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FEA grievance on seniority clause heard

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And According to the Farmington Education Association teachers' contract, the board decision is final and reasonable appealed for further arbitration. This is the second such city of the second such as the se

Former East Middle School teach-Former East Middle School teach-er James Westo was selected for a counseling position at Power Middle School over Mary DeMatita, a teach-er at Warner Middle School, who also applied for the position and had more semiority than Weston. Union leaders said DeMatita should have gotten the job based on seniority language in the current contract with the district, and filed a grievance on her behalf.

The issue was brought immediately to the board level and a hearing was held during a special meeting Tuesday.

VOTING TO deny the grievance were trustees Helen Ditchary, Janice Rolnick, R. Jack Inch and board President Helen Prutow Dissenting were trustees Susan Rennels and

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James Abernethy. John Cotton was

absent.

The board made its decision at a regular meeting following the hearing. Trustees did not discuss the mat-

regular meeting following the hearing. Trustee did not discuss the matter before taking a vote, although several made comments and asked questions during the hearing. FEA Executive Director Zan Alley said she was disappointed with the vote.

"I am extremely disappointed with the board of education has denied the grievance," she said in a prepared statement. "The contract was mutually agreed to through negotiations between the FFA and the board of education, and it is certainly mortunate for the employees that the board has decided not to uphold the language of the contract."

The grievance and board decision comes as FEA and district negotiating staffs prepare for upcoming concerned as the contract."

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Representatives from both the school district and the union said negotiations have not yet been scheduled. Alley said contract language issoes raised in Tuesday's grievance
would definitely be brought to the
bargaining table.

THE FEA brought a grievance in 1980 involving the addition of a gift-ed coordinator position, which the board decided was not a vacancy so the seniority issue did not apply. The issue was clarified during negotia-tions the following year, Alley said. Another similar grievance was

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brought in 1983 but was handled at a lower level. When the district fills a vacancy within the bargaining unit, it can consider only five items, according to the union. These include 'seniority, outside teaching experience, certification, qualifications' (clarified by other parts of the contract) and 'highest degree held by the applicanta.' When applicants are certified for

a job, "seniority rules," Alley added.
All positions covered by the col-lective bargaining contract are treated equally, except when differ-ent qualifications are noted in the contract, Alley said. No additional qualifications are required for coun-seling positions.

DESPITE THE seniority issue, the district chose Weston because he had previous counseling experience. An attorney for the district said he felt the contract language provided "flexibility" for the district in considering such items as previous experience.

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"What the question becomes is
whether the administration in all
cases can only look to the five criteria
cases are not look to the five criteria
about de considered," the attorney
said.

He also raised issues currently
being considered by the Michigan
Court of Appeals of whether a teacher should get additional terure for
areas such as commelling.

Truttee loch said the "outside
teaching experience" criteria listed
in the contract could refer to teaching experience outside of a particular job, not outside the district.

"The administratior made the decision based on what he thought was
important," added Robert Coleman,
director of employee relations for
the district.

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Farmington Hills police were called to Hunters Ridge — west of Orchard Lake Road, south of 14 Mills — at 11:10 a.m. Saturday following a seport of a shooting Lt. Murphy said.

When police arrived, they found Chapman lying on the grass outside an apartment on Hunters Drive. We found the victim on the ground. He had been shot (sonce) in the left temple, "Murphy said.

Chapman had been the chanifeur for an elderly apartment resident for an elderly apartment resident to booting, be grouped at the Hunters Ridge gatehouse and spoke with the guard and a postal employee. He was on his way to his employer at

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Residents told police that prior to the shooting, they saw a small silver car — occupied by two or three people— driving around the complex as though lost. The car had entered the complex through a back gate rather than the guardhouse gate of 14 Mile, Murphy said.
Residents then heard what sounded like gunshots. No one saw the shooting. But wincresse said they saw a young man leaning over this option, "bolding what appeared to be the victims," balding what appeared to be the victims wallet," Murphy said.

then saw the man get into the silver car.

Shortly after, West Rhoemfield Township Officer John Baligian, partolling in the area, saw a car with its hood up at the side of southbound Orchard Lake Rosd, not far from Hunters Rigge. The car apparently had broken down and the four-west Rissbers were on it matched the description of the silver car soen earlier at Hunters Ridge, politics said.

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IN LIGHT of recent reports of rowdylsm involving teens and young adults along Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Police Chief Willam Dwyer stressed that the abooting is considered "an isolated inci-

"It is not indicative of any crime problem in Farmington Hills. The victim and the suspected perpetra-tors were all from Detroit. It's an unfortunate incident. But it is in no way related to any problems we have had in the past on Orchard Lake," Dwyer sald.

Services for Chapman will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 13631 Dequindre, Detroit. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, 31472 Michigan, Wayne.

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