

College Denies Students 'Advisory' Seats On Board

Schoolcraft Community College trustees have refused to accept the president of the Student Senate as an official advisor on student affairs.

The proposal failed by the narrow vote of 4-3 with one member absent Wednesday, in the regular March trustees' meeting.

Trustee William Secord, who represents Northville School District, put the matter formally before the board with a motion to seat the student senate president "on the board in an advisory capacity."

He was seconded by Trustee John LaRue of Livonia, an at-large trustee, and picked up the voted support of College Board Chairman Mrs. Jane Moehle, of Plymouth.

DEFENDING the effort with

Boswell Declares SC Board Illegal, Walks Out

By DENNIS L. PAJOT

Schoolcraft Community College Trustee James Boswell, McDonald To Dedicate Info Center

U.S. Rep Jack H. McDonald (R-Farmington) will be the dedication speaker Monday, when General Services Administration opens the Detroit Federal Information Center.

McDonald will speak during a 10 a.m. ceremony at the Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse at 221 W. Lafayette, Detroit.

GSA Administrator Robert L. Kunzig said the opening of the Detroit Center is another step in implementing President Nixon's program to make the government more responsive to the needs of the people. GSA will have 25 federal information centers in operation this year in major metropolitan areas.

John W. Chapman, Jr., deputy GSA administrator, will present keys to the Federal Information Center, symbolically opening the door of information between the government and the people, to Detroit Mayor Roman S. Gribbs and Eddie McGloin, chairman of the Detroit federal executive board.

GSA-operated federal information centers provide one-stop assistance to anyone who needs help or has a question about the government. The specially trained staff is familiar with the complex government organization, services and programs, and will be able to answer most questions.

A courtesy telephone will be available at the center for those who wish to speak directly with personnel of an agency in the area.

Boswell announced at the beginning of the March board session Wednesday that he feels the college board is "illegal and unconstitutional, possibly making me liable for illegal activity if I take part."

And he stalked out of the meeting.

MRS. JANE MOEHLE, board chairman and the Plymouth School District representative, stated, "In view of the absence of any injunction, we will proceed with the meeting as a college board constituted by the Legislature."

Boswell referred to a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision affecting a Kansas City, Missouri, community college and said it supports his long-held opinion that the Schoolcraft board is malapportioned.

He charged that "you have been aware of this for two to three years... aware of letters I have sent" to various government agencies.

Mrs. Moehle, in particular, as president of the board, is "either negligent or incompetent in not bringing this issue to a head before this time," said Boswell.

"I am going to seek a temporary restraining order," said Boswell, adding that he has already secured an attorney for the purpose.

BOSWELL'S FIGHTS with the board on this and other points have been many since he was elected five years ago. He has frequently remained away from the board table, at one point last fall missing three meetings in succession.

The Supreme Court ruling to which he referred is currently being researched by the board's attorney, Edward Drangelis of Plymouth.

His off-hand opinion has been that significant differences between the composition of the trustees of the Kansas City board and Schoolcraft's board indicate that it will not likely force reapportionment.

"no" votes were Trustees Dr. Robert Geake of Northville and Dr. George Martin of Livonia, both at-large members; Paul Matnick, Clarenceville School District; and Clarke Oldenburg, Garden City.

Trustee James Boswell, the Livonia School District representative, was not present. He stalked out of the meeting earlier disputing another issue.

Secord's motion followed several informal and formal requests from the Student Senate for some type of representation on the board of trustees, either in a voting or advisory capacity.

Student Senate President Dennis McCarthy in February asked for "seating of a student representative to act as the voice of the student body."

McCarthy, past Student Senate President Randy Johns, and the only candidate for the position in the April 12 Student Senate election, Tom Winkler, pleaded the case in person at the March meeting. All are in their mid-20's.

SEVERAL other members of the Student Senate: a Livonia Democrat seeking his party's nomination to run for the State Senate, Paul Kadish; and several members of the general student body also spoke for seating.

The trustees acted with the advice of their attorney, Edward Drangelis of Plymouth, that seating a student as a voting member would be unconstitutional, but that seating in an advisory capacity would be legal.

A recommendation of the administration, if given, was not made public. The administration was not asked to comment during the public board deliberations.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER defeating Secord's motion, the board reconsidered its February action which granted the Student Senate and Faculty Forum an advance package of board meeting materials.

Trustee Dr. Martin had requested the reconsideration, stating he thought the approval had been given hastily and out of normal procedure.

The hard-won new service was retained by the student and faculty elected groups by a 4-2 vote, however. Dr. Martin abstained and Trustee Boswell was absent.

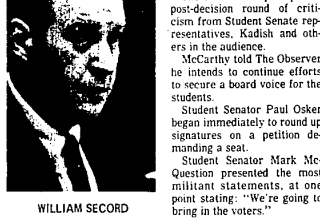
Mrs. Moehle, Dr. Geake, LaRue, and Secord voted to continue providing the agenda package. Matnick and Oldenburg voted to deny it.

The two actions prompted a post-decision round of criticism from Student Senate representatives. Kadish and others in the audience.

McCarthy told The Observer he intends to continue efforts to secure a board voice for the students.

Student Senator Paul Osker began immediately to round up signatures on a petition demanding a seat.

Student Senator Mark McQuestion presented the most militant statements, at one point stating: "We're going to bring in the voters."



WILLIAM SECORD



CLARENCEVILLE PRESENTS "Bye-Bye, Birdie," the former Broadway and film musical, on April 3, 4 and 5 in the Schmidt Auditorium of Clarenceville High School. In a dance number, Kyle Moller (playing part Rosie Alvarez) is admired by (from left) Larry Kopelman, Mike Waack and Mike Sweeney. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Westbrook Has Pancake Supper

Clarenceville's Westbrook Elementary School PTA will sponsor its seventh annual pancake supper Wednesday, April 15, in the school's multipurpose room. Serving will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 65 cents for children 12 years of age and under.

Special prizes will be awarded, and a white elephant sale will be among features of the evening.

Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of additional playground equipment. Tickets may be purchased from PTA members, at the school or at the door.

Probation Office To Serve Area

Plans for a branch office of the Wayne County Circuit Court probation department, to serve northwestern Wayne County, have received preliminary approval by the County Board of Supervisors.

The supervisors, meeting as the ways and means committee March 12, approved the proposed leasing of office space at 2769 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Plans call for a staff of seven probation officers to serve an area encompassing Livonia, Redford Township, Northville, Plymouth, Canton Township, Westland, Garden City and northwest Detroit.

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