

Covenant reached in teacher contract

By SUSAN AVERILL

A majority vote Tuesday night bound the Farmington Board of Education and the Farmington Education Association (FEA) in agreements which alter this year's master contract and extend it into 1977.

It also provides for a one per cent increase during 1976-77 and the establishment of a dental insurance fund.

Two board members were unhappy with the agreement and voted against it while another abstained. William Gravis abstained from the vote because he was absent during the last executive committee when the agreement was discussed.

Board secretary Dr. Mervyn Ross spoke first against the agreement. "I'D LIKE TO state at this time... (that) I've made my comments clear. I cannot vote yes on this agreement."

"I think there has been one super build-up prior to acceptance or approval by the board. I don't think it holds the faith we talk about. Class size is exactly where it was before. I take exception and maybe it was a minor piece of deception to extend the contract one year."

"I'm doing this because I believe in holding good faith with the people who support this district," he said.

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Dispute on crosswalk remains unresolved

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For at least the next week children who attend Shawassee Elementary School and live south of Nine Mile Road will have to walk to school over the same muddy, log-strewn path they've been traveling for weeks.

"I'm not certain that any of us have enough facts to give you a concrete if you'll excuse the reference" decision. We're not going to hassle the students' around like cattle."

"AS A CONCERNED parent, I am not satisfied that the terms for the granting of the easement in the resolution for the vacation of Shawassee Road have been fulfilled at this point in time."

"I can appreciate and understand his feelings," he said of Ross. "I, however, look at it a little differently. There is a lot more involved to know why I'm voting this way now."

Most of his distaste came from withholding parts of the agreement—like the dental insurance fund, he said.

"I also believe it's a good agreement," said board member Michael Spiece, who resigned as the school controller at Warner Junior High School.

Action is pending until the board members have had the chance to review the situation and see whether an easement will be granted by an owner of property adjacent to the intersection of Shawassee and Nine Mile roads.

Advocating temporary bus service for the nearly 90 children who must walk the route, Laliberte suggested the board consider a previously unnoticed pedestrian easement which would allow the children to walk through the vacated part of Shawassee Road, between Middlebelt and Nine Mile roads.

Young people took apples, threw them at passing cars, destroying windows in the owner's shop and houses on Fairchild Street. Prisk explained.

Formerly students walked through an apple orchard to reach the school. Problems, however, have caused the orchard's owner to cut down the trees and fence in nearly all his property. At the request of school officials, he has left one fence panel temporarily open.

He doesn't want to have the responsibility of that liability," Prisk added.

"I'M VERY PLEASED we were able to do in four weeks what we did before in six months," said Jerry Kaplan, president of the FEA and a controller at Warner Junior High School.

Gifts presented to library

Gifts from the Friends of the Library and the Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary were presented this week to Gordon Lewis, library director. Both will be used for furnishings for the new, almost complete library on the corner of State and Library, beside the municipal building.

Michael Kurko, president of the Friends of the Library, presented a reading tree house in the children's room. Earlier the auxiliary contributed funds for the children's room in the Twelve Mile library.

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Kurko said his 100 member group gave \$1,100 toward the furnishing of a quiet room similar to the Friends room in the Twelve Mile library.

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Michael Kurko, John Dinan and Sue Zurilla sit in the new and nearly complete Farmington Community Library on State Street in Farmington.



Harrison homecoming winners are king and queen Norm Hess and Mary Kay McCrellan. To see more of Saturday's celebration turn to page 3A.

TAG DAY

Campaign launched to aid band members

Parents and friends of the three Farmington High School bands will be hitting the streets this month to raise funds in the annual "Tag Day."

On Oct. 24-25, the Farmington Band Boosters will work in a joint effort for the school, which last year raised \$8,000.

Money raised in the effort will go towards acquisition of new equipment and uniforms for band participants, according to Doug McQueen, North Farmington music director.

hand boosters give their time and talents. They are sharing their concern and interest in their children by giving of themselves. Two many parents would rather get their kids a few bucks and the fatherly love. These boosters give much more.

Many area businessmen and merchants help. An direct donations to the students' needs. Music boosters are helping these programs can make a difference. Boosters are helping Farmington High School's music program. Kasanek came after studying at the Eastman School of Music in Boston, N.Y. and obtaining his master's from the University of Michigan. He was the vocal director and also directed the marching band.

DURING THE TAG DAYS, band members will be stationed all over the area at businesses, shopping centers with tags for which they will be asking donations. Each tag will allow the bearer to any of the band concerts in Farmington during November.

One observer of the band scene says, "These eight men each is different from the other as they could possibly be, have really put the Farmington area on the map in high school music circles. Everywhere you go—band days, parades, competitions—you see the eyebrows raised and band people sit up and take notice when one of the Farmington bands is performing."

All three senior high band directors stress over and over again the help, encouragement, hard work and long hours the band boosters organization has contributed to the overall program.

Donated time also is a critical factor, says Barber.

Barbitch says this year's tag days will have more than 100 Farmington residents working directly on the event. "By preliminary planning to

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