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# Live Oak Board Approves District Bus Schedule

Bus and class schedules for the three schools in the Live Oak School District were approved Tuesday by its school board.

Bus schedules are the same as last year, except for new runs needed to accommodate an afternoon kindergarten class at Live Oak School.

Morning kindergarten at Live Oak School will go from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the new afternoon kindergarten from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Grades one through three at Live Oak are scheduled from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Green Acres grades four and five will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Two "straight" third grade classes, new at Green Acres, will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Del Mar grades six through eight will go from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Principal Al Dixon of Live Oak School urged parents of kindergarten students entering this fall to register as soon as possible, if they have not done so yet. Requests for either the morning or afternoon sessions will be considered on a basis of need.

Other business before the school board Tuesday:

**NO EXTRA TAX** — The board reaffirmed its position not to add 3.5 cents to the district tax rate, as would be allowed under the new school finance bill, SB 220.

In a recent straw vote trustees indicated they would not apply the optional tax, but would accept only the extra income of about \$13,000 from the state under SB 220.

**NEW TRUSTEE** — Pauline Poen, appointed by the board to fill the unexpired term of Trustee Vern Packer, took the oath of office, making her a full voting member.

**PRIORITIES** — Two years ago the school board set "basic education" as its top priority, and the principals now have asked if this is still operative.

"Basically, they want to know where the board is at," said Superintendent Duncan Coleman. Trustees decided to think it over for awhile.

**BREAKFAST** — The free breakfast program at Green Acres School will again be offered to children upon their arrival at school. Live Oak

School also will offer a 9:30 a.m. snack, which Dixon said will be "as nutritious as we can afford."

**HIRING** — The board studied a proposed policy for hiring teachers, as submitted by Trustee Phil Baldwin, which calls for the school principal to submit to the board a list of three final candidates.

An interview panel of two district residents chosen by the principal and two teachers chosen by their peers would indicate its preference to the principal, who then would recommend a final order of preference to the superintendent and the board for its decision to hire.

Coleman will write this procedure up as a board policy for official adoption at a later meeting.

**CETA TEACHER** — Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) money will be available for hiring another teacher in the district this fall, and principals agreed that Green Acres needs the help most. Principal George Buehring agreed with Coleman that hiring can wait until the school year has begun.

Because the Live Oak district has converted 15 of 16 CETA temporary positions into full-time regular district jobs, there is a strong possibility the district will qualify for one or two more CETA-funded positions in November or December, Coleman said.

The 16th employee is still a CETA worker. This high rate of entry into the regular district payroll is exactly what CETA is looking for, Coleman said.

**LUAU BENEFIT** — The community parks program at Live Oak district schools will benefit from the Fidelity Savings luau Saturday, to be held at the thrift association's parking lot at 3820 Capitola Road. Donation of \$2 is asked for the dinner, with two servings offered at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The luau benefit "pie" will be divided among six community projects, on the basis of votes cast by local residents. To vote for Live Oak or one of the other projects, attend the luau or drop by the Fidelity Savings office.

**DAY CARE** — A program of morning day care for parent volunteers who want to work in classrooms at Live Oak School was approved by the board. Principal Dixon said the separate building formerly used by Gretchen Harding's class will be used, and the adult education program will provide a child care supervisor.

Dixon said this program will infuse 20-30 hours of volunteer time daily into Live Oak classrooms, as well as benefiting volunteers by giving them a chance to become active in their local school.

## State 'Slippage' Affects Cabrillo

Not only did the state slip it to local taxpayers in its "slippage" system on SB 220 for elementary and high school districts, but it has put the same slippage in for Cabrillo

College, according to College President Robert Swenson.

Swenson said a state-ordered "cap" of 5 per cent which is allowed on enrollment increases as far as state funds go will mean an extra two cents on the tax rate to local taxpayers this year.

"While the state will only pay for an extra 5 per cent in enrollment, our actual enrollment will be up by 7 to 8 per cent," Swenson said.

Cabrillo's enrollment rose 10.2 per cent this spring over last fall, and 22 per cent higher than a year before that. Spring enrollment was 8,698 students.

Cabrillo is allowed to spend \$1,117 for each "average daily attendance" of students, compared to an average of \$1,190 statewide, Swenson said. It does get more average state aid, \$585 per A.D.A. compared to \$538 statewide, because of the available tax base being lower than the state average. Its tax rate for general operation will be 54.5 cents this year, Swenson said, compared to a state average for community colleges of 61.6 cents. This is 2 cents higher than it would be without the enrollment cap.

## Board Says No To Water Requests

Seven requests to take water from the San Lorenzo Valley area — including a bid from the City of Santa Cruz and the Big Basin Water Co. — were opposed by county supervisors Tuesday.

The board indicated it wanted a study of the San Lorenzo River and its tributaries to be completed before any more water was allowed to be taken from the area.

The protest will now be filed with the state water resources board which will hold a public hearing to determine if the protests are valid.

Members of the board split on the protest proposal with Supervisors Ed Borovatz and Dan Forbus voting no.

Both said that a smaller application — which involves some 1,000 gallons of water per day from Fern Creek — should

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