

Contract grants administrative raises

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Dozens of Clarenceville School District employees — ranging from the superintendent at the top to co-op students at the bottom — received raises after recent action by the Clarenceville Board of Education.

The raises, with one exception, were set at 5 percent, in keeping with the amount received by Clarenceville teachers in the contract they settled last month. The raises are retroactive to July 1.

The recent board action leaves only the 58-member union representing the district's bus drivers, custodians, maintenance workers and cafeteria workers without a contract — and raise — for the current school year, Clarenceville Superintendent David McDowell said.

The union, he said, is negotiating with the district.

"We don't have labor problems down here even though our salaries rank low when compared to other school districts in Oakland County," McDowell said.

"We haven't burned up the community's money for our own nest."

The raises were available this year due to the improved financial condition of the district, which represents portions of Livonia, Redford Township and Farmington Hills. The new state aid bill to schools enacted this year and the end to the sharp decline in student enrollment are responsible for the district's increased revenue.

THE RAISES approved by the board follow:

- For McDowell, a \$2,370 increase, raising his salary from \$47,409 to \$49,779. In addition, the board agreed to invest \$4,000 into a tax-sheltered annuity account in McDowell's name in January 1984. To offset this, the board reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000 the severance pay McDowell will receive upon his retirement at the end of June 1984.
- For the assistant superintendent of school business affairs, a \$2,187 raise bringing the position's salary to \$39,813. This raise represented about a 5.5 percent increase. This position was the only one to receive a raise amounting to more than 5 percent so it could be established as the second-highest-paying position in the district, McDowell said.
- For the other administrative and supervisory positions, straight 5-percent raises. The new salaries are: administrative assistant for instruction, \$41,867; high school principal, \$41,810; junior high school principal, \$37,712; elementary school principals, \$40,145 and \$39,932; assistant high school principal, \$39,355; special education director, \$38,877; and supervisor of buildings, grounds and transportation, \$30,525.
- For the 18-member secretaries' union, a straight 5-percent raise. Salaries now range from \$194.80 per week for a person just starting a level IV position to \$305.60 per week for a person with 10 years experience in a level I position. The secretaries' new contract also contains improvements in the health insurance coverage for dependents.
- For substitute teachers, a straight 5-percent raise. Substitute teachers now will receive \$41 per day as opposed to the \$39 per day they previously earned.
- For non-bargaining employees, a straight 5-percent raise.

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