

School panel makeup argued

Woman sentenced for fraud scheme

A Farmington woman was sentenced to eight months in prison two weeks ago for her part in a wire fraud scheme involving Hudson's department store.

Ceryl Pallister, 37, pleaded guilty to the charges last June, after an indictment alleged that she and another co-defendant obtained about \$44,000 from Dayton-Hudson Corp. between June 1, 1987 and June 1, 1988.

According to U.S. Attorney Stephen Markman, the federal prison sentence was handed down Sept. 11, in addition to an order that Pallister make restitution to the company in the amount of \$22,237.

Judge Richard Subrelich of the U.S. District Court of Eastern Michigan was the presiding judge.

A second defendant in the case, a man, has not yet been sentenced, said assistant district attorney Blondell Morey, who handled the case.

Pallister worked as a waitress at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit when the incidents occurred.

The scheme consisted of Pallister obtaining a Hudson's credit card in the name of a deceased person, then stealing merchandise

projections and housing development in Farmington Hills.

Finagan said he felt the district had "inadvertently offended people in the past," by ignoring those who could not get out in the evenings — when most school meetings are scheduled.

"We sensed a deep resentment of our bias for night meetings," he said. "We've never really heard that people like that don't show up at our nightly board meetings."

When boundaries were last studied in late 1987 and early 1988, 44 citizens from various schools made boundary recommendations to the board, drawing hundreds of elementary-level parents concerned with proposed boundary shift.

There was criticism from the community that the previous group "lacked certain points of view — lacked certain expertise," Abernethy said.

"It was said time and time again. I think we're setting ourselves up ..."

Resident Richard DeVries, who sat on the 1987 elementary boundary committee, said he is concerned about the current effort, and sides with Abernethy about concern for when the committee meets.

"I don't think when you have a meeting at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, you have the most people able to participate in the process," he said.

He has sent a letter with his concerns to the school board.

DeVries, who lives in the Hunt Club subdivision next to the new school, said he intends to attend the nightly public meetings, and try to attend some during the day.

He is concerned that the new committee factor in growth, consider all areas and not just those west of Drake and consider a contingency plan in case the school cannot be finished.

Finagan said that residents are welcome to attend all meetings, but that the committee wants questions and comments at the end of each session.

"They reserved the right not to be disturbed during working time," he said. "The idea was not to close the meeting off, but to allow them to work."

The district has made an effort to

keep the public informed by listing dates and times of these meetings on the 24-hour public information line, 480-3337. They have also made information available at the School/Community Relations Department; these packets list the planned meeting dates of the group and other facts.

The committee held a general town meeting at Power Middle School Sept. 21, and plans another one or two similar meetings before December.

Committee meetings are scheduled for 1 p.m. at the district's central office Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26 and Nov. 2, 9, 21 and 30. The group is expected to study, discuss options, formulate a plan and present a proposal to the school board Dec. 5.

In addition, the group is scheduled to take an 8:30 a.m. bus ride tour of the district's west side Sept. 28 and hold a meeting following the tour.

12 Mile hearing scheduled

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Grade school boundary forum draws mixed views

Feelings were mixed, but school officials believe the crowd brought a number of good issues to the table Thursday in initial discussions about elementary boundaries.

About 80 residents, mostly parents, attended a town meeting at Power Middle School, the first session held to gather public sentiment about boundary changes relating to Hillside Elementary, slated to open next fall. Some spoke, some delivered their feelings in writing.

Part of the group wanted only children attending the new school on 11 Mile, near Halsted, to be relocated, keeping the impact on other children minimal.

"We strongly urge the committee to avoid massive redistricting of elementary school children," said Jerry Plascok, speaking for the Concerned Parents Coalition.

"The new school can either help solve a problem, or create many, many more."

OTHERS WANT the committee to consider all elementary boundaries — making room at other schools for music and art rooms.

"We must have space for on-going art projects, computer labs, enrichment classes available throughout the system, not just in a couple of schools," said parent Deborah Banyal.

"Redistrict for the future where we plan extra space in our school buildings, even if it means redistricting the entire district."

School/community relations director Pamela O'Malley, who acts as the committee's moderator, said she was pleased overall with the attendance, differing opinions and information brought from the community.

RESIDENTS REPRESENTING each elementary-level school serve on the committee: Heather Joy from Alameda, Susan Latimer of Beechview, Kathy Striker of Eagle, Linda Demayo of Fairview, Jane Wochomurka of Flanders, Fred Timper of Forest, Cathy Webb of Gill, David York of Highmeadow, Adrienne Agnew of Kenbrook, Diane Allen of Lakeshire, Kathy Kremer of Longacre, Debbie Crittenden of William Grace, Bobbie Feldman of Wooddale, and Bev Bahr of Wooddale.

Principals Dick Rutter of Fairview, Mike Duff of Gill and Walt Scoble of Warner Middle School and Farmington Education Association president Jim Miner also serve on the committee.

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