give the Republicans the first third ward council seat in several years.

A slightly higher plurality was won by Republican Frigerio in the fourth ward who defeated Democrat Robert Berenson by a vote of 2120 to 1697. Frigerio took

all but the first district where he trailed Berenson by 80 votes. The fourth ward seat is currently held by Democrat Arthur Fried who was named to the office following the appointment of Larry Weiss to a judgeship. Fried declined to seek a full term in office.

Total vote cast was 15,541, 77 percent of the 20,132 registered voters in Westfield.

While Westfield voters favored the Ford-Dole ticket for President and Vice-President of the United States, the Democratic slate of Jimmy Carter and

Arthur Mondale won nationwide, although losing in New Jersey. Local voters cast Republican tallies for all other elective posts except that of U.S. Senator. Former Westfielder Harrison Williams, a Democrat, won locally by a 7587-6959 margin and by a half-million vote plurality statewide.

High man on the local ballot was Congressman Matthew Rinaldo with a 11,730 vote over Democrat Richard Buggelli's 2860. Rinaldo took the 12th district seat in the House of Representatives with 75 percent of the vote cast to be returned to his third term in Washington.

Walter Halpin also led in Westfield and Union County to defeat Democrat Alfred Liotta.

While the Democratic Freeholder slate lost in Westfield, it won by about 10,000 vote margins county-wide. Westfield resident Charles Hardwick, a member of the Republican slate, was his party's top vote-getter for this office in his first bid for county office. Reelected were incumbents Harold Seymour, Thomas Long and Everett Latimore for three-year terms and Joseph Garrubbo for a one-year unexpired term.

Local voters supported \$225 million in bond issues, senior citizen homestead rebates and dedication of income tax funds but disapproved casino gambling in Atlantic City and increase in game fees and prizes. All the issues but the latter were approved by New Jersey voters.

Chamber's Future Topic of Breakfast

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce has invited all business, religious, professional, and community leaders to an open meeting at the First Baptist Church, Elm St. on Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 a.m. "Take a friend to coffee" is the theme for the function which is designed to bring interested and concerned community leaders together in a concerted effort to provide a viable program for the Westfield Chamber of Commerce.

Arthur Fried, Chamber president, stated that the organization has been researching the needs of the community in order to formulate a significant plan for the future, and personally invites Westfield's "thought leaders" to share their ideas for the betterment of the community.

Jubb Corbett, chairman of the event, promises a morning of meaningful exchange among all present and urges interested persons to call the Chamber of Commerce office, 232-6781, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays to respond.

Hearing Tuesday On Animal Bill

A public hearing on a proposed ordinance which would establish an emergency speed limit of 25 mph on Mountain Ave. Scheduled on Tuesday's agenda is a discussion on Westfield's joining Clark, Scotch Plains and Fairwood in a block grant application for a leaf compost location study and the waiving of a fee for a bonfire at Westfield High School Nov. 24, the day before the traditional Thanksgiving Day game at Plainfield.

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Vote by Wards in Westfield

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Total
Questions					
Casino Gambling					
Yes	1467	1416	1671	1885	6439
No	2206	2062	1907	1967	8142
Sr. Citizen Rebates					
Yes	2754	2535	2661	2872	10822
No	811	818	751	826	4032
Mortgage Assistance					
Yes	1802	1587	1746	1875	7010
No	1660	1662	1568	1702	6592
Clean Water					
Yes	2461	2309	2279	2409	9458
No	1053	995	1090	1216	4354
Institution Bonds					
Yes	1967	1831	1891	2002	7691
No	1465	1400	1369	1506	5740
Tax Dedication					
Yes	2320	2364	2211	2493	9388
No	1151	899	1087	1039	4176
Game Prizes					
Yes	1259	1238	1266	1277	4940
No	2078	1898	2019	2003	7996
For President					
Ford-Dole (R)	2594	2495	2187	2339	9615
Carter-Mondale (D)	1171	1077	1640	1637	5525
For U.S. Senate					
Norcross (R)	1965	1917	1446	1613	6959
Williams (D)	1662	1535	2200	2180	7587
For House of Representatives					
Rinaldo (R)	3044	2946	2752	2988	11730
Buggelli (D)	593	516	896	855	2860
For County Clerk					
Halpin (R)	2670	2540	2167	2294	9671
Liotta (D)	843	783	1348	1384	4356
For Freeholder 3-Year Term					
Ruocco (R)	2374	3125	1881	2037	9417
Hardwick (R)	2588	2552	2163	2343	9646
Morgan (R)	2375	2329	1899	2029	8632
Latimore (D)	1084	935	1569	1563	5151
Long (D)	1018	924	1487	1419	4848
Seymour (D)	1055	909	1525	1548	5037
For Freeholder 1-Year Term					
Weber (R)	2397	2317	1847	1987	8548
Garrubbo (D)	1056	929	1597	1605	5187
For Mayor					
Williams (R)	2431	2406	1802	1989	8628
Cowles (D)	1211	1055	1845	1827	5938
For Town Council					
Brady (R)	2460				2460
Newall (D)	1134				1134
Brandt (R)		2414			2414
Gerson (D)		1004			1004
Meeker (R)			1971		1971
Eisenmann (D)			1664		1664
Frigerio (R)				2120	2120
Berenson (D)				1697	1697

