



CLEANING FOLLOWING TOUCHUP PAINTING IN THE 136 diameter penstock was Tom Church, plant mechanic apprentice. Penstocks carry water from the reservoir to the four turbines.

Award Contract For Library

KALISPELL — A \$614,000 contract was awarded Wednesday morning by Flathead County Commissioners to Stewart & Jones for an addition to the Flathead County library, that originally was the Kalispell Post Office.

Commissioner Frank Guay said the funds were from a \$608,000 federal Emergency Economic Development Association grant. Stewart & Jones were only bidders though there were about 40 sets of plans out. Engineer's estimate was \$758,686. Hence the award.

Contract is to be underway by April 10.

School Levy

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filing posts of retiring personnel. After that, layoffs would be on a "last hired, first fired" basis.

Souhrada noted the proposed budget being put to the voters includes estimated raises for non-certified and administrative district employees.

Estimates were necessary because final salary rates for these persons have not yet been set by the school board.

Judy Bergstrom, District 6 Education Association president pointed out teachers alone can not be blamed for the levy increase.

"District 6 is fortunate enough to have some of the best teachers in the state because of the salaries paid them," she said.

"If a district does not pay high salaries, it won't get high quality teachers and the quality level of education will decline," Mrs. Bergstrom said.

She promised the teacher association would support this tax levy as well as all others in the past. "Remember, we teachers are taxpayers too," she pointed out.

Majority of the funding for the district still comes from the state federation program and the state and county equalization programs.

Total district budget for 1976-77 was \$2,822,900. If the mill levy is approved at the proposed amount, 1977-78 total budget will be \$3,279,029, up about 21 per cent.

Please see breakdown chart of this budget which shows the areas in which these tax funds are spent.



WEATHER forecast: Snow showers Thursday and Friday with predicted high Thursday about 40, low 25, high Friday 35-40.

	High	Low	Adapt	AC	RR
March 10	45	28	tr.	.05	.04
March 11	44	29	tr.		
March 12	52	28	tr.		
March 13	43	26	.02	tr.	tr.
March 14	36	15	.07	.03	.07
March 15	41	24	.07	.17	.20
March 16	46	23	tr.		
March 17	40*	27	.01	tr.	

*Anticipated

Meteorologist Ray Hall at the airport said normal high and low for March 18 is 40 with sunrise and sunset 6:45 a.m. 6:47 p.m. March 20 at 10:43 a.m. is officially the first day of spring.

March precipitation at the airport totals .54 of an inch so far compared to full month's normal .86 of an inch for this usually dry month.

Hungry Horse Reservoir elevation shows as 58.39 feet below full mark compared to 30.90 a year ago.

Big Mountain reports 87 inches of snow on top with 41 inches at the chafe. Normal is about 120 on top in mid March. There has been marked improvement this month.

Hayden Leaving

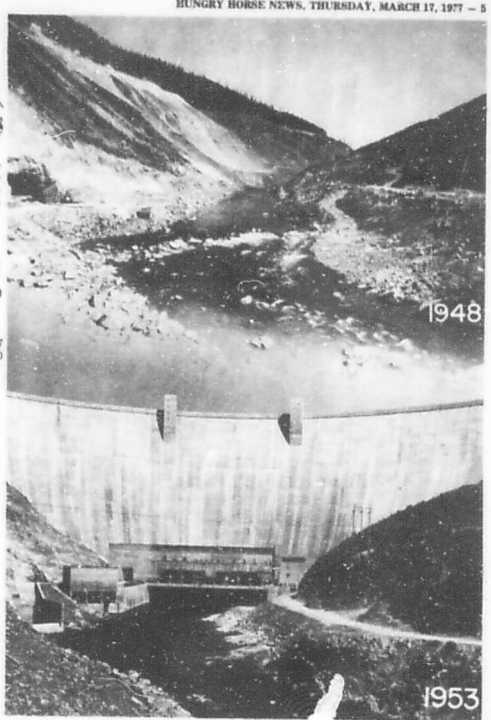
Kalispell Schools

KALISPELL — Supt. Patrick T. Hayden has resigned as superintendent of Kalispell District 5 schools effective June 30.

He is to become superintendent of schools at Oak Harbor, Wash.

Board Chairman Paul Tutwiler commented, "It has been our pleasure to work with him for the past five years and we certainly feel the school system has benefited greatly from his time spent here."

Hayden is completing his fifth year in Kalispell coming from Mount Vernon, Wash. where he was assistant superintendent.



