

# Concern voiced over future funding

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cial issue facing the school district in years to come, according to Deputy Superintendent Michael Flanagan, who called it "a sign of things to come."

"The equity issue will impact Farmington schools in the next several years," he said.

BOARD PRESIDENT Helen Prutow, who is also a trustee for Oakland Schools, the intermediate school district for Oakland County, agreed. She said the equalization issue will most likely top the legislative agenda next spring.

"We're in for it," she said. "It's going to happen."

The district's year-end financial statements were completed in "record time" this year, according to the accountants who were able to audit the statements and complete their field work by Aug. 4 for the district's fiscal year which ends June 30.

The condition of the district's records was termed "outstanding, especially considering the transitions (in the district). The conditions of the

records haven't suffered at all."

Plante & Moran's work will cost the district an estimated annual fee of \$16,500, plus an additional \$3,000 to complete a necessary financial and compliance audit of federal programs, fees approved by the school board in mid-June.

According to the balance sheet presented, liabilities in the district's General Fund, which operates the schools, totaled \$5,825,535, compared with total assets of \$10,717,411, leaving the total fund equity at \$4,891,775. This is an increase from a \$3,425,660 fund equity for the year ended June 30, 1985.

IN THE Special Revenue Fund which includes food service and athletic funds, total liabilities of \$4,600 were recorded against assets of \$93,208, leaving a fund equity of \$88,608. This compares with a \$7,213 fund equity one year ago.

Capital projects showed liabilities of only \$172,749 against assets of \$4,423,884, leaving a fund equity balance of \$4,251,085. This compares with a \$437,690 fund equity balance one year ago.

Most of this increase is attributed to land sales by the district, including a \$3.5 million sale to Little Caesar's International and a \$458,775 land contract payoff.

A fund balance of \$391,389 was reported in the district's debt retirement fund, compared with \$642,280 the previous year.

Any surplus or deficit generated by the Special Revenue Fund and Capital Projects Fund are absorbed by the general fund; in the case of the Capital Projects Fund, when the fund has been terminated.

Budget comparison to actual spending show the district had \$1,804,387 in excess revenue in its general fund, due to \$761,535 more revenues than expected and \$1,042,852 less in expenses than original budget projections.

OF THE listed \$51,432,423 in general fixed assets owned by Farmington Public Schools, \$8,111,324 is in equipment, \$2,226,536 in vehicles, and \$41,094,563 in the form of land and buildings. Assets were reduced during the past year, when Farmington Public Schools sold 3.75 acres of

property on Northwestern Highway, Noble School, land in the Meadowbrook Hills subdivision, and the 40 acres on 12 Mile Road which was sold to Little Caesars International.

This revenue was put in the Capital Projects Fund.

The majority of the \$51,800,861 in revenue from the General Fund is taken from local property taxes, which generated \$42,660,574 for the district.

Interdistrict sources, including special education payments from other districts, brought Farmington schools \$6,201,118. State sources contributed \$2,139,894, while federal

sources totalled \$799,575.

A total of \$28,430,423 was spent on instruction which includes basic programs at all levels, special and vocational education and adult/continuing education.

Supporting services, which includes guidance and health, and other student support services, plus general administration, business and transportation services and central office services totalled \$22,349,016. A total of \$103,075 was spent on community services.

Transfers between funds totalled \$508,656 and included \$3,816 for the athletic fund \$11,692 for the cafeteria fund.

## 20-year nursing veteran retires

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THERE IS no doubt the West Bloomfield Township resident is well-loved.

"She's a wonderful person with a great sense of humor and is a warm and dedicated nurse," said Colleen Hunt, her supervisor and also a nurse in the Farmington area for many years. "She was one . . . who shied away from recognition — she did her work quietly."

Sometimes, it's hard to tell where the job ends and your life begins," Zelinsky said of her calling. "Public health nursing is so diversified . . . the trend is towards specialization. Many still choose hospital nursing . . . there's something about feeling you have an expertise."

Many of her colleagues receive a variety of assignments during their careers, moving from area to area, but Zelinsky remained in the Farmington area. "For whatever reason, I was never asked to move," she said.

"The schools have always been cooperative." With the area not being all affluent, "it's made it interesting," she added.

Sometimes, the influence in the area gets in the way. "People think they can deal with their problems," she added. "The focus (of public health nursing) is not on indigent people — our services are for everybody."

HER JOB carried her into many social issues — things she said were an important part of addressing health matters. "You can't ask someone to pursue their medical needs when they can't pay the rent," she said.

She's noticed a rise in single-parent homes, making it "more and more of a problem for them (the parents) to take care of the child."

Parenting was always a primary concern for Zelinsky and her health colleagues. "Their priorities some-

times become confused," she said of parents. "We don't really have a substitute for a child's family."

"You're trying to teach them nurturing skills and keep the child in the home," she added.

But when this is not possible, the Oakland County nurses work closely with the protective services division

of the Michigan Department of Social Services. If problems arise,

IN THE community overall "Oakland County residents seem to use their health department," she added.

"With the emphasis on health today . . . more people are reading labels on boxes . . . It's the ideal time to

focus on health education."

But now is the ideal time for Zelinsky to spend more time at her family's second home near Lewiston, Mich., where she can be near the water and spend some time cross-country skiing during the winter. She and her husband hope to move there in the near future.

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