

Longtime C'ville school board member quits

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Linda Ahnert, the longest-serving member of the Clarenceville Board of Education, unexpectedly resigned Thursday in a letter read to trustees at the first board meeting of the 1994-95 school year.

Ahnert, who has sat on the board for 10 years and has served under three Clarenceville superintendents, did not attend the meeting.

Ahnert's resignation means that, after holding interviews, the board will appoint her replacement by mid-August. The re-

placement named will serve the second year of Ahnert's term, or until June. Who will serve the final two years of her term will be decided in the June 1995 school election.

"I've thought about this for the last year, since I was re-elected," said Ahnert in a telephone interview Friday. "I feel bad because I didn't fulfill my obligation to the residents who voted for me."

Increasingly, Ahnert said, her philosophy has differed from the philosophy of other board members.

"I came on as a mom, known

for her bleeding heart. I don't think the board in its composition has kept up with the changes taking place in society. They mostly have had long-term marriages where now we mostly have one-parent families. We don't represent our school population. I think our board makes old-style decisions."

Ahnert, whose youngest daughter Rachael is a senior at Clarenceville High, was first elected to the board in 1983. Four of her five children have graduated from Clarenceville.

Lisa Burr, former trustee who

lost her seat in the June election, said Friday she will apply for Ahnert's seat. Instead of sitting at the board table Thursday, Burr sat in the audience. She said she had a tough time being silent after months of talking as a trustee.

"It was driving me crazy, sitting there last night and not being able to say anything," Burr said. "Yes, I will apply. I want this seat. I want to be back on the board."

In the June election, Burr lost her seat by two votes. The top vote getter was Gary Garrison, a newcomer who garnered 114 votes. Incumbent Linda Brandemuhl

came in second, with 105 votes. Burr got 103 votes out of 322 votes cast.

After reading Ahnert's letter of resignation, the trustees debated whether to just name a replacement without going through interviews, or whether to seek applicants, interview them and then name her replacement. The board has taken both routes in the past in naming replacements.

"I favor the interview process," said Dale Weighill, who was elected board president during the reorganization meeting in which both Brandemuhl and Garrison

took the oath of office.

The trustees expect to appoint the trustee before the board's Aug. 12-13 study session at the Laurel Park Marriott. At this set Clarenceville's short and long-term goals and debate such issues as site-based decision making, contract negotiations and the 1994-95 school budget.

Clarenceville residents who want to be considered for Ahnert's seat should submit a letter of interest to the board by Aug. 1. Interviews are slated to be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

FARMINGTON SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for replacement of folding doors at Harrison High School until 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 2, 1994 at the Lewis Schuman Administration Center, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48334, addressed to Beverly Hausman at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein, or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

It is strongly suggested that bidders attend a prebid meeting at Harrison High School in the gymnasium on Tuesday, July 12, 1994 at 10:00 A.M.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from A.M. Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.

Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48334, (810) 489-3516. Please call first to verify availability.

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You may be appropriately dressed if you wear loose fitting pants that roll up readily to show your swollen knees. You can come to the doctor's office in a sleeveless shirt if doing so facilitates the doctor's examination of a sore shoulder. Arriving in slippers is acceptable if you are suffering an attack of gout in the big toe. If your problem is neck pain, then an open shirt without a tie represents a response to your condition rather than an indifference to the appointment.

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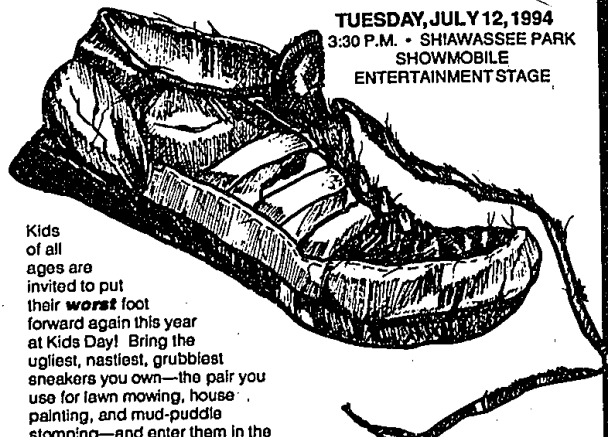
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