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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONTRACT AWARDED

Bids for the construction of Robert Trombly Elementary School, to be located in Windmill Pointe, at the corner of Essex Drive and Beaconsfield Avenue, were opened by the School Board at its meeting, August 4th. Nine companies submitted proposals, ranging from \$265,800 to \$307,967, for all work on the building. The Martin-Krausman Construction Company was awarded the contract for all trades, at the low bid, \$265,800.

Construction was started immediately, in order that the building could be occupied in February, 1927, at the beginning of the second half of the school year. The unit to be constructed at this time, which is the first unit of the ultimate school, has a cubic capacity of 651,730 cubic feet, and a standard per pupil capacity of 540. On the basis of the construction bid the building will cost 40¾ cents per cubic foot and \$492 per pupil, excluding the cost of equipment, landscaping and architect's fees.

The Robert Trombly School has been given closest attention by persons familiar with modern methods in educational planning. Prior to developing the plans, a survey of the district was made to determine the size of building required for present needs and the school facilities to be ultimately required by the area. The survey showed that the ultimate population of the Windmill Pointe area would be 6,445 people, and that facilities for 886 elementary school children would be required. Upon the basis of this data a building of 960 capacity was developed by the consultant, who specified the room sizes and arrangement. The study further showed that the present requirements demanded a building of approximately 500 capacity. Accordingly, the first unit of the ultimate plan was decided upon.

The first unit of 540 standard capacity will contain the following ac-

commodations: Auditorium, 40 feet by 60 feet; gymnasium, 40 feet by 60 feet; play room, 40 feet by 60 feet; two kindergarten rooms, 22 feet by 30 feet; six class rooms, 22 feet by 30 feet; library, principal's office, clinic, teachers' rest room, conservatory and toilets. In the central portion of the building, the auditorium, gymnasium and play room, as well as the heating and ventilating system, have been designed for the ultimate building. By the addition of another wing, the building will be increased to 960 capacity, and will be large enough to serve the needs of the area when fully built up. Such planning for the future assures needed school facilities at a minimum of cost. It is in direct contrast with the haphazard methods followed in the past.

Architecturally, the new Trombly School is in keeping with the area it will serve. Of modified gothic design, the two-story building, with high pitched roof, is well adapted to its site and surroundings, and in both educational planning and architectural design the building may be favorably compared with any school in the metropolitan district.

SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 8

Grosse Pointe Public Schools open for the fall term on Wednesday morning, September 8th. All pupils are to report to their proper grade and building to start classes on this date.

Meetings of teachers and principals will be held on Tuesday, September 7th, in the Grosse Pointe High School, 339 St. Claire Avenue.

A number of reference books on gardening have been placed in the library at the Mutual Aid and Neighborhood Club, 60 Oak Street, by the Garden Club of Michigan. The Garden Club is eager that residents interested in gardening make use of this collection.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The adjourned annual meeting of school electors, held at the Cadieux School on Monday, July 26th, was attended by a relatively small number of electors of the district. Nevertheless, important and interesting business was transacted. The usual matters requiring action by the meeting were quickly attended to and passed with the unanimous approval of those present. Passing of a resolution directing the board to pay \$2,500 as back salary to one of its former members was the only action on which a difference of opinion was shown.

Minutes of the 1925 adjourned annual meeting and of the annual meeting of June 14, 1926, were read and accepted without correction. A summary of the annual audit as compiled by Ernst & Ernst was read by the treasurer and approved. The budget for the coming year, copies of which were distributed before the meeting convened, was quickly reviewed and accepted without alteration.

Members of the building committee, consisting of H. Howie Muir, Joseph E. Beaufait, C. H. Haberkorn, Jr., Hobart B. Hoyt, and L. S. Trowbridge, Jr., were reappointed for the present year.

Salaries of the school trustees were fixed at \$100 for the year with an additional \$900 for the office of treasurer. Salaries for the board are the same as voted by the electors a year ago.

