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system.

Both these major issues, plus a number of others, were raised during an afternoon study session of the school board Nov. 2.

It is the second such session held

to raise issues and brainstorm about concerns of board members and the school administration. The first was

held in the fall of 1990.
Sunday's session "uncorked some issues" said Superintendent Michael Plansgan, who said he also spent time addressing issues of public perception with the board. "I spent some time showing how two people can look at things and see them to-taily differently," he said.
The idea of changing the format of the school board meeting agenda comes as the district prepares to cablecast regular meetings, which will likely begin sometime after the first of the year, according to Flansgan.

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balance public comments and the regularly scheduled business of the board: "the whole focus is... now we're going to be on cable and we've got to get control of it before we start," he said.

SOME OF the changes could include an adjustment of the placement of agenda items — including public comment — and possible time limitations on presentations to keep the meeting format workable.

Board president Jack Cotton sald one concern with the upcoming cablecasting process was to keep meetings from getting too long. Some now stretch beyond midnight. The issue of agenda changes will likely be raised at a future meeting of the school board Polley Commit-tee.

of the school board Policy Commit-tee.
The other major issue discussed was school athletics, Filanagan and Cotton said.

Board members' concerns ranged from the role of the board with par-ent booster groups to a discussion of

Nurse is Bronze Star winner

January, gas mask strapped to her thigh.

Or the 12-hour days in which she and her nursing staff were virtually trapped in the hospital operating room with surgery after surgery a total of 900 done in four months. Her months of dedication as the head operating room nurse at the kend operating room nurse at the King Fahd Milltary Medical Complex in Dhahran were all rewarded in September, as Lt. Col. Ruth Ann Newman of the Michigan Army National Guard was given the Bronze Star for her meritorious service in the Persian Gulf. the Persian Gulf.

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know your neighbor

As the Persian Gulf War becomes another chapter in the history book, life and death memories from a Saudi Arabian hospital are still foremost in Nikkl Newinan's mind. They stick there, like the mud which clung to her bools and tent as she waited out seud missile raids last January, gas mask strapped to her thigh.

School talk 'uncorks' 2 key issues

Farmington school trustees will consider restructuring their meeting agenda format as cablecasting be-comes a reality and will discuss con-cerns about athletics in the school

gan. He said the idea is to efficiently

scissors at the Nissan ribbon-cutting Thursday are (from lett) Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, Nissan President Yutaka Kume, Nissan Vice President for Vehicle

SHARON t eMIFUX/staff photograph Research and Development Duane Miller and Research and Development President Ryuhel Narita.

New tech center

Nissan has big plans for Farmington Hills facility

There's evidence of the Rising Sun on Suntise Drive in Farmington Hills.

Nissan, a Japanese firm and the world's fourth largest automotive manufacturer, unveiled its new \$50 million research and development center Thursday, stressing partnership, teamwork and its intent of because it and concerning and c

ship, teamwork and its inient of be-coming a good corporate neighbor in the Halsted/12 Mile are; Nissan officials are touting this facility as the largest single re-search and development invest-ment by a foreign-based car manu-facturer in North America. It is primarily a product engineering center with extensive vehicle de-sign and development capabilities. The facility will be in full opera-tion Nov. 14.

After the gala dedication cere-

We want to make Nissan into a truly American company.' - Yutaka Kume

Nissan president

to media questions didn't deviate much from the material already contained in the media press kit. Nearly 600 people attended the opening of the center at 39001 Sunrise Drive. "We want to make Nissan into a trulk American company." Kume

"We want to make Nissan into a truly American company." Kume said through the translator. Nissan plans to further increase its purchases of U.S.-made auto parts and materials, including lo-cal procurement for its U.S. opera-tions and those in Japan to approxi-

montes which began with a rousing rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the North Farmington High school marching band, officials held a press conference with hallonal media.

The press conference was time-consuming and laborious because questions posed to Yutaka Kume, president of Nissan Motor Co., needed to be translated from Japanese by Yukihito Eguchi.

HOWEVER KIME'S responses

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This represents a jump of more than 40 percent above the previously announced level for 1992 of \$2.3 billion. Nissan's purchases of U.S. production parts totaled \$700 million in 1987.

"We would never have been able to set such an ambitious goal without the completion of our new technical center," Kume said. "As a result of our work here in Michigan in developing the new compact tamily van Quest, to be Introduced next year, we have strengthened our ties with North American parts suppliers and gained valuable experience and know-how."

The Quest will be assembled by Ford Motor Co, at its Avon Lake, Ohio plant. The Quest has created opportunities for about 140 new

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Hills activist rallies her neighbors to help needy

One Farmington Hills activist concerned about cuts to state welfare rolls and an increase in the homeless problem, is encouraging her neighbors to get involved with helping.

Beverly Cornell, a resident of the Westbrooke subdivision in Farmington Hills, began organizing neighbors last week to collect blankets which will be donated to the Salvation Army to help the needy.

Her concern came with the recent winter cold snap, and subsequent news stories about the plight of the needy.

"I've been watching the news and my heart just pours out to them," said Cornell, who is best known for the help she gives to orphaned animals. "Those of us in the suburbs who think we are immune to it, are not. It could

as easily be us."

Cornell is setting up block captains on each street who will collect the blankets, and the Salvation Army in Farmington Hills has arranged for a volunteer to pick them up. She said she would like to see similar programs spread throughout the city.

A Salvation Army spokeswoman said she encourages help of this kind, but said special pick-up arrangements were made for the Westbrooke subdivision and that such pick-ups would not be possible in other areas.

Any other neighborhoods that wish to get involved can collect blankets and bring them to the Salvation Army on Shiawassee west of Inkster.



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The Salvation Army can be reached at 477-1153.