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Improved communication between parents and the Farmington Board of Education and more parent participation in school affairs are two goals of a new committee of the school board.

The new public relations committee, whose members are Aldo Vagozzi, Richard Peters and Kenneth Perrin, recently issued its first report.

THE REPORT was the first in a series of eight to be presented to the school board. Each report will concern one area of school board public relations.

The Board of Education adopted the following "Areas of Concern": citizen communications with the board; attendance at board meetings and hearings; communication with the public; participation by citizens on advisory committees; participation by employees in board affairs; communication with students; interaction with community groups; and interaction with other governmental units and elected officials.

"When the whole program is presented and adopted, it will increase parent participation in school board meetings," said Vagozzi, who is committee chairman. The committee's first suggestions dealt with letters to the school board and audience participation in board meetings.

THE GUIDELINES call for all letters addressed to the board or an individual member on behalf of the board to be read or summarized with copies made available to each board member.

All letters shall be answered by the board as well as referred to the proper administrator or school board committee, the guidelines continue.

Where delay is required, the statement continues, an acknowledgment letter should be sent immediately with an indication when an answer will be made.

THE SECOND matter, audience participation at board meetings, includes both appearance before the board and comments during the meetings.

Groups or individuals wishing to appear before the board should communicate a request before the board meeting, the guidelines say. They would appear on the agenda immediately after the opening items of business.

The policy statement says the present practice of allowing comments from the audience on regular agenda items, within reasonable time limits, shall be continued.

In addition, a period will be set aside at least one meeting a month to allow any resident to appear before the board.

THE guidelines, Vagozzi said, spell out as a matter of record what is for the most part already board policy.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION before the committee, the chairman commented, encourages citizen participation at the committee level. Vagozzi said he advocates citizen advisory committees to match the Board of Education's standing committees.

Now, the only advisory committee is the Family Life Education Committee, he said. Parents should participate in advisory capacities concerning financial affairs, buildings and other district affairs, the chairman commented.

Vagozzi said he supports increased student participation also. High School newspapers, he suggested, might report school board meetings.

## Name Read Acting President At Kirtland

**FARMINGTON**

James M. Read, a former Farmington School District administrator, has been appointed acting president of Kirtland Community College, near Higgs Lake.

Read, 58, was assistant to former president Lloyd Van Buskirk. Van Buskirk resigned the post he held since shortly after the college opened.

Van Buskirk's resignation was prompted by demands of the faculty that he either resign or implement a complete reorganization of the administrative structure.

Read came to the Farmington District in 1951 and remained on the staff until June, 1968. He was a member of the Farmington Township Planning Board and the Farmington Exchange Club. He served as president of the Exchange Club in 1957.

The former superintendent of the Manton Public Schools served 17 years as assistant superintendent for business in Farmington. He became Dean of Business for Kirtland in July, 1968.

## OU Appoints Hovansian

Joseph D. Hovansian of 34550 Freedom, Farmington, has been appointed a professor of engineering at Oakland University. He has been an associate professor of engineering at Wayne State University and a member of that faculty since 1960.

Former chairman of the Southern Michigan Section of the Society for Experimental Stress Analysis, Hovansian holds BS, MS and PhD degrees from Michigan State University and has been a consultant for Ford, General Motors, Chrysler and RCA-Whitpool.

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## Farmington Calendar

(News items for the Community Calendar must be submitted typewritten, double-spaced no later than noon Friday for the Wednesday paper and noon Wednesday for the Sunday paper. Items received after these deadlines cannot be used. For your protection, information will not be taken over the phone -- Editor.)

### OES CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Nov. 29, Farmington Chapter 239 Order of Eastern Star will hold its annual Christmas bazaar beginning at 10 a.m. in the Farmington Masonic Temple. Handmade Christmas gifts will be on sale. Luncheon will be served at noon and a roast beef dinner at 5 p.m.

### SHIAWASSEE PARENT PROGRAM

Dec. 2, Lawrence Freedman of Wayne State University and the Merrill Palmer Institute will discuss "The Parent's Role in Sex Education" at 8 p.m. in Shiawassee School.

### FHS CINEMA GUILD

Dec. 4, The Farmington High School Cinema Guild will present the film classic, "Gold Rush," starring Charlie Chaplin at 7:30 p.m. in the school. A short underground film, "97-57," will also be shown. Admission 75 cents.

### JAYCETTE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dec. 6, Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary will hold a Christmas bazaar from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Grand River at Warner. All items on sale will be handmade.

### CENTER CHRISTMAS SONG PROGRAM

Dec. 7, The Farmington Musicale Chorus will present a program of Christmas music at 3 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center. Admission fees will be donated to the center.

### FHS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dec. 10, The Farmington High School vocal music department will present a Christmas concert, "Sing We All Noel," at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. Special feature will be a skit adapted from Fred Warling's version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Admission students 75 cents, adults \$1.25. Tickets available at the door.

### IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Dec. 10, The Oakland County Health Department will hold an immunization clinic from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Wheeler Fire Hall. There is no charge.

### MACLD MEETS

Dec. 10, Farmington Chapter of the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities will meet at 8 p.m. in East Junior High School, 25000 Middle Belt. Guest speakers will be Ted Cuneo, Farmington director of special education; Doug Smith, supervisor of the physically handicapped; and per capital development teachers Nancy Brodick, Valerie Cheyne and Carleen Thomas.

### GOODFELLOW DRESS DRIVE PREVIEW

Dec. 11, Longacre PTA invites the community to preview Farmington Goodfellows Christmas dresses at a mother-daughter fashion show at 7:30 p.m. in the school. Admission 50 cents.

## FHS Singers To Greet Christmas

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