

# Voters show heightened interest in schools

The Dec. 6 Walled Lake school millage election didn't have the highest voter turnout in recent history, nor was the margin of victory the widest.

But approval of the ballot proposition by 57 percent of the vote was highly significant in other ways, millage committee workers said last week.

Three, possibly four, precincts have in the past not been supportive of millage efforts," said Becky Norris, who chaired the phone bank in this election.

The typically unresponsive area includes precincts in Commerce, Wixom and particularly Precinct 1 in Walled Lake. Precinct 1 was the only precinct in which the millage failed, and there by only 24 votes.

"We were just thrilled to death," said Norris who has worked past millage campaigns. "Somehow those people changed. I think the community is becoming more supportive, more interested in the schools."

of 215 people were involved in placing the calls, which were funded by the millage committee.

IN A REPORT to the school board last week, Norris noted that these phone bank workers became privy to some of the concerns foremost in parents' minds as they considered the millage proposal.

In the same election, nearly 6,000 residents voted on the district's request for an increase in millage. With a choice of 5.5 mills for five years or 4 mills for five years, voters turned down both. The 5.5 mills lost by 59 percent, while the 4 mills was rejected by 53 percent of the voters.

The last time district voters approved a millage increase was in June 1976. About 5,100 voters cast ballots on a request for 4 mills for five years, approving the proposition by 55 percent.

In subsequent years, four requests for millage increases failed, all by margins of 58 to 68 percent.

Norris attributes at least some of the success of the Dec. 6 request for 5 mills to the efforts of the phone bank.

Working two-hour shifts, they placed phone calls from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week for two weeks. A total

"We talked with some 5,000 parents," she told the board. One of the concerns uppermost in their minds was central administration, she said.

"People asked about whether there has been mismanagement."

Others asked whether salary levels are too high in administration and whether the district is getting the job it is paying for from its administrators.

Parents told the millage workers they wanted the district to run a "tight ship" and not allow poor administrators or ineffective teachers to remain in the system, Norris told the board.

Secondly, parents said they were concerned about the school board itself. Some told the millage workers they were concerned whether the board would do what it said it would with the

millage money.

"Many asked, 'Is it down in black and white' how they will spend the money," Norris said.

While they are trying to overcome their "shadowed reputation," Norris told the trustees it is "imperative that the board act with integrity and utmost concern" in appropriating the new millage money.

## New administrator oversees business

The Walled Lake Board of Education approved hiring of a new administrator last week as part of a three-year plan for reorganizing the business office.

The plan, presented by assistant superintendent for business Russell Wright, left trustees "very pleased," they said.

"I believe Mr. Wright is on track for solving the problems that have been of concern," said Trustee Merlin Reed.

"This is going to help us a great deal," said board member Patricia Jackman.

The board unanimously accepted Wright's proposal and authorized Su-

perintendent Don Sheldon to advertise for an information systems supervisor.

The creation of this new position answers concerns the board previously expressed about the need for a data-processing professional in the business office. The individual in this position would provide system guidance and actual computer programming support for scheduling, attendance, fiscal control, and the upgrading of fiscal operations.

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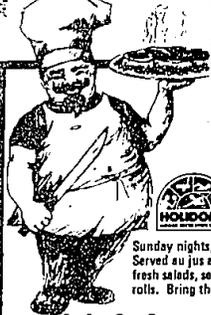
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