Hills attorney seeks BOE seat

Jeffrey Gabel; the youngest of Clar-ence and Ruth Gabel's three children, will graduate from North Farmington High School in June.

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But that event won't leave the Gabel family uninvolved with the Farmington Public Schools — not if father Clarence has his way.

Clarence M. Gabel, a 51-year-old attorney with a varied and interesting background in education and industry, hopes to enter the school system as a member of the board of education at the same time his youngest child leaves it.

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was one reason why I didn't get deeply involved in the schools before this." Gabel said in a recent interview. "A parent with a child in school just seems to have a little different perspective.

"I have no arguement with people



Clarence M. Gabel, candidate for the Farmington school board, reads the law in his Centennial Place office.

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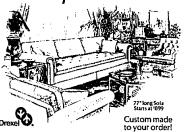
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administration as well as law and un-dergraduate degrees, but he's quick to point out that "they (the degrees) don't pay for any groceries." Gabel, who lives with his family on Glouster Circle in Farmington fills, has resided in the community for about 15 years and thinks highly of the school system.

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"Obviously, there are always places to make improvements," he said. "Right now, I don't even know where those places are, but I'm willing to attend board meetings, help in studies ... anything it takes to identify them. "I'm not saying I have all the answers, but I think I have the capacity for developing some answers."

If he's voted in, Gabel and the other board members will be seeking an-swers to the problem of deciling stu-dent enrollment and the resulting teacher layoffs or displacement.

"In a lot of districts, we've seen too many teachers teaching courses for which they're not really qualified," Ga-

bel said. "Being in math, I'm very sen-sitive to that."

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GABEL FEELS that his past experimence in computers will be useful in developing programs for the Farmington schools.

"I'm very much in favor of the development of computer courses in the schools," he said. "We need them, not just in the high schools, but the junior light in the recommend with the approach their using at this time. I'm not sure they're teaching the things that are vital in regards to computers. Their emphasis seems to be on teaching computer language rather than computers."

Concerning the amount of moose he intends to spend on his campaign, Gabel said, "I don't think this is the type of position that warrants spending a lot of position that warrants spending a for

of position that warrants spending a lot of money. I don't anticipate taking up collections.

"Whatever I do collect, I'll report, of