Absentee Ballots Not Included

Total Vote Cast 15,541
Total Registered 20,132
Percentage of Vote Cast 77%

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Reports on Poll

On Schools

School Superintendent Laurence F. Greene planned to report to the Westfield Board of Education last night about the 1976 Gallup Poll which sampled the public's attitude towards public schools.

Mayor problems, as viewed by the public in the nationwide poll, include the following 10:

- lack of discipline
- integration-segregation-busing
- lack of proper financial support
- poor curriculum
- use of drugs
- difficulty in getting "good" teachers
- parents' lack of interest
- size of school-classes
- school board policies
- pupils' lack of interest.

Dr. Greene also presented to the school board at the public formal business meeting, 11 ways, suggested by the public in the poll, to improve schools. They are:

- more attention to basic skill
- enforce strict discipline
- meet individual needs of students
- improve parent-school relations
- emphasize moral development
- emphasize career education and development of salable skills
- provide opportunities for teachers to keep up to date
- raise academic standards
- raise teacher salaries
- build new buildings
- lower age for compulsory attendance.

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Halloween Parade Brings Out the Best in Town

Halloween Parade Brings Out the Best in Town After a "heavy dew" fell last Sunday, the clouds opened up and smiled as the children of Westfield paraded through town.

Leading the parade was the "Spirit of '76" Fife and Drum Corp from the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. During assembly and judging, entertainment was provided by Westfield's 4-H Club's Blue Odyssey musical group.

These were among the outstanding entries in the 1976 Westfield Y's Men's Club Halloween Parade, which saw creativity by the participants.

The top \$25 prize was awarded to the "Old Lady Who Lives in a Shoe" group, consisting of 22 members of the Fairfield Circle-Carleton Rd. area led by Susan MacLean. A \$15 prize was awarded to the 14 member Fife and Drum



Parade Photos by Lucinda Dowell

Winners of the first place group award, "Old Lady Who Lives in a Shoe," 26 in all, led by Susan MacLean. Corp led by Jim Douglas.

The top winner in the groups of five or less took us back to the beginning of time by the "Prehistoric Group." Jim Class, John Class, Denise Class and Debbie were the monsters.

Following a tough choice by the judges came the

considered outstanding by judges. Among them were Louise Hydock as a skunk with her tail up in the air, Fred Brillinger as King King, Dean Huddleston as a grocery bag, and Jean Chanawater as the Princess

All of the costumes were

Rebate Filing Deadline Extended

Gov. Brendan T. Byrne has announced that the deadline for applying for the homestead rebate was being extended from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1.

But Byrne urged homeowners to "file promptly" with local assessors. More than 75 percent of local homeowners already have filed rebate forms, according to Westfield Tax Assessor Robert Brennan.

Byrne said the extension would not affect present plans to begin mailing the rebates next April.

The homestead rebates - for the state's 1.4 million homeowners which will average \$190 - are the key form of property tax relief in the income tax package. The rebates will be funded by income tax revenues.

The law creating the



Nickel Days for the United Fund of Westfield are being discussed by (left to right) Richard and Carol Jordan, owners of the Hickory Farms of Ohio with Richard E. Sameth, first vice-president of the United Fund Board of Trustees, and Linda Maggio, executive director of the fund.

Sandwich Sales to Swell United Fund

Hickory Farms of Ohio store, 215 South Ave. West, is offering nickel sandwiches to all who visit the store tomorrow through Monday. These will be made of rye bread, beef stick summer sausage and swiss cheese with sweet-hot mustard added. Because of the anticipated demand, sandwiches will be limited to two per person.

An unusual feature of the offer is that the store will not be retaining the proceeds from the sandwich sales. These will be donated to the United Fund of Westfield in the name of Hickory Farms of Ohio and those interested citizens who purchased sandwiches.

Another hopefully significant addition to the campaign this year is being

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