

Transfer rejected in Walled Lake district

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Open enrollment — when parents rather than residential districts determine what school children attend — was considered by the Walled Lake Board of Education last week.

The board denied, by a 4-3 vote, three enrollment requests and also voted to maintain its current enrollment policy according to residential districts.

The issue was raised after the families of three children requested their children not be returned to Glegary Elementary School this fall. The children were transferred to Oakley Park

Elementary from Glegary last fall.

One set of parents said they anticipate pulling their student out of Walled Lake schools and placing her in a private school because of the board's decision to transfer her back to Glegary. "I feel there can be exceptions to a policy," said Carol Benner. "I didn't think that decision was fair."

THE THREE FAMILIES, along with families of five other Glegary third-grade students, moved their children last year on a voluntary basis. According to Elementary Education Director Hugh Davies, an inaccurate estimate of Glegary's fall enrollment last year made the transfers necessary.

"This was the first experience I can recall when we asked people (to voluntarily transfer their students)," Davies told the board. Usually when class size difficulties are anticipated, parents are notified that the enrollment district has been changed in advance of the school year.

But these students at Glegary already attended school one day when transfers were found necessary, Davies explained. A number of parents were asked to transfer their students to Oakley Park and, although some declined, enough parents consented to the move to alleviate overcrowded conditions at Glegary.

PRESENT BOARD policy requires that students be returned to their original school after a one-year transfer to balance classroom enrollments.

"The intent of the policy was to prevent the jockeying of students back and forth," said Trustee Robert Cooper. However, if parents voluntarily move their child to assist the district, Cooper added, the administration owes them the opportunity to allow their child to remain at the new school.

"It is not in the best interest of our school district to deny this," said Trustee Cynthia Campion, noting that the parents have each indicated their child is quite content at Oakley Park.

"My son's attitude toward school and

school work has improved remarkably since he has attended Oakley Park," wrote one parent.

"While the schools are in the same district, the level of teaching and amount of material covered would appear to be greater at Oakley Park. Also, our daughter has established herself in Oakley Park, and to move her again could cause confusion and possibly damage her school work," said another of the parents.

However, Trustee Patricia Jackman said: "I think we're opening ourselves up to comparison of schooling between buildings. I don't think this is the time or place to discuss a policy change that would affect the things this would affect."

CAMPION, COOPER and Merlin Reeds voted in favor of allowing the students to remain at Oakley Park. Jackman, Bonnie Venzke, Kenneth

Tucker and Mario Torzi voted to deny the request.

Rather than making an exception to the established board policy, Davies suggested amending the policy to allow parents to request a transfer in writing when class size at the desired new building permits the transfer.

This "open enrollment" policy, which allows parents to move a child outside his enrollment area when class sizes permit, is successfully used in a number of Oakland County school districts, Davies said.

The present policy is discriminatory, he said, because it allows transfers to other enrollment areas when the child resides in a home with only one parent, or a home where both parents work.

"If you look at your present policy, a fractured family has an advantage over a whole family. The board should consider a policy that treats all families equally," said Davies.

obituaries

MICHAEL B. MOSLAK

Mr. Moslak, 75, of Farmington Hills died August 14 in Botsford General Hospital.

Born in DuBois, Pa., Mr. Moslak was a retired IRS agent. He was a graduate of Beckley College in Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Moslak was a member of the American Legion, Army-Navy Service Club, Moose Lodge No. 94, Jedota Lodge and St. Catherine Church of DuBois.

Survivors include his wife, Edith; daughter, Judith; four brothers and four sisters.

Services were August 18 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Seamus Ryan officiating. Burial was in DuBois, Pa.

LAWRENCE W. STREYSKAL

Mr. Streyskal, 73, of Birmingham died August 15 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Mr. Streyskal was an attorney. Survivors include his brother, Jack; two nephews.

Services were August 19 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Thomas J. Finni-

gan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

ANNE MATTERN

Miss Mattern, 93, of Farmington Hills died August 15 in Oak Hill Nursing Home.

Miss Mattern was a stenographer for the automotive industry.

Survivors include her sisters, Stella Nowacki and Victoria Dowling; three nieces and four nephews.

Services were August 17 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Seamus Ryan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

CHARLES H. JEFFERY

Mr. Jeffery, 88, of Southfield died August 16 in Fairlane Memorial Convalescent Home.

Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Mr. Jeffery was a retired painter for Wilson Dalry.

Survivors include his wife, Grace; sons, Donald and Bart; sisters, Mildred Jeffery and Dolly Renwick; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were August 19 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington,

with the Rev. Lee Tyler of Salem United Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

MAURICE BLAKE WATSON

Mr. Watson, 83, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Farmington and West Bloomfield, died August 16 in Mesa General Hospital in Mesa.

Mr. Watson was a sales manager for Chrysler. He was a member of Westgate Lodge No. 520 F & A M. Mr. Watson was a Major in the Air Force during World War II and the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Edith; sons, Michael and James; daughter, Sharon.

Services were August 20 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Gary E. Callahan of St. David's Episcopal Church officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

GEORGE ANDREW GREIG

Mr. Greig, 77, of Farmington Hills died August 16 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.

Born in New York, Mr. Greig was sales administration manager for Chevrolet Motors, retiring in 1969. He was a founding member of Forest Lake

Country Club in Bloomfield Hills and also a member of Tequesta Country Club near Palm Beach, Florida, where he spent his winters.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; son, George Jr.; daughter, Beverly Gregory; sisters, Margaret Grant and Grace Davis; ten grandchildren.

Services were August 19 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Charles Fox of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

JOSEPH LEON HUDON

Mr. Hudon, 87, of Farmington Hills died August 17 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Born in Canada, Mr. Hudon was an inspector for Lyon, Inc. before retiring. Survivors include his wife, Clara; daughter, Alice; sisters, Antoinette-Bouchard, Sister Alma and Sister Louise.

Services were August 20 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was said at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Pine Knob adds August dates

Two new acts have been added during August at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Clarkston. Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, with special guest Rhythm Corps, will play at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Prices are \$7 pavilion, \$4 lawn.

The Whippers will give a concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26. Tickets are \$13.50 pavilion, \$10 lawn.

The Rockets again have a new playing date, Sunday-Monday, Aug. 28-29. Tickets for June 10 or July 14 will be honored Aug. 28; tickets for June 11 or July 15, on Aug. 29.

The September schedule includes Anne Murray, at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 1-3; Asia, with Chris DeBugh, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Sept. 7-10; Neil Young, at 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 12-13; Santana, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 15-17; and Eddie Money, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 23-24. Tickets for each concert are \$13.50 pavilion, \$10 lawn (except \$8.50 lawn for Anne Murray).

September tickets are not yet on sale. For further information, call the Pine Knob Hotline at 647-7790.

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