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THE Observer NEWSPAPERS

ELECTION '95

Tax plans OK'd; Hills man elected

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Clarenceville voters approved two millage proposals in Monday's school board election, and a Farmington Hills resident was elected to the board of education. Voters approval of both millages made Superintendent David Kamiah one happy school chief. "We are elated, very pleased," Kamiah told a gathering of election workers in Clarenceville Middle School as he announced the winning numbers. Proposal One, a \$4.4 million

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bond issue to remodel school buildings, passed 628-320. Proposal Two, a 0.75-mill sinking fund to generate \$2.1 million for repairs over 10 years, passed 532-314. This was the second attempt by Clarenceville to get voters to approve a bond issue for repairs, renovations and technology. Monday's election brought change to the Clarenceville District, which includes a portion of southeast Farmington Hills.

Scott Wood of Farmington Hills defeated Thomas Aldridge of Livonia for a two-year term. Wood got 408 votes; Aldridge, 307. Incumbents Virginia Dunklee and Ronald Silje will continue to sit on the board, as they ran unopposed for two four-year terms. Dunklee got 515 votes; Silje, 411. A vacancy was created when board President Dale Wehlili chose not to seek re-election.

Clarenceville's proposal will now be put in the hands of architects, who will prepare bids and specifications. Kamiah said, "Ninety percent will be completed in the summer of 1996." The proposals passed, he said, because they were "reasonable and down-to-earth."

Wood, 31, is the son of Dick Wood, who served 22 years on the Clarenceville board. His father was one of the first to congratulate him Monday after Wood's win over Aldridge was announced.

Ruetenik, Siegler, Onder win board seats

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

For weeks, bond-issue-weary residents in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District voiced unhappiness with their school board. In an apparent quest to change the makeup of the board, several went so far as to become candidates themselves. Such displeasure even continued at the polls on Monday, when they decided two four-year terms and a single one-year term on the board — which has been beset by controversy throughout the 1994-95 school year. "I think the school board has to show some responsibility," said Judy Wilson, after voting for chal-

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lengers William Drum, Randolph Ston and Patricia Cork at the Glenary Elementary School precinct. She said it was time for a change in direction and that she'd had her problems with the existing board. John Munro, who left the Glenary precinct a little while later, said two of the three people he voted for were new candidates. "Having a change of personnel every few years... serves a useful purpose." Not enough agreed with them. When final totals were tabulated early Tuesday morning at the

district's Educational Service Center, incumbent board members Samantha Ruetenik and Marc Siegler led the five-candidate race for two four-year terms. Voters also elected political newcomer Alp Onder, who defeated challengers Susan Adamson and Patricia Cork for a single one-year term; voted 2,835-2,207 in favor of Oakland Community College's seven-year millage (eighth-tenths of a mill). "It was a tough campaign," said the 65-year-old Ruetenik, a member of the school board since 1989 who collected 2,487 votes. "There

were a