School Preliminary Budget For 70-71
Adds Up To Balanced $640,000 Figure

A preliminary budget of $640,000 for the school year of 1970-71 was approved last week by the board of education of the Upper Skagit School District No. 102. The estimated figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, will be submitted to the Intermediate District No. 108 board of directors this week and final budget will be formed next fall. Anticipated revenues are $207,800 from local taxes, excluding the special levy; county administered funds, $13,500; state funds, $237,740; federal funds, $18,200; other, $26,000.

The biggest budget bite will be $431,550. This amount shows $311,000 for teachers' salaries; $20,000 for total administration expense including $1,200 for bus driver's expense; $13,700 for instructional aids; $2,800 textbook program, $5,000 library program; $2,000 for maintenance, $12,710, extracurricular, $9,650.

The school board approved Superintendent Colbehn's suggestion that the transportation aid for maintenance be increased to a total of $1,200 next year. The county will provide an additional $2,000 cushion and funds for more adequate upkeep of school buildings.

Another increase was needed because of additional educational training for retarded and handicapped students. It will include an $1,300 aid to pay for the special education for the entire school plant, $55,300 for pupil services (health services), $2,600; information and educational services, $1,000. A deduction of $1,900 was made for a cash on hand balance at the end of the 1971 term of $42,259 according to the figures of the $640,000 budget figure.

Levy Passes By Large Majority; Repair Bonds Go Down To Defeat

Voters in the Concrete School District approved the special levy of $100,000 for maintenance during the next school year by an overwhelmingly favorable 73 per cent vote at last Tuesday's school election.

The four bond propositions on the ballot for repair and improvement of both the high school and grade school went down for lack of the necessary 60 per cent majority vote. Proposition No. 1, seeking $25,000 for a new heating system in the high school, gained 53 per cent; Proposition No. 2, for new lighting fixtures in the high school, received no more than 50 per cent yes votes.

The special levy, listed on the ballot as Proposition No. 5, passed by 278 yes votes to 145 no votes.

Proposition No. 1—new heating system in the high school, $110,000—$150,000, 228 no.

Proposition No. 2—new lighting fixtures in the high school, $50,000—$111,000, 215 no.

Proposition No. 3—new floor in the high school, $30,000—$50,000, 259 no.

Proposition No. 4—safety improvements for the high school, $35,000—$200,000, 205 no.

Vote by precincts was: Concrete and Baker Precincts—No. 1, 445 yes votes; 374 no votes, 102.92 per cent; No. 2, 225 yes votes; 125 no votes, 65.8 per cent; No. 3, 143 yes votes; 108 no votes, 57.9 per cent; No. 4, 184 yes votes: 90 no votes, 67.43 per cent.

Birdview—No. 1, 57 yes votes: 47 no votes, 53.47 per cent; No. 2, 46 yes votes: 69 no votes, 39.96 per cent; No. 3, 33 yes votes: 36 no votes, 45.24 per cent; No. 4, 35 yes votes: 27 no votes, 57.14 per cent.

Cascadia—(Marblehead)—No. 1, 58 yes votes: 40 no votes, 58.82 per cent; No. 2, 30 yes votes: 47 no votes, 38.30 per cent; No. 3, 47 yes votes: 34 no votes, 56.09 per cent; No. 4, 42 yes votes: 46 no votes, 47.83 per cent.

The unofficial ballot count released by the Skagit County Auditor's office did not include several absentee ballots still to be recorded, but which would not change the election.

STATION WAGON WAGS

OVER ON HIGHWAY 20

Eva J. Weed of Anacortes received head and arm injuries when she and her children were involved in a two-car accident on Highway 20 near Lake Walkin, westbound on Highway 20, about 20 miles north of Oak Harbor on its top early Sunday morning. Mrs. Weed’s vehicle, a Ford station wagon, was taken to the United General Hospital for treatment of injuries.