

Board Reconfirms Support Of Minority Understanding

By MARTHA MAHAN

The Farmington Board of Education has reaffirmed, in effect, its earlier approval of programs in drug abuse, sex education and minority understanding.

It did so by adopting a "position statement" intended to refute what is called a "few specific false impressions" and "to clarify certain situations" which have developed.

THE VOTE to accept the statement as an expression of board opinion was unanimous, like the earlier vote which approved all three as parts of the school curriculum.

"That ought to answer anybody who says some of us were 'wishy-washy' before," Trustee Gary L. Lichtman declared after the meeting. "Modifications" of proposed guidelines on minority understanding will be presented at the board's next regular meeting, June 7, President John M. Washburn III said, and will be made available to the public. The board "probably" will vote on their adoption at the June 21 regular meeting.

THE BOARD Monday also gave unanimous final approval to the proposed drug abuse curriculum.

Besides adopting its "position paper" on the overall programs, the board voted to enter into the minutes as a supplement a statement with respect to sex education recommendations.

The "position paper," prepared and read by Supt. Roderick Smith, said:

"The Farmington Board of Education has taken action in the early months of 1971 whereby three significant social issues will become parts of the curriculum of Farmington public schools.

"These issues deal with drug abuse and its extension into all matters of substance abuse; human relations as a general concept, with selected specific areas of sex education; and minority understanding with emphasis directed to minorities of religion and nationality as well as race.

"IT IS difficult to understand the details of all programs, but a few specific false impressions have developed, and it is the intent to clarify certain situations with a positive statement.

"1. Sex education instruction, although a small part of the human relations program, has been clearly identified in strict compliance of the law.

"The instruction previous to this time has not been 'clandestine,' but has been with general knowledge of the administrative staff, and in the case of the elementary schools, in cooperation with parents at the various schools.

"The substance abuse program has been developed to give recognition to the difference between the acceptable use of medication and the dangers of misuse of the wide variety of substances including tobacco and alcohol. The program is devised to be preventative rather than an after-the-fact cure.

"3. The program for minority understanding has not had final approval by the board at this time. A number of modifications are under consideration which would seek to make the program effective but not offensive. One area of misunderstanding

refers to the employment of teachers of other than the white race.

"The program suggestion is only to provide the opportunity for experiences with persons of another race. There is no connotation (the word "no" is underlined) between this and the proposed layoff of 71 teachers as authorized by the board.

"The last action is purely a budgetary situation reflecting the anticipated problem of Sept. 1971. No teachers have been laid off during the second semester of 1971, and no new teachers will be hired until the budget allows all of the present staff to be rehired.

"The board of education is pledged to the responsibility of providing good education with a sensitivity of the desires of the community."

VAGNOZZI's statement emphasized the role parents have played both in compiling the program and in access to its development.

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FARMINGTON'S BETTY FRANKEL (right) garden columnist for Observer Newspapers, won a feature-writing award from the Michigan Division of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association in its first writing competition. Presenting the award was Mrs. Joseph Watson Jr. of Rochester, WINFGA publicity chairman. A picture of Mrs. Frankel at home and story about her twin interests in gardening and writing can be found in the Women's Section, Page 2C. (Observer photo)

May Schedule Center Hearing During July

By EMORY DANIELS

Farmington Township trustees are anticipating a public hearing will be held in July on the proposed regional shopping center on 13 Mile between Halsted and Haggerty Rds.

The board was going to make a decision Monday night on which date to hold the hearing but tabled that action at the request of the proponents, the Taubmann Co. of Southfield which is representing the developers, the HTK Corp.

THE HTK CORP. consists of Homart Development Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sears/Roebuck, Inc.; Alfred Taubmann, president of Taubmann Co.; and Richard Kughn, Taubmann's chairman of the board. Kughn wrote trustees his

firm will be tied up in June making presentations to other communities and asked that the hearing be rescheduled for July.

Trustees Monday night instructed Clerk Floyd Cairns to arrange a meeting in July with Kughn and come back to the board for confirmation. It was hoped the hearing could be held on either the first or third Monday of July.

The hearing when scheduled, will be held in one of the school buildings and trustees are hopeful of being able to use Harrison High's auditorium.

THE HTK REQUEST to rezoned some 300 acres for a regional shopping mall plus office, apartments and auxiliary commercial uses was denied by the township's planning commission by a 7-1 vote.

The Oakland County Coordinating Committee was asked by Kughn to review the HTK proposal and held subsequent hearings. The county planners ended up forwarding Kughn's request for reconsideration to the township board without recommendation. The lack of recommendation was caused by a 3-3 vote on how the township should be advised.

The HTK proposal has received the endorsement of the executive board of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce. That endorsement followed a presentation made by Kughn to chamber members.

THE PROPOSAL involves four major department stores to be located within a two-story enclosed mall in the center of the site on 13 Mile just east of the proposed

north-south 1-275 expressway. A total of 1.5 million square feet of commercial space is planned.

