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LCS Voters Approve Budget; Elect Bill Kurtz to Board

Voters in the Livonia Central School District approved the district's proposed \$4,300,458 budget for the 1977-78 school year, 513 to 258, last Wednesday, June 8.

The new budget, \$203,496 higher than a year ago, will mean a tax rate increase of about \$2.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the Town of Livonia. "Rate increases in the other towns within the district will correspond in relation to their equalization rates," said Stanley Ruger, supervising principal.

William Kurtz won the school board seat with 408 votes. His opponent, Dorinda Jischke, received a total of 374 votes. Kurtz replaced Gordon Wingate.

Kurtz said before the election that he thought the most im-

portant issues facing the Livonia Central School District were to provide and maintain the school system with high quality education in the most efficient way.

When asked about the budget, Kurtz said, he thought the school board had done a commendable job in keeping the school financial condition in line, and also in providing a good education for all students.

Kurtz, a life-long resident of the community and a local farmer, has five children, all attending Livonia Central School, is vice-president of the Livonia Fire Department and a committeeman for the Agway Petroleum Plant. He is also active in many farm cooperatives.



WILLIAM KURTZ

Favorable Rate

County Sells Sewer Bonds

Livingston County on Tuesday sold 26-year serial bonds at 5.6 per cent interest to pay for the Conesus Lake-County Sewer District sewer system, ending five years of financing the system's construction cost through bond anticipation notes.

Livingston County Treasurer Joseph Griffo commented, "I'm just extremely pleased with the rate that we got."

The low bidder was a New York City investment group, Roosevelt and Cross, who bid an interest rate of 5.60 per cent for the county's necessary \$2,990,730.

Up until now, anticipation notes which have to be renewed annually, have been used. But this new bond is part of a new system of long-term financing which will be in effect for 26 years. As Griffo said, "it is part of a board effort to pull ourselves up by the bootstraps." Griffo added later, "I think that the low rate is a vote of confidence in the fiscal affairs of the county."

Lincoln First in Rochester submitted the bid on behalf of the New York firm that the bond was awarded to. Four other banks made bids, including Security Trust who made a bid of 5.625 per cent, Citibank who bid 5.70, Marine Midland Municipals with a bid of 5.875 per cent, and Chemical Bank of New York who bid was 6 per cent.

Griffo was surprised, he said, because the 'A' rating that the county has recently acquired for the bond anticipation notes, usually carries an interest rate of about 6 per cent. The rating was recently increased to "A" by the Standard and Poor's Corporation in N.Y.

The county's financial counselors, Fiscal Advisors, Inc., which has offices in Hicksville, New York City and Cicero, said that the 5.60 per cent interest rate received "is indeed very respectable."

The lake perimeter sewer system, first of its kind in the state, cost about \$8.8 million, of which about \$4.5 million was paid with state and federal grants.

Remaining costs will be met with proceeds of Tuesday's bond sale, and proceeds of another bond anticipation note sale of about \$1.5 million on June 23.

About \$600,000 of the notes are being sold in anticipation of receiving a low-interest loan for that amount from Farmers Home Administration.

The remaining notes will cover the cost of the sewer treatment plant improvement project now under way. Interim note financing is necessary because bonds cannot be sold until the exact cost of a project is known.

Plans are to complete financing with the sale of about \$900,000 in

long-term bonds a year from now to capitalize the improvement project.

Applications to Summer School Available

The BOCES regional summer school, held again this year at the Livonia Central School, anticipates an enrollment increase over the 700 students who attended last summer.

The majority of students enrolled are from the 12 component districts which make up the Livingston - Steuben - Wyoming supervising district. Also represented are public and private schools from Rochester and the Southern Tier as well as students from Genesee, Wayne and Ontario Counties.

Applications for all secondary level classes are still being accepted. Among the most popular programs are driver education, personal typing, and computer science in addition to both advanced and repeat courses in English, social studies, mathematics and science. Local guidance officers have copies of the Bulletin of Information which lists all of the offerings.

Registration will be held at the Livonia High School on Wednesday.



EUGENE C. BAKER

Gene Baker Retires

A man who has touched and affected the lives of countless young people, a man loved and respected throughout the community, plans to retire on July 1. But Eugene C. Baker, coach, teacher, and director of physical education at Livonia Central School, has been offered "one heck of a retirement job." Says Baker, "I have been very fortunate to have been offered a position coaching baseball at RIT. This job will involve only coaching varsity baseball in the fall and spring programs."

Baker graduated from Ithaca College in 1938 with a bachelor of science degree in physical education. He later continued his education and earned his master of science degree in physical education in 1948. In 1954 Baker received his director certification.

During Baker's 35-year tenure at the Livonia Central School, many sports have been added to the athletic program, including track, tennis, football, wrestling, volleyball, and most recently boys' sports. Baker has been responsible for many improvements and innovations in the school's athletic program, all of which add

together to give Livonia one of the state's finest athletic programs.

Baker coached soccer for eight years, football for 17 years, and baseball for 35 years. Before coming to Livonia in 1942, he worked for two years at Gainesville High and one year at Lima High. Including those three years of coaching, Baker has coached basketball for 38 years. His teams won 453 games and lost 266. Teams Baker coached in basketball went to 22 league championships and competed in two Section V championships.

In addition to his involvement with a multitude of coaching, recreation, and officiating organizations, Baker is a past president of the Livonia Rotary Club and a member of St. Joseph's Church.

Eugene and Ruth Baker plan to maintain their home in Livonia where they also plan to enjoy visits from their five children.

Evidently, Coach Baker has had an exciting, fulfilling career over the last 35 or 40 years. And from all outward appearances, his retirement will not be the end of his career, just a turn down a different road.

