

# Incumbent blames defeat on teacher vote

By Patricia N. Bowling  
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Defeated incumbent Janet Callahan, who finished last in a four-person election for two seats on the Walled Lake Board of Education, believes more teachers than residents attended the polls last week.

"They (teachers) want someone on there who's going to give them more raises," she said, in explaining the election results.

Callahan received 559 votes. A small turnout of only 1,762 voters went to the polls.

Callahan said she is not certain if she will seek election in the next school board race. But, she said she will remain involved in the district.

"I'll continue to be very visible," said Callahan, who will step down from the board after only one term.

**WALLED LAKE VOTERS** returned Kenneth Tucker to the school board and added a newcomer to the panel, Cynthia Campton.

In one of the silliest voter turnouts in recent years, Tucker and Campton finished strides ahead of opponents Samuel Wolfe and incumbent Callahan.

Tucker, who received 1,071 votes, first was elected in 1978 and served as board president during the 1981-82 school year. He was defeated in his bid for re-election in 1982.

Campton, a member of the Oakley Park PTA and the Walled Lake P.T.S.A., netted 1,042 votes in her first election bid.

"It's an awful nice feeling," said Campton.

Following Tucker and Campton were Wolfe with 655 votes and Callahan with 550.

**WOLFE, WHO BEGAN** attending school board meetings about a year ago, also said he will continue his involvement in the district. Wolfe added he plans to run again in the next election.

Board member Betty Campton (not directly related to Cynthia Campton), who chose not to seek re-election after serving her third four-year term on the Walled Lake board, said at the June 13 school board meeting she leaves the board with mixed emotions.

"Having been involved in the district since 1950, it's going to be different to walk away from it. But I'll still be around," she said.

Cynthia Campton served several terms as president of the Walled Lake Board and presently serves as president of the Oakland Intermediate School Board.

**ONLY 17 PERCENT** of the registered voters cast ballots at the June 13 election. According to unofficial results

in precinct one (Walled Lake Junior High), Callahan received 93 votes, Campton 139, Tucker 174 and Wolfe 111; in precinct two (Keith Elementary), Callahan received 53 votes, Campton 208, Tucker 172 and Wolfe 88; in precinct three (Commerce Elementary), Callahan received 83 votes, Campton 127, Tucker 133 and Wolfe 93.

In precinct four (Wicom Elementary), Callahan received 73 votes, Campton 108, Tucker 108 and Wolfe 78; in precinct five (Gleagary Elementary), Callahan received 102 votes, Campton 112, Tucker 136 and Wolfe 82; in precinct six (Twin Beach Elementary),

Callahan received 42 votes, Campton 132, Tucker 130 and Wolfe 98; in the seventh precinct (Dublin Elementary), Callahan received 43 votes, Campton 87, Tucker 76 and Wolfe 37; and in the eighth precinct (Oakley Park Elementary), Callahan received 55 votes, Campton 153, Tucker 142 and Wolfe 70.

# Library loses tax levy battle

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Lewis nodded his approval after indicating that "the authority question doesn't have the psychic baggage that the funding question has." He said that library officials were less concerned when the reorganization question was on the ballot because it is "not as hostile" as the funding question.

The problem of asking both questions in 1983, Lewis said, is that not enough library officials were in a special election and there isn't enough time to prepare for an operating millage question by this November.

"The only way I would want to see it on the ballot is the authority (question) with the funding," said Farmington

Mayor Alton Bennett, who criticized the absence of library board members from the meeting.

"It's a crying shame," Bennett said, indicating that the library board left the "critical issue" up to Lewis to convince council members to allow the question on the November ballot.

Current financial support from both cities is at about nine-tenths of a mill. But Lewis contends that even with the system's \$1.2 million 1983-84 budget, funding, particularly from the cities, is lagging behind operating, book and equipment costs.

In April, when the library's budget requests were under consideration, Lewis said that if the system were

reorganized and could levy one mill for operating expenses, the library could receive an additional \$30,000 at a cost of 44 cents for each taxpayer.

**ALTHOUGH THE** one-mill levy was only a figure tossed around, Farmington councilman William Hartsock and City Manager Robert Deadman both indicated that if the state equalized value of property in both cities continues to decrease as it did this year, the library still would have money problems with its own independent funding.

"Our funding level has not been level for the last three years and has seriously impacted the quality of the collection," Lewis said.

But Hartsock responded that with the ability to levy operating millage, funding still would vacillate from year to year because of SEV.

If voters refuse to cooperate and pay library operating millage, Hartsock said, the library then has a "fall-back" and could look to the cities again for funding.

# Blue Key bestowed on Tech student

Ellen Hedfield, a junior majoring in chemical engineering at Michigan Technological University, has been selected as a new member of the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity.

Hedfield has been involved in several organizations at Michigan Tech. She is a member of the Rhoes of Sigma Tau

Gamma, is the principal flautist for the Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra, and a member of special committees in Blue Key.

Hedfield is the daughter of Hagen and Esther Hedfield of Farmington. She is a 1981 graduate of North Farmington High School.

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