A resolution granting the board permission to acquire an elementary school site in the northeastern portion of the township passed unanimously. Two pieces of property in the vicinity of Vernier Road are being considered. Selection of another site in Grosse Pointe Farms also is planned.

Under the heading of new business, the meeting was addressed by Charles A. Paye, who emphasized his services to the district during

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THE BUSINESS MANAGERSHIP

Action taken by the electors directing the school board to pay Charles A. Paye, a former school trustee, \$2,500 for past services, again brings before the district a question of several years' standing. Facts relative to the situation are summarized below:

In June, 1924, Mr. Paye, while serving as a school trustee and secretary of the school district, was appointed business manager of the school district at a salary of \$2,500 per year. The following year he was reappointed at the same salary. About the time of Mr. Paye's reappointment the school board was advised of a ruling by the state superintendent of public instruction to the effect that a member of a board in a rural agricultural school district may not serve as business manager and receive a salary, for the law prohibits school officials working for the district and receiving additional pay therefor.

To evade the requirements of the law, a motion was introduced at the annual meeting of electors in July, 1925, to pay the secretary of the school board \$2,500 per year, for which he was to perform all the duties of secretary and business manager. The electors, however, by adjourning before the motion was put to a vote, definitely refused to take action on the motion.

No further action was taken on the matter until the meeting of electors on July 26th of this year, when Mr. Paye asked the electors that he be voted \$2,500 for back salary, and a motion directing the board to pay such an amount was made. Prior to the vote, several persons pointed out that such action on the part of the electors was questionable policy and probably illegal. However, the

motion carried by a majority vote.

Before carrying out the demands of the annual meeting the school board asked their attorney for an opinion on the legality of paying the claim and was advised that the board could not legally carry out the voters' instructions. Two ways in which the claim might be settled by court action were pointed out. Civil action, suing the district for the amount, could be resorted to by the claimant, or should the board agree to act favorably upon the claim and the secretary refuse to draw a warrant authorizing payment of the amount, Mr. Paye could seek a writ of mandamus directing the secretary to pay the claim. This latter procedure offered the quicker means of settlement and the board passed a resolution directing that the claim be paid. The secretary of the board opposed the resolution and has refused to draw a warrant on the grounds that he believes the amount can not legally be paid. A writ of mandamus compelling payment is being sought and will make the outcome a matter of court decision.

By voting to pay the claim and thus placing its payment before the court, the school board has indicated that it is interested only in the legality of the matter and does not question whether services rendered by Mr. Paye were sufficient to warrant such additional salary.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Grosse Pointe Park

Grosse Pointe Park will hold a special election on Monday, September 13th, for the purpose of voting \$50,000 thirty year sinking fund bonds for additional street lighting equipment.

This special election, at which only the question of voting on the bond will be presented, is being held on the day preceding the state primary election instead of being held in conjunction with the primary election. The expense of additional election inspectors is therefore required.

Voting on the bond issue next Monday will be the second time the question of additional street lighting equipment has been submitted to the people during the present year. On May 10th, the same question was submitted but failed of the necessary two-thirds majority.

STATE AND COUNTY PRIMARIES SEPT. 14

Nominations of both Republican and Democratic candidates will be made on Tuesday, September 14th, for the following federal and state offices: Governor, one congressman, 21 state representatives, one state senator, and also for the following county officers: Clerk, drain commissioner, road commissioner, surveyor, treasurer, circuit court commissioner, two probate judges, prosecuting attorney, register of deeds, and sheriff.

The list of more than two hundred candidates for nomination contains five Grosse Pointe residents.

Democratic candidates for state representatives include Samuel T. Douglas and Sidney T. Miller, prominent Detroit attorneys, who were drafted to become candidates by the Democratic pre-primary convention.

Three of the four Republican candidates for state senator from the First District are residents of Grosse Pointe: George Defer, 15223 Jefferson; Adelbert Lindley, 859 Barrington Road, and Gerald E. Schroeder, 1254 Grayton Road, all of Grosse Pointe Park. Mr. Lindley and Mr. Schroeder are attorneys, practicing in Detroit. Mr. Defer since 1918 has been president of Grosse Pointe Park.