According to E.D. Richardson of the American Appraisal Co., Inc., who did the feasibility analysis for HTK Corp., the shopping center's trade area extends in a radius of about five miles in all directions.

Richardson projects the trade area will have about 500,000 persons with \$236 million to spend in shopping centers in 1980, based on 1970 census data.

If the center were built in 1969, Richardson points out, it would generate \$237,740 to the township as compared to \$90,090 the 300 acres would provide in taxes if it stays residential. This amounts to 14.4 per cent of the township's

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Borrow More

Two weeks ago the Farmington Board of Education voted to borrow \$2 million to meet anticipated expenses which would come due before the revenues arrived. The Municipal Finance Commission has suggested the money needed in October be borrowed now, and Monday night the board voted to borrow \$3.5 million

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Letters On Tree

The old maple tree on Gill Road has been saved, and a group of elementary pupils should be quite pleased. An elementary class has written letters to the editor urging the tree be saved and selections from those pleas are reprinted inside.

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Observer employees will spend Memorial Day with their families.

The Observer central offices and switchboard will close the evening of Friday, May 28. We will resume business as usual Tuesday, June 1, at 8:30 a.m. Due to the shortened business week, your Wednesday Observer will be published Thursday, June 3. Deadlines for this post-holiday edition are:

CLASSIFIED WANT ADS	11:30 a.m. Wednesday
CLASSIFIED DISPLAY ADS	5 p.m. Tuesday
DISPLAY ADVERTISING	5 p.m. Tuesday
CHURCH-WOMEN'S NEWS	12 noon Tuesday
ALL OTHER NEWS	6 p.m. Tuesday

The Observer circulation staff will be available for calls concerning delivery of your hometown newspaper from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, May 29. 261-2900

Happy collecting!

When your Observer carrier stops his bike at your doorstep this month and says, "Collect," be sure you ask for a receipt. It's worth its face value toward an Observer Want Ad. Or if you collect three consecutive receipts you are entitled to a free Observer Want Ad.

Feature Photo Gallery

Huge Memorial Parade Coming Monday

Thousands will be gathering along Grand River and down Farmington Rd. Monday, May 31, for the annual Memorial Day Parade in Farmington. The parade will assemble 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center at Grand River and Mooney.

At about 9:56 a.m. there will be a passover of an RF-4F jet aircraft squadron from the 127th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Air National Guard of Selfridge Air Force Base.

held at the Veterans Memorial Monument at Grand River and U.S.A.F. Band from Wright Patterson Air Base, Ohio. Introductory remarks will be made by Joseph T. Gibbons, parish marshal, and welcome addresses by City of Farmington Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton and Farmington Township Supervisor Earl J. Teeples.

The march address will then be given by Major General Lester F. Miller who is director of personnel training and education for the Air Force.

Participating in the memorial service to follow Miller's address will be: Lt. Col. Franklin W. Krueger, Air Force chaplain; Robert V. Heidman, Blue Star Mothers national; second vice president; Mrs. Marge

Flagle, state Blue Star Mothers president; Mrs. Blanche Gibson, Blue Star Mothers Farmington president; and Mrs. Jennie Pikkaart, Gold Star Mothers state president.

Others participating in the memorial service will be: Brown Snell, commander of the Farmington WWI Veterans Barracks; Guiseppe Spalletta, Farmington VFW commander; Robert Hinger, Farmington American Legion commander; Mrs. Irene Staub, Farmington VFW Auxiliary president; and Mrs. Ruth Holz, Farmington American Legion Auxiliary president.

AFTER the parade, the Memorial Day Banquet will be held at noon in the American Legion Hall at 31775 Grand River followed by an open

house for veterans and their families in the VFW Hall at 23414 Orchard Lake.

Guest speaker for the Memorial Day Banquet will be

Brig. Gen. Stanley L. Vihtelic who is deputy commander of the Michigan Air National Guard.

General Vihtelic of Dearborn arranged for the aircraft flyover which will signal the beginning of Monday's parade. Vihtelic has assembled a gallery of photos highlighting a history of the majority of aircraft used by the Michigan Air National Guard during its 45 years of service.

His photo gallery will be on display during the banquet in the American Legion Hall at 31775 Grand River. Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand, who recently returned from Ireland, will serve as master of ceremonies for the banquet.

will be held for the Air Force's outstanding serviceman of the year.

John N. Anhut, president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, will then present the award for the outstanding parade unit.

Distinguished guests appearing at the banquet will include: Richard Austin, Michigan secretary of state, and Brig. Gen. Naiff Kelel of Farmington who commands the 300th Military Police Command.

Other guests include: Brig. Gen. Robert McMath, a retired member of the Michigan Air National Guard; Robert E. Simanek, former Marine Medal of Honor holder; Robert L. Harrison, state VFW commander; and Rep. Raymond L. Baker (R-64) of Farmington.



GEN. VIHTELIC

AFTER VIHTELIC'S address, an awards presentation