

Community Corner

This week's question: What was your reaction when you learned that Ernie Harwell, Farmington Hills resident and Tiger broadcaster, was being fired?

We asked this question at the A&W restaurant in the Farmington Crossroads shopping center.



"It's a shame . . . I think the Tigers really screwed up. I grew up listening to him on the radio."
— Karen Miller
Farmington Hills



"I think he should be able to retire when he's ready. He shouldn't be told when to quit."
— Mary Markey
Plymouth



"I have mixed emotions. He's done a wonderful job, but he's about ready to retire."
— Tony Lichwar
Farmington Hills



"I'm really disgusted with Bo. They should can him. I don't think he knows how to treat adults."
— Jim Glasgow
Westland



"It's pretty shaky . . . a nasty way to deal with a broadcaster who's so popular."
— Dick Puffpaff
Livonia



"I think we should boycott the opener, take up a collection and send Ernie the money."
— Pat Stando
Farmington Hills

Board has several options for altering boundaries

Following are details of a boundary study report for middle school and high schools in Farmington, as shared with the school board and community on Dec. 18.

The middle school subcommittee came to no consensus about boundaries, but offered three proposals to

change. Section numbers in the report refer to the layout of old Farmington Township:

• The preferred high school plan is to retain current boundary lines and open enrollment, allowing students to attend a high school out of their district, but providing their

own transportation. Enrollment would be capped at 1,100 for Farmington High, 975 for Harrison High and 1075 for North Farmington.

• A second high school plan, though not preferred, would leave current boundaries in place and do away with open enrollment.

• Plan I for the middle schools would move students from Section 5 from Dunklel to Warner, move Flanders Elementary district and Sections 21-2, 21-4 and 22 from Dunklel to East; and move sections 19-1, 19-2, 20-1, 20-2 and 21-1 from Power to Dunklel. This plan would move between 211 and 315 students, depending on whether eighth graders were included.

• Plan II for the middle schools would move Section 5 from Dunklel to Warner; sections 19, 20, 21-1 and 21-3 from Power to Dunklel; and Sections 22, 21-2, 21-4, 16-4, 15-3 and 15-4 from Dunklel to East. This plan would move between 180 and 257 students.

• Plan III for the middle schools would move Flanders Elementary

district from Power to East and Sections 22, 21-2, and 21-4 to East. This plan would move between 95 and 144 students.

• Other middle school options call for additions to Power and Dunklel, or an alternative magnet-type program similar to Highmeadow Common Campus Elementary.

Board eyes delay in decision

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retain current high school boundaries and the district's open enrollment policy.

Alternatives to boundary changes at the middle school level included possible expansions for Power and Dunklel middle schools. A choice program, similar to the alternative Highmeadow Common Campus,

could also be considered at the middle school level, the committee said.

Trustee James Abernethy said he felt there is "a real advantage to somewhat equalize the number of students in each school." But the middle schools are not of the same physical size, and such action would likely require building additions.

Don Cowan, director of building

and student services and co-chairman of the committee, said regardless of the action taken, the district should be flattered that so many parents and students have allegiance to their schools. "People do not want to leave their schools — that's really a nice problem to have," he added.

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