Voting booths are located in the village halls of Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores and the township hall, corner of Maunee Avenue and Roosevelt Place. Polls will be open from 7:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

In addition to nominating state and county candidates, voters residing in Grosse Pointe Township outside the present four villages will vote on the question of incorporation of Lochmoor Village. A petition to incorporate the balance of Grosse Pointe Township into the village of Lochmoor was favorably acted upon by the Wayne County supervisors in July.

A charter committee of five members will be selected at the election September 14th. Joseph E. Beaufait, James Carter, James Goodrich, Edward Vanderbush, and Edmund C. Vernier are the only candidates for the commission.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET

Following is the school budget for the fiscal year ending July 12, 1927, as adopted at the adjourned annual meeting of school electors.

Amounts appropriated for the coming year total \$403,154.66, as compared with \$333,668.16 a year ago, an increase of 20 per cent. The total amount spent during the past year was \$378,283.92, or \$44,615.76 more than appropriated. This is due largely to the payment of principal and interest on a short-time loan to the amount of \$41,537.62, and a premium of \$1,306.49 on bonds purchased for the sinking fund. While these items appear in the expenditures of the period, they can not be strictly considered as a part of the cost of operation and maintenance of the schools. The item of \$41,000 borrowed was needed to finance the schools until taxes were available and so appears in the statement under the various items for which the loan was spent as well as showing as a disbursement when paid to the bank.

ADMINISTRATION

	Appropriated 1925-1926	Spent 1925-1926	Appropriated 1926-1927
1 Superintendent	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,000.00
1 Business Manager.....	2,500.00	.....	4,000.00
1 Clerk	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,220.00
1 Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Auditor	500.00	350.00	1,000.00
3 Trustees	300.00	300.00	400.00
1 Attorney	500.00	.....	500.00
Treasurer's Bond.....	750.00	800.00	1,200.00
Supplies	700.00	607.30	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense.	300.00	1,595.35	700.00
Janitor Service.....	.....	.....	300.00
Total Administration.....	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 11,552.65	\$ 17,820.00
Increase over previous year, \$4,370.00, or 32 per cent.			

INSTRUCTION

	Appropriated 1925-1926	Spent 1925-1926	Appropriated 1926-1927
12 High School Teachers..	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 20,812.50	\$ 22,800.00
3 High School Teachers ..	.....	.....	5,300.00
36 Elementary Teachers..	63,125.00	57,726.19	61,075.00
12 Special Teachers.....	21,100.00	21,100.00	22,700.00
1 Special Teacher.....	.....	.....	1,800.00
Summer School.....	3,000.00	1,954.00	3,000.00
Substitute Teachers....	1,800.00	2,166.00	2,500.00
Tuition	1,500.00	743.60	5,000.00
Supplies	15,000.00	13,765.66	15,400.00
5 Principals	10,400.00	11,010.00	12,600.00
1 Clerk	1,000.00	985.00	1,000.00
1 Clerk .....	.....	.....	1,000.00
Supplies (Prin's. Office)	500.00	110.15	300.00
Miscellaneous .....	.....	86.65	.....
Total Instruction.....	\$137,825.00	\$130,459.75	\$154,475.00
Increase over previous year, \$16,500.00, or 12 per cent.			

AUXILIARY AGENCIES AND SUNDRY ACTIVITIES

	Appropriated 1925-1926	Spent 1925-1926	Appropriated 1926-1927
Elections	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 404.00	\$ 800.00
Transportation—			
Chauffeur	1,800.00	1,900.00	1,920.00
Bus Expense.....	700.00	643.30	5,000.00
Car Fares.....	3,500.00	3,470.10	4,000.00
School Census.....	200.00	531.26	400.00
Recreation	500.00	310.00	500.00
Supplies—Miscellaneous ..	300.00	.....	500.00
Visiting Teacher.....	300.00	150.00	2,400.00
Prem. on Bonds Purch'd..	.....	1,306.49	.....
Total Auxiliary Agencies..	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,715.15	\$ 15,520.00
Increase over previous year, \$7,220.00, or 86 per cent.			

