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District to close schools

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told trustees inquiring about the different proposal to close schools.
"By not taking any action on this matter tonight, we are talking in terms of choice. It gives us the option to do a lot of things without taking any action on closing Ten Mile School right now," Trustee Gary Lichtman said.
"I feel we probably should close school buildings. But I also feel we need community input. I feel we need other facts and figures. We need comparisons of the schools considered being closed," he continued.
"What are our alternatives? The public deserves the right to know we are considering elementary school closings so let's get some input from them."
While the board decided against taking action on the recommended closing of Ten Mile School Tuesday night, it did vote to form a citizen's committee that would study elementary closings.
The board approved the formation of the committee that would report to the board by July 1 what schools it thought should be closed and recommended possible alternatives.
"If THE BOARD accepts our recommended proposal to close Ten Mile, it would be closing a building in need of repair. It is located in an area that will need the least security any, could be reused without doing the needed major repairs," Freedman said.
The administration acknowledged the difficulties of closing an elementary school, but after reviewing the long-range plan of

the district, decided Ten Mile School would be the most fiscally sound closing the district could make at this time.
"The easiest factor to close would be Fairview Elementary. But there you would disturb other programs and affect students from other schools because they would have to be transferred to make room for the upset students," Freedman continued.
"I THINK it is a bad time to consider closing a school in May for next year," Trustee Dr. Mervyn Ross said.
"There are far too many variables involved as reflected by the different recommendations from the administration. I'm concerned that we might be taking too large a step backwards when dealing with all these elementary youngsters and school closings."
"I think that with the economic forecast dramatically improving now, it may reflect that we need more rooms sooner than the five years authorities are predicting now. Even these experts in the field don't know what is happening," Ross said.
"Overall, we will be paying more than dollar values if we close schools this year," he added.
"Before we closed schools we need more prep time to see how all schools compare in the closings," Trustee Michael Spence said. "I'm concerned about a lot of things and I want to see the answers first."
Freedman pointed out the administrators are not proponents of school closing, but must deal with realities of materials, budgeting and the needed tax dollars.
"There is never a right time to talk about closings of schools," Freedman said.

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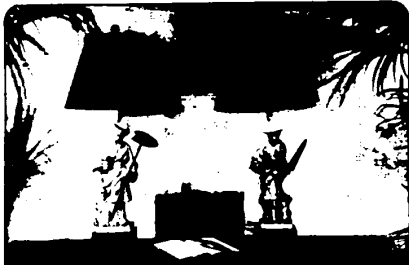
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that carries average to Detroit area treatment plants.
"Since I've started as clerk, I've investigated and directed 100 special assessment districts for water and sewers," he adds. "And the city clerk plays an important role in these projects because he is the one who issues the bonds, takes bids and makes sure all financing goes according to plan."
During his 20 years as clerk, the city has developed two industrial parks and he says that when he reaches his 65th birthday in four years, he just may retire and take it easy.
"The public has been good to me and I really enjoy my work. While I've been clerk, the city has been making good progress in developing a community image and services for residents," Cairns says. "And I'm proud of the fact that I've been a part of all that."
Before Cairns leaves office, he would like the city to switch to a punch card computerized voting system.
"This would be cheaper and quicker," Cairns says, and if the city doesn't make the change soon, it may be stuck with its old voting machines.
"More and more cities are making the change to this system," he explains. "If we don't make the change soon, voting machines may become a dead item on the market and we won't be able to sell them."
A lot of communities are using the new method and I think we should make the change, too. It would save us time and money," he continues.
Cairns also has served on the Historical Commission, several building authorities and various other city boards.
"While I have served on these boards, I have seen the city make real progress. Subdivisions were in terrible shape when I took office," he says.
"Now we have water, sewers and roads. I just can't believe the improvements that have taken place."
"So much has changed to look back now. I can't really believe what's happened. I'm just glad to be involved in what is going on."

Col. Heintz speaks at Technician dinner

Colonel Robert D. Heintz, Jr., military analyst of the Detroit News will speak at the Detroit Tech's in Society's Annual Dinner, at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 16 at the Adair Shalby Springs in Farmington Hills.
Col. Heintz has returned from a month-long tour of the Soviet Union. He will speak about the effect of the Soviet Union's foreign policy in the Midwest.
Heintz will speak about Israel's role in the struggle for control of the Middle East and of that region's oil resources by major world powers.
He has published a number of books and is a member of the Institute for the Strategic Studies.
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