HISTORIC BUREAU OF RECLAMATION COMPOSITE by Eddie McCloud showed damsite as it looked in 1948 and completed structure in 1953. Hungry Horse

Dam a powerhouse construction employed up to 2,600 men, and was \$102 million project. Base wage at project's start in 1948 was \$1.25 for laborers and \$1.75 for carpenters.

Teachers Elect 1977-78 Officers

District 6 Education Association election of officers Wednesday evening resulted in re-election of Judy Bergstrom to a second term as president.

Louann Larson succeeds Doug Teddy as vice president. Diane Hammer succeeds Alida

Blair in the secretary post. Marka Vranish succeeds Phyllis Robinson as treasurer.

These officers will serve the 119 teachers through March, 1978.

A ELM competitive oil and gas lease sale on two land parcels in North Dakota brought a high bid of \$9,136. It's in the Red Wing Blacktail Fields.

Kite Derby

Columbia Falls Cub Scout Pack 101 will participate in a kite flying derby Saturday at the Evergreen School.

Derby gets underway at 10:30 a.m. with 25 cent registration. Prizes will be awarded to the largest, smallest and prettiest kites.

There are seven dens in Pack 101, with 50 boys involved.

Present Budget

Following is a basic breakdown of District 6 \$3,279,029 proposed budget for 1977-78. Local taxpayers are being asked to pay \$883,722 in addition to regular school taxes. The rest comes from state federation program, and state and county equalization program.

HIGH SCHOOL

Staff Related Items	\$ 913,289
Heat & Utilities	41,500
Insurance (regular)	17,700
(Special Ed. Insurance)	8,924
Supplies (Instructional, Office & Nurse)	38,872
(Special Ed.)	966
(Operational)	14,296
Library	7,788
Textbooks	13,000
Films, Inservice, etc.	7,500
(Special Ed. Travel)	523
Audit, Election, Postage, Bld. & Adm.	6,480
Special Ed. Contracted Services	900
Replacement & Parts, Contracted Services	145,654
Activities (Student)	40,000
Special Ed. field trips	175
New Equipment (Special Ed.)	500
Other New Equipment	41,445

ELEMENTARY

Staff Related Items	\$1,564,738
Heat & Utilities	46,500
Insurance (regular)	22,400
(Special Ed. Insurance)	12,131
Supplies (Instructional, Office & Nurse)	66,627
(Special Ed.)	2,645
(Operational)	17,730
Library	12,840
Textbooks	8,552
Films, Inservice, Etc.	8,750
(Special Ed. Travel)	1,986
Audit, Election, Postage, Bld. & Adm.	6,750
Special Ed. Contracted Services	1,500
Replacement & Parts, Contracted Services	146,167
Activities (student)	12,152
New Equipment (Special Ed.)	750
Other New Equipment	25,870

Examples of items contained in each of the categories are: Staff Related Items: This includes all district personnel salaries, both certificated and non-certificated. In addition such items as sick leave, hospitalization insurance, education

increments, extra duty increments, etc.

Insurance: Industrial Accident, Liability and Fire. Unemployment Comp. Special Education insurance is for personnel in special education and is required to be placed in the General Fund Budget.

Supplies: Contains supplies for instruction, office and nurse. Such as forms, paper, pens, first aid, etc.

Operation Supplies: Such as mops, brooms, toilet paper, paper towels, floor finishes, naps, bolts, soap, etc.

Library: Such items as books, periodicals, newspapers, records, etc.

Textbooks: Textbooks for the district use in the classroom.

Films, Inservice: Films to be rented from OSPI for use in the classroom; inservice for staff, travel for Curriculum, etc.

Audit, Elections, etc.: In this category are amounts for audits, elections, legal advertising, postage, Board and Administrative travel, MSDA dues.

Special Education Travel: Travel for special education personnel such as school psychologist, director, speech therapist, with in the district and outlying schools.

Special Education Contracted Services: Special Olympics, swimming, and bowling for special education students.

Replacement & Parts: Contracted Services: Some of the items found in this area are: replacement desks, electronic motors, steam traps and valves, heating units, floor tile, glass replacement. In the area of Contracted Services: roofing, asphaltting, sealing, painting, service contracts for machines, clock systems, fire hydrant and line, remodeling.

Activities: Student activities such as forensics, track, music, drama, wrestling, football, basketball, etc.

New Equipment: Woodworking and metal working machines, science equipment, scrub machines, tools, etc.

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