

School Board Votes To Rescue Education Funds

FARMINGTON President Richard Nixon's veto of an educational money bill which will eliminate some federally funded programs in the Farmington District brought action from the Board of Education Monday evening. They urged the President to retain money earmarked for education and cut spending in other areas to make up for the educational package. (The action came prior to the veto.)

BOTH HOUSES of Congress approved a \$19.7 billion bill which includes budgets of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Department of Labor.

Mr. Nixon claims the appropriations bill exceeds his recommendations in certain budgets and is inflationary.

Dr. Roderick Smith, superintendent of the district, said the cuts in federal funds will be felt in Farmington.

"We would feel a significant effect," Smith commented. "The programs we have

been encouraged to develop would be cut off," he continued.

Smith said cuts could have a greater proportionate effect in Farmington than the total educational spending cuts. All of Farmington's programs could be effected by a small cut, he said.

The board's discussion focused on the members' agreement that a balanced federal budget is a good goal and a wish to retain existing programs.

Except for John Washburn

and Gary Lichtman, the board supported a motion asking the school administration to lobby for the educational funds. Washburn voted against the motion and Lichtman was absent.

A balanced budget was foremost from the comments of the trustees who made suggestions where the money could be cut in place of educational funds.

Trustee Kenneth Perrin said the district should try to save the programs in which it participates and let other educa-

tional programs be cut. He said the district should "promote what we benefit from" and try to kill other parts of the appropriations bill.

ONE PROGRAM singled out for criticism by Perrin gives funds to districts which must educate large numbers of children of government employees without benefit of taxing government property.

Aldo Vagnozzi and Richard Frankel also favored a balanced budget, but argued priorities.

Frankel said Nixon should "delete other parts of the budget which are less essential." Both he and Vagnozzi pointed to a Detroit Free Press editorial which showed over-spending on defense projects.

VAGNOZZI read from the editorial, noting it showed the defense department spending \$84 billion on projects for which it had budgeted \$74 billion.

"There is money available

within a balanced budget," he commented. "That \$20 billion could buy a lot of educational programs."

Washburn voted against the motion because "somewhere someone has to say no" to the inflationary spiral. He commented governments are rationalizing the situation by placing the blame for inflation on other governments.

The former board president said a shift of about one per cent of the district's budget could pay for the existing federal programs.

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FEA Picks Negotiators

FARMINGTON The Farmington Educational Association (FEA) elected its 1970 professional negotiations team at the Jan. 12 meeting held at Shawasssee Elementary School. Election of team members is an annual function of the FEA's executive board.

The team consists of six FEA members. Five represent the full range of interests in Farmington Public Schools and the sixth member is the FEA President.

This year's team is Carolyn Mahalak, representing special services; Marion Spencer, lower elementary (K-3); Thomas McConaghie, upper elementary (4-6); Norbert Musso, junior high; Robert Neuhäuser, senior high; and Roger Allen, FEA president.

The FEA negotiators appear to have good balance between experience and new blood.

Naubauser, McConaghie and Allen bring past negotiating experience to the team while Mahalak, Spencer and Musso will be negotiating for the first time.

Negotiations will begin early in April.



THOMAS R. NOLAN of 32875 Harlan, Farmington, district sales manager, Transportation Service, Inc., has been elected first vice president of the Motor City Traffic Club of Detroit, one of the largest traffic and transportation organizations in the country. Nolan is a Farmington Township trustee.

Army Needs Recruiters

The United States Army Recruiting Command is seeking qualified enlisted personnel for recruiting duty. Recruiter vacancies exist in many locations throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, but recruiters are needed especially in Michigan. Sgt. Gary Jones, U. S. Army Recruiter in Farmington.

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