## rustees approve boundary change

1, 20-2 and 21-1 from Power to Section 22 and sub-sections 21-2, 21-4, 16-4, 15-3 and 15-4 from Dunckel to East.

THE PLAN attempts to equalize enrollment at the district's four middle schools, making better use of two underutilized schools. Warner and East. It also eases transportation to

the schools.
Trustee James Abernethy cast the dissenting vote on the motion, saying the preferred the board consider a magnet school concept to handle the problem. School superintendent Michael Flanagan said such a plan should be considered when a second any education report is offered this spring, but should not be used to cure boundary incopilies.
Trustees Cathleen Webb, Jack Cot-

ton, Jack Inch and board President Susan Rennels voted to approve the measure. Helen Ditzhary and Helen Prutow were absent.

"I do this with confidence," Webb said in making her motion. "We're trying to do what's best for the district. I feel this is the best plan.

"Times have changed in Farmington and I think our options are limited."

ed."
Prior to the vote, a few personal

attacks were launched against Aber-nethy and Inch, who both live in the south end of the district. Some par-ents felt the two would vote for their resident requested they abstain from voting. Both refused.

"If I lived at 14 Mile and Middle-belt, I would still be for Plan 2," said Inch, explaining that transportation was his major consideration. "If you

to."
The absence of Dithary and Pru-tow also came under personal attack from residents who believed a full beard should have voted on the mea-sure.
Highmeadow PTA president Susan Shapiro said she was disappointed with the tenor of the meeting, saying a millage win in Pebruary could have avoided all the problems, and

that people have to look at the entire picture and not consider boundaries in a vacuum.

"If people had voted for the mil-lage, they could have had their addi-tion at Power, and none of this need-ded to happen," she said, "The loss of money was not a hoax."

The board took its action Tuesday after 25c months of review of a com-mittee boundary study presented to the board in mid-December.

## Hills, developer eye compromise on zoning dispute

Continued from Page 1
cludes the city council's 5-2 denial in
January.
It also excludes an original complaint about the city council's 16month moratorium on IRO development, imposed in September 1889
and lifted Dec. 17, 1990.
"It (Kaffan's acreage) is not in my
judgment the best office property in
the city. But that doesn't mean the
zoning (office-service) is not reasonable." Donohue also believes "you'd
have to be bild not to see we are in
a depressed office market."
In a telephone interview in late
1990, Kaffan told the Observer the
has lost about \$700,000 a year in
the last three or four years walthe
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in 1986.
Donohue's response to the amended complaint was due March 1. The
lssue is still scheduled for trial July
16 before Oakland County Circuit

IN THE AMENDED complaint, Burnstein argues that Kaftan's off-ice-zone acreage is "isolated" be-cause there are no other office uses

cause there are no other office uses in the surrounding area.

"The present and future trend of building and development in the area... Is not office. There is no market demand for office uses (as now zoned)," according to the company.

int. Because of the location, irregular "Because of the focusion, regions shape, severe topography and closeness to an industrial subdivision, the land is not suitable for a quality office development under the OS-1 (office-service) zoning," the complaint continues.

ice-service) zoning," the complaint continues.

The city council's refusal to recore the land to IRO, according to the complaint "was arbitrary, unlawful, unconstitutional and donomingly and recklessly.

Donohue said the amended complaint "fairly reflects the issues between the parties. They are now get-

ting down to the nitty-gritty."
Residents who live near Kaftan's property have long been involved in the rezoning issue, which evolved into public concern about toxic and hazardous materials they believed could be used in the IRO zone.

A majority of Hillside Estates Condominium residents supported Kaftan's request. It would have en-sured only 120,000 square feet of one-story buildings built into the slope of the land.

The buildings also would have been air-conditioned so door and windows would not have to be

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DURING KAPTAN'S wait for the DURING KAFTANS want for one city council's decision, changes in the types of uses allowed in an IRO zone were made. Pharmaceuticals and laboratories engaging in genetic research are excluded as principal uses in the IRO and light-industrial

uses in the 11to and non-districts.

In the light industrial districts, the handling of pharmaceuticals and certain other materials would require special approval from the planning commission:

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residents the planning commission would be asked to review the possibility of restricting IRO zones to land west of Halsted and south of 12 Mile. IRO zones are now allowed anywhere in the city, with approved rezoning.

The planning commission also was expected to review alternatives to

the IRO, such as a technical office district, as suggested by Independ-ence IRIS subdivision resident David Randt Such a zone would allow engi-neering, design and drafting firms, small warehouses, and low-tech product resting and development, Kandt suggested in January

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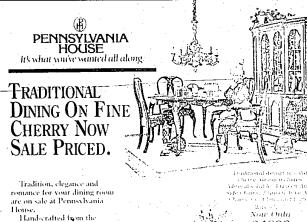
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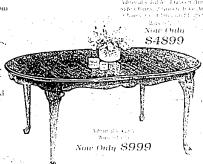






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