

# Lichtman bows out 5 vie for school board seats

Farmington School District voters will be voting for two of five candidates to fill two seats on the Board of Education in the June election.

By 4:30 p.m. this past Monday, five persons had met the deadline for filing petitions for candidacy to the board including: Eugene Lemberg, incumbent Emma Makinen, James K. Peponis, Peter L. Sanders, and Richard J. Wallace. The other seat is held by Gary Lichtman who has decided against seeking re-election.

Lemberg, of 3356 Heritage Hills, is a seven-year Farmington Hills resident and currently president of the North Farmington Parent-Teacher Organization, a post he's held for four years.

At 44, he is the father of three children, two presently attending Farmington schools.

Among his community activities, he counts his work with the cub scouts, serving as a coach on the Jack Lusher football league and activity on village campaigns. He is one of the founders of the North Farmington Boosters' Club and worked with Paul

Ritter to establish a busing policy to allow students to ride buses to away games.

"I'm not very happy with some of the things in the north end," says Lemberg, "and I'd like to see a no-nonsense school board. I pride myself on being organized and getting things done, and I'm willing to take the grief that goes along with that."

In the retail and hardware plumbing supply business, Lemberg believes has accumulated 30 years of experience in making decisions will be an asset to the school board.

Mrs. Makinen, of 33717 Colony Park in Farmington Hills, is seeking her second four-year term to the school board and hopes her experience will be a plus to her campaign.

As the mother of four children now out of school, one of her major concerns is curriculum, second only to her belief in the necessity of organization within the district.

Mrs. Makinen believes the board has faced some tough decisions in closing schools, as well as the problems

incurred in fiscally tight years. But she is convinced experience has played a major role in making the right decisions.

"I'm probably more realistic about what my accomplishments can be," she says. "The problems are there, but it's an exciting time to be involved in education."

She'd like to see more community use of school buildings in the future, especially for senior citizens, as well as more attention paid to drop-out students.

Among her experiences, she counts her early years as a teacher as a help in understanding the school board's function.

FOR RICHARD WALLACE, of 28583 Kendallwood in Farmington Hills, being a candidate for the school board is the next step in community activity.

Wallace, 51, has two children, one attending college and one at North Farmington High School. He is employed with Walling, Lerchen & Co., a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and believes his experience in fiscal management is an asset to his campaign.

He has served on two millage committees, was a member of the Task Force on Declining Enrollment, and served as president of the North Farmington Band Boosters.

As a Hills resident for 17 years, he is also presently serving on the Farmington Hills Employees Pension commission.

"This is my offer to take the next step for my continued interest in Farmington schools," says Wallace of his candidacy.

CANDIDATES Peter Sanders, of 23619 Bartfield in Farmington, and James Peponis, of 34045 Northwick in Farmington Hills, also submitted petitions to the school board office.

Neither man was available for comment at this time.

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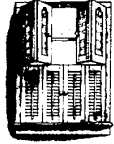
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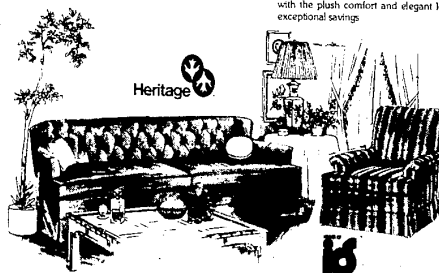
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