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recent state law which affects how
drivers react to stopped school
buses.

Several trustees said they would not take the additional money out of the classroom to beef up the transportation program.

"We have to maintain and improve our classrooms," said trustee Helen Prutow, noting that the district is under financial constraints. "I think our money is better used in the classroom . . . that's the business we're in."

The school district changed its policy at the start of the 1991-92 school year, moving middle school and high school bus stops to main roads and making more students walk to school. Officials said the move saved the district \$1 million, reduced bus runs from 600 to 450 and saved drivers 1,000 miles per day.

The district made the cost-cutting move after getting input from the community, Flanagan said. "It wasn't done slipantly — I wasn't done bureaucratically," he added.

Parent David York spoke in support of the board position, calling bus transportation a "secondary service" provided by the district and saying that neighbors need to get together to control traffic problems in individual subdivisions. "I think it should be a parent initiative, supported by the board," he added.

But other parents are still opposed to the board policy. One parent said there were other accidents near school bus stops of which the district was not aware, including a recent accident near the Green Valley subdivision off of Nine Mile.

Hills' Council of Homeowners said his group is quite concerned about traffic safety problems and bus stop safety.

"We do have a problem with safety in this area," he said. "We all have to work together — all the units of government. It's going to have to start at the top and be a cohesive effort."

Krohner suggested an education

Administrators get pay hike for 1992-93

Administrative salary increases for Farmington Public School District are less than what other school employees received in the current year, but they have an opportunity to earn a one-percent bonus.

Top executives in the district will get three percent increases for the 1992-93 fiscal year, with a chance to earn the additional percent if they meet measurable goals.

In comparison, non-management employees both union and non-union, earned a four percent wage increase, with teachers getting an additional one percent stipend for increased instructional time and additional parent/teacher conference time. Other union employees have a chance at a one percent bonus, based on extra effort. The union contracts will run three years from last July 1; non-union raises are effective for one year.

Other represented managers, such as principals, will also have a

effort to encourage drivers to be "a little less aggressive on the board. That would be an appropriate way to deal with the problem," he added.

Trustee Joseph Svake, who heads the school board's safety committee, called for bus drivers to review the rules of the road with students and suggested principals address safety issues in individual school newsletters.

The school district raises are comparable to percentages paid out by local cities this year.

Including the increase, top paid administrators in the Farmington district and their wages include:

- Superintendent of schools Michael Flanagan: \$117,420.

• Assistant superintendents Bruce Barrett (finance) and Judith White (curriculum and staff development): \$90,866.

• Directors Robert Coleman (personnel), Susan Zurvalec (employee relations), Pamela O'Malley (school/community relations), and Donald Cowan (building and student services): \$86,965.

● High school principals Clayton Graham (Harrison), James Myers (Farmington) and Debra Clarke (North Farmington) and director of special education Janice Richards: \$84,000.

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interfere with consideration of any candidate.

Other council members said they preferred to look to their current employee base before searching outside.

Councilman Richard Tupper made his feelings clear Thursday about who he wanted to see in the job. He proposed that the council proceed with negotiations to offer public safety Director Frank Lauff the job, but later withdrew his motion when other council members said they felt it was only fair to consider an open field of candidates.

Lauhoff, 40, has been discussed at two recent meetings as a candidate with a strong push from Tupper — which some council members said bothered them. Both McShane and councilwoman Shirley Richardson said they felt only procedures and general discussions should be done at this point, and not names.

Tupper said he feels "we have the right person and I also think we should get on with it."

Also mentioned by the council as a possible candidate is assistant

St. Paul's caps centennial celebration

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, located at Middlebelt and Eight Mile roads in Farmington Hills, will conclude its centennial anniversary celebrations on Sunday, Oct. 4, with a special service beginning at 11 a.m.

After five celebrations reflecting on the past 100 years' blessings, this service will stress the congregation's future and recognize its newer

■ 'I've always been in favor of a search within city hall first. That looking inside includes everybody. We don't want to discourage anybody from applying.'

William Hartsock
Mayo

city manager Robert Schultz, 58. Council members said Thursday there could be others as well, which is why they left the process open.

Deadman's retirement will be the second major change in months for the city. City Clerk Josephine Bushey recently retired, and the clerk's function was merged with other operations under then treasurer Patsy Cantrell, who has assumed the new clerk/treasurer position in recent weeks. At least one other key department head is likely to retire in the near future, city officials said.

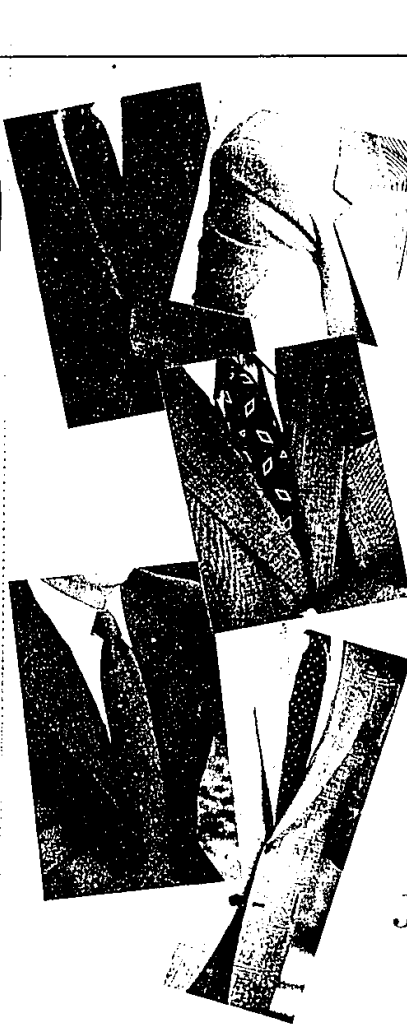
Farmington has a city manager form of government, in which a hired manager runs day-to-day operations and reports to an elected city council of five members. The

mayor is elected by fellow council members to the honorary position which he or she holds for two years.

Richardson said she is concerned that the council not feel rushed in making a decision, and said she preferred to appoint someone who would "stay for a long time," something that was echoed by other council members.

Although they will not rush the process, councilman Arnold Campbell said Thursday that "time is of the essence" in moving ahead on the matter.

Deadman said Thursday he preferred to let the city council make its decision and set its priorities without his input, especially if the search for his replacement is within city hall.



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