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Pilot program approaches 'zero hour'

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SCHOOLS

A pilot program is being proposed for North Farmington High School this fall, offering teachers research and development time on Wednesday mornings, and students an optional "zero hour" early in the morning so they can take more classes.

It is drawing mixed reactions from North Farmington parents, but teachers who have worked on the project for the past year are enthusiastic and believe the plan will make a better learning environment for students.

Kathy Chiosson, a North Farmington math teacher who co-chaired the study with history faculty member Jerry Maxwell, said the program is "teacher driven," would make teachers more effective in the long run and offer students more options.

"The kids are excited about it," she said. "They're interested in getting a chance to do some alternative things during the day."

The proposal is scheduled to be presented to the Farmington school board Tuesday night. The board will likely hear the proposal, consider it and vote at a future meeting.

Also enthused about the change is principal Debbie Clarke, who believes the program will be a start for moving her school into the 21st century. She calls the change "planning for the future."

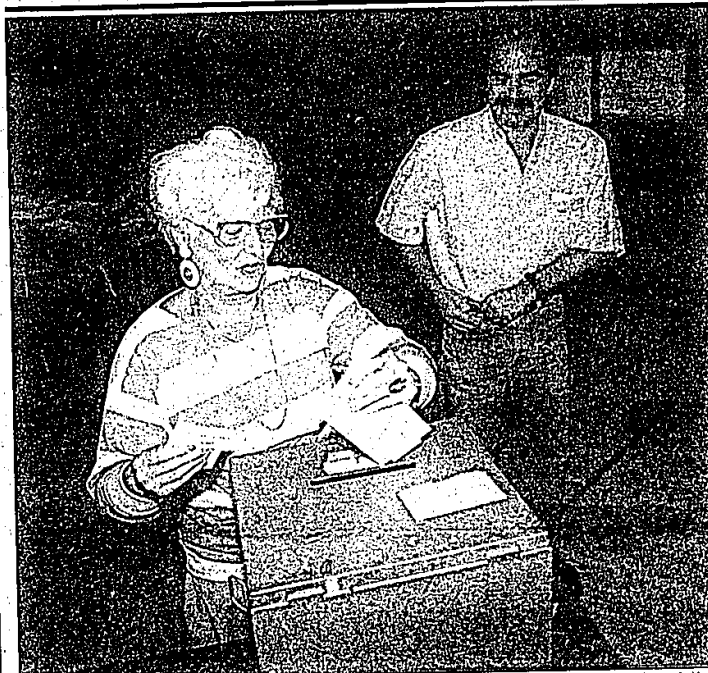
"Who better to direct the change . . . than the people who work in the classroom?" she asked. "I don't see how we could do anything but be better."

The plan calls for:

- A slight reduction in each class time on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, allowing teachers a two-hour block for planning and development on Wednesday morning. School would start at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays and bus transportation would be provided five days a week. Reduction in classroom time would be less than one hour per week.

- An optional "zero hour" which would allow students to come into school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for one hour beginning at

See SCHEDULE, 6A



CASTING VOTE: Lucille Muhula, chairwoman at Precinct 3, East Middle School.

Voters back 1; add 1

About 5 percent of the voters in the Farmington School District turned out Monday to return Helen Prutow and add Joe Svoke to the board of education. They beat out three-time challenger Richard DeVries.

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Challenger Joe Svoke came on strong Monday as the top vote-getter in the Farmington Board of Education election, earning a seat on the board with veteran incumbent Helen Prutow who came in second.

Both beat out three-time challenger Richard DeVries who garnered only 21 percent of the vote.

Svoke and Prutow will serve four-year terms on the non-partisan board in terms starting in July.

The winners and their supporters savored the victory at Farmington Hills City Hall Monday where votes were

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Greenpeace is red over canvassing fee

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Greenpeace, the international environmental group known for its activist "Save the Whales" stance and its push for nuclear disarmament, is challenging the system locally.

Greenpeace is complaining about the new Farmington Hills mandate that requires each solicitor in a canvassing

group to pay a \$15 fee.

"No other community charges this much," said Lisa Hollingsworth, a Greenpeace representative who appeared before the city council Monday.

"Usually the fees are waived or greatly reduced," said Hollingsworth. "We do not have the financial resources to

use our donors' money for \$15 per canvasser."

She came to ask for an exemption. Otherwise, Greenpeace will pay \$600 for 40 canvassers. Council will revisit the issue next month.

Both City Manager William Costick and Clerk Kathryn Dornan said that residents complain about canvassers.

"The council has adopted the fee

structure in its recent ordinance," said John Dunoluck, city attorney. "At the time the ordinance was adopted, a six-month survey was taken which revealed each community's fee structure."

He said that the fees were in keeping with those in surrounding communities.

See GREENPEACE, 8A

School district OKs \$102 million budget

The Farmington Board of Education approved a record \$102 million budget for the 1992-93 fiscal year with the majority going for general operations.

The new 1992-93 budget, which takes effect July 1, is four percent more than last year's approved budget. Board members approved the budget and tax rates including 31.5 mills for operating, 1.25 for building and site and .74 mills

for debt retirement at their June 2 meeting. No further cuts in district programs are seen in the coming year, after a loss of 160 jobs and reductions in sports and music programs this year.

Highlights of the new budget include:

- \$97.7 million into the general fund and \$56.7 going out.

- \$9.35 million for special education center programs, down slightly from last year. This fund is reimbursed by the Oakland Intermediate District.

- \$5 million for building and site, with \$4 million projected to be spent in the coming year.

The district is awaiting action by the state to determine what effect cuts

there could have, and also for the November ballot proposals, which could reform the property tax system upon which local districts like Farmington rely. The district is also going through contract talks with employee groups, including teachers.

The Farmington district serves all of the city of Farmington, most of Farmington Hills and a small portion of West Bloomfield Township.

One for the books

The children of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills will receive an extra boost in their learning efforts this summer.

The Farmington Community Library, Hills branch, opened its summer reading program — "Read, Rock and Rap" — recently. Youngsters who register for the program will be earning points to be used to purchase an up-to-date edition of the World Book Encyclopedia to be used at Sarah Fisher.

The encyclopedia will be placed "on deposit" indefinitely at the center to be used as a resource by the students there. The new books will replace a 1958 set which was donated a number of years ago.

"This is a wonderful gesture by the library," said Sr. Mary Patricia Larnell, the center's executive director. "There is no way that we could have pur-

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chased this on our own. Most of our children attend school in the Farmington community and are frequent visitors at the library.

"We applaud the manner in which the library and the children of the Farmington area will be giving to other children as they experience the joy of books."

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center serves more than 200 children and their families through programs for the abused and neglected and also for single parents and their infants.

The center is a non-profit organization operated by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul.

Memory Lane

From the June 19, 1952 edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

- The sale of \$850,000 in bonds to finance the building and equipping of a new Farmington High School was completed with the school board accepting the bid presented by Braun Bosworth Company of Toledo, Ohio.

- Farmington City Manager James Tennant was named chairman of the southwest Chapter of the March of Dimes. It was announced following election of officers at the Farmington town hall.

- Farmington's Little League baseball season got underway with a colorful parade, flag raising and a double header played on the new diamond at City Park.

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