

# Parent protest delays boundary change plan

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Diane Scott, of 30020 Fink.

Presented with a petition signed by 25 Westlake Subdivision residents opposed to proposed school boundary changes, the Farmington Board of Education voted Tuesday to postpone the plan that would shift more than 700 students in junior and senior high schools to different schools over the next two years.

Parents and a smattering of junior high school students filled the board meeting room to capacity to air complaints about the plan that would send the Farmington High district families to Harrison High to relieve overcrowding at Farmington.

The families live in an area bordered by Nine and 10 Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake.

The petitions were presented to Board President Helen Prutow by Mrs.

"We oppose changing of the school boundary in favor of the pre-assigned high school," Mrs. Scott said. "And we are requesting the boundary not be changed."

Complaints ranged from students who said they will not be able to take part in after-school activities at their newly assigned high school because of transportation problems to parents who said the move will break friendships by splitting children who've attended school together since kindergarten.

"The children in our subdivision all attended East Junior High and before that, Larkshire Elementary School," said Jim Frederick, who attended the meeting with daughters Mary and Jennifer.

"By splitting the boundary down Fink, you are breaking lifelong friendships," he told the board.

plan we could find," he said.

After nearly two hours of discussion, board trustee Michael Shpiece offered an alternative motion: "The board representatives of the subdivision meet with the boundary committee and try to come up with a better proposal in the next two weeks."

The board approved that resolution 6-1, with Secretary Emma Makin voting against it.

Tom and Diane Scott and Jim Frederick will meet with the boundary committee.

Boundary changes will be voted on at the next board meeting on April 3.

## Pre-trial exam set for March 30

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the Farmington Hills Police Department Tuesday.

"Scherrer had the complete trust of the people he dealt with — neighbors, friends, family and clients," Hedrick said. "It reached the point where they would arbitrarily hand over money for investment without reservation."

Added Smiley: "The main concern (of the customers) is recouping their money."

Police say they believe Scherrer acted alone. A possible land fraud investment scheme is also under investigation by the task force. As an attorney, Scherrer dealt mainly with investment projects.

A spokeswoman for Scherrer's office said he was not available for comment.

Scherrer is married and has one child. He is a graduate of Henry Ford High School and the University of Detroit School of Law. He worked as a student intern in the Oakland County Prosecutor's office in 1974.

## Teachers study

Teachers and administrators from the Farmington public high schools recently attended an advanced placement conference in Lansing.

The purpose of the conference was to encourage high school staffs to continue to support the concept of having talented high school students take advanced placement tests that would permit the student to skip past material in the college freshman year that the student already learned in high school.

Those attending included English teachers Mary Brown and Michael Rasmussen, French teacher Melissa Neal, physics teacher Bill Spencer, chemistry teacher Beverly Schmitt and principals James Geiger and Clayton Graham.

Counselor Barry Muscato attended the advanced placement conference at Madison.

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