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANTS

	Appropriated 1925-1926	Spent 1925-1926	Appropriated 1926-1927
Janitors and Engineers...\$	19,500.00	\$ 17,502.50	\$ 17,940.00
Janitors' Supplies.....	3,000.00	1,810.70	2,000.00
Gas	100.00	53.76	100.00
Power and Light.....	2,000.00	2,267.52	2,000.00
Fuel	7,000.00	6,764.49	7,000.00
Telephone	800.00	777.28	750.00
Water	1,000.00	706.32	800.00
Total Operation of Plants..	\$ 33,400.00	\$ 29,882.57	\$ 30,590.00
Decrease over previous year, \$2,810.00, or 8 per cent.			

FIXED CHARGES

	Appropriated 1925-1926	Spent 1925-1926	Appropriated 1926-1927
Rent	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	700.00	350.25	1,000.00
Total Fixed Charges.....	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,250.25	\$ 2,500.00
Increase over previous year, \$900.00, or 36 per cent.			

MAINTENANCE

	Appropriated 1925-1926	Spent 1925-1926	Appropriated 1926-1927
Repair of Buildings.....\$	5,000.00	\$ 10,737.85	\$ 3,000.00
Repair of Equipment.....	1,000.00	128.22	2,000.00
Replacement of Equipm't.	500.00	64.08	300.00
Contingencies	1,000.00	38.63	500.00
Total Maintenance.....	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,968.78	\$ 5,800.00
Decrease over previous year, \$1,700.00, or 22 per cent.			

DEBT SERVICE

	Appropriated 1925-1926	Spent 1925-1926	Appropriated 1926-1927
Interest on Bonds.....\$	61,637.50	\$ 61,637.50	\$ 99,062.50
Sinking Fund Provision..	45,955.66	45,955.66	62,687.16
Short-Time Loans.....	.....	41,000.00	.....
Int. on Short-Time Loans.	.....	537.62	1,000.00
Total Debt Service.....	\$107,593.16	\$149,130.78	\$162,749.66
Increase over previous year, \$55,156.50, or 51 per cent.			

CAPITAL OUTLAY

	Appropriated 1925-1926	Spent 1925-1926	Appropriated 1926-1927
Elementary Site No. 2...\$	3,000.00	\$ 6,692.15	.....
Defer School Site.....	6,000.00	1,695.03	5,000.00
Equipt. for Playgrounds..	3,000.00	303.59	2,500.00
New Equpt. (Old Bldgs.)..	5,000.00	7,143.71	2,000.00
Dental Equipment.....	3,000.00	2,918.33	500.00
Cement Sidewalks.....	2,000.00	483.90	1,500.00
Contingencies	2,000.00	3,109.40	2,000.00
Advances to Bldg. Fund..	.....	13,318.43	.....
Property not used for School purposes at present.....	.....	659.45	200.00
Total Capital Outlay.....	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 36,323.99	\$ 13,700.00
Decrease over previous year, \$10,300.00, or 43 per cent.			

Total Budget	\$333,668.16	\$378,283.92	\$403,154.66
Total increase in Budget, \$69,486.50, or 20 per cent.			

SUMMARY ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS

	Appropriated 1925-1926	Per- cent	Appropriated 1926-1927	Per- cent
Cash on Hand.....\$	43,319.84	13.9	\$ 34,808.55	8.63
Delinquent Taxes.....	43,189.06	12.9	72,523.52	8.00
Primary Funds.....	35,000.00	10.4	35,000.00	8.68
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	.4	1,800.00	.44
Rents	4,000.00	1.2	3,000.00	.75
Voted Tax (\$300,000).....	.....	.....	330,000.00	.....
Collectable Tax.....	203,659.26	61.2	256,022.59	63.5
Total	\$333,668.16	100	\$403,154.66	100

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the past year and reviewed the ruling of the attorney general's office, which had prevented his drawing additional salary from the school district as business manager. Mr. Paye then stated in substance that he felt justified in requesting a salary for his services and felt the meeting should instruct the board to pay the sum of \$2,500 to him for services during the past year. Although the attorney general had ruled that a member of the school board could not serve the district for additional salary, and the 1925 adjourned annual meeting had refused to vote the additional salary, Mr. Paye stated such an amount, in his opinion, was due him and should be ratified by the meeting.

