

New trustees say cohesion necessary for board success

The two new trustees on the Walled Lake Board of Education maintain they will work hard to develop a spirit of cohesiveness with both their fellow board members and the school administration.

Patricia Ann Jackman and David Roddy said recently they want to be judged on the basis of their performance, not on preconceived notions about their views.

Ms. Jackman and Roddy were top vote-getters in the June 8 election for two seats on the school board.

Ms. Jackman defeated board President Steven Lasher in a two-person race for a four-year term. Roddy received the most votes in a five-person race for a one-year term.

Both were asked about their plans for the district and their campaign slogan that changes are needed in management.

Although the slogan was interpreted by some as meaning Superintendent Don Sheldon might be eased out, that interpretation was denied by both Ms. Jackman and Roddy.

"Our slogan was 'if management can't change, then change the management,'" Ms. Jackman said.

"We intend to stick to that concept. If management can't change according to the direction provided by the board, then we should consider changing the individuals responsible for management."

MS. JACKMAN WAS MORE critical of the previous school board than she was of Sheldon's performance.

"I have heard Sheldon publicly ask for direction from the board and not give any response. He has asked for direction which he has not received."

Sheldon has asked both her and Roddy for a working relationship on the board, she said.

"That's exactly what we want — a working relationship. And we'll both work very hard to get it."

Similar sentiments were expressed by Roddy.

"The first thing we have to do is give the present superintendent some direction and a chance to do his thing," he said.

Encouraging public participation in board meetings and school affairs is one of Roddy's objectives as a board member, he said.

He is working on several suggestions that will encourage people to take an active part in improving the district, he said.

MS. JACKMAN AND RODDY, who

ran as a team for the two board seats, also predicted that a new spirit of cooperation will develop on the board.

"I feel that many of the people don't really know me," said Ms. Jackman. "I think some people have preconceived notions about me and my positions which will change once they get to know me better."

"I am an open-minded and reasonable person. I can disagree with someone one day and then come back and work with them the next."

Roddy said previous notions about his viewpoints and opinions may be inaccurate.

"I think you're going to see a new attitude on the board," he said.

Roddy, a patrolman with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, ran unsuccessfully in the 1980 school election for a board seat.

Ms. Jackman, a substitute teacher in

the Waterford School District, won on her second try for a board seat. She finished third in a tight four-person race for two board seats last June.

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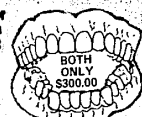
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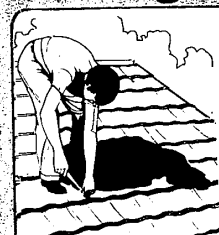
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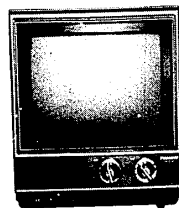
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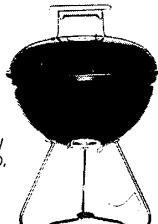
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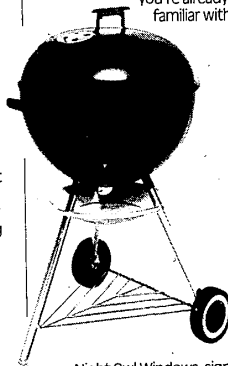
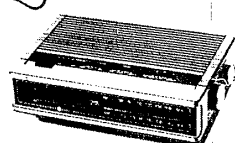
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