A motion directing the board to pay the amount was made by Joseph E. Beaufait and immediately supported by John R. Kerby. An amendment to refer the matter to the board and its attorney with power to make settlement of the claim satisfactory to Mr. Paye and the board was placed before the meeting and, upon being put to a vote, resulted in a tie. A second vote on the amendment was called for, but before the vote was taken several latecomers arrived and the amendment was defeated. The meeting had been in session for at least an hour and all business except voting of Mr. Paye's claim had been transacted prior to their appearance. The original motion instructing the board to pay the amount claimed then carried by a vote of 16 to 10, after which the meeting adjourned.

NOTICE OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF LOCHMOOR, AND THE ELECTION OF FIVE CHARTER COMMISSIONERS.

To the Qualified Electors of the Territory Proposed to Be Incorporated into the Village of Lochmoor, and Described Below:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that according to the resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wayne and State of Michigan, an election will be held in the territory proposed to be incorporated into the Village of Lochmoor, Grosse Pointe Township, and below described, on Tuesday, the 14th day of September, A. D. 1926, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the territory proposed to be incorporated into the Village of Lochmoor and below described, the question of the incorporation of a new village, to be known as the Village of Lochmoor, Township of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan, said territory so proposed to be incorporated being particularly described as follows, to-wit:

"Beginning at the intersection of the line between Private Claims 617 and 123 with the centerline of Mack Avenue, thence in a northerly direction along the center line of Mack Avenue, which line is also the Westerly line of the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms, to the intersection of said centerline of Mack Avenue with the line between Private Claims 618 and 619, thence Southeasterly along the line between Private Claims 618 and 619, which line is also the Northerly line of Grosse Pointe Farms Village, to its intersection with the Westerly line of Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, thence Northerly, along the Westerly line of Grosse Pointe Shores Village to the Northerly line of Wayne County, thence West along the North line of Wayne County to its intersection with the line between Grosse Pointe and Gratiot Townships, thence Southerly along the line between Grosse Pointe and Gratiot Townships to the intersection with the line between Private Claims 617 and 123, thence Easterly along the line between Private Claims 617 and 123, which line is also the Northerly line of the City of Detroit, to the point of beginning."

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the same time, there will be an election for the purpose of electing five members of the Charter Commission of the said proposed Village.

The polls of said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A. M., eastern standard time, to 8:00 o'clock P. M., eastern standard time, and will be held at the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal building, corner of Lakeshore Road and Vernier Road.

DANIEL G. ALLOR,
Township Clerk, Township
of Grosse Pointe.

A NEW STOP STREET

The section of Maumee Avenue in Grosse Pointe Park was recently designated as a "stop street." This action by the Grosse Pointe Park trustees lessens the possibility of accidents at several intersections. The street has been a stop street in Grosse Pointe Village for more than a year, but had not been so designated by Grosse Pointe Park. As a result, a confused situation existed, especially at Cadieux Road and Maumee Avenue. This intersection is on the boundary between the villages and, as pointed out in the October, 1925, issue of "Civic News," has been the scene of a number of accidents.

Street Lights

New street lights on ornamental standards are being placed, this summer, on practically all streets in Grosse Pointe Village that are now lighted by the overhead type of fixture. Streets that will receive new equipment are Cadieux, Loraine, Notre Dame, University, Washington, Lincoln and Maumee.

The equipment, which is being furnished and installed by the Detroit Edison Company, will be served from underground conduits, instead of overhead wires. The standards have frosted shades and will be lighted by 600 candle power bulbs.

Grosse Pointe Village will not be required to make any capital outlay for the new system inasmuch as it is to be installed and maintained at the expense of the Detroit Edison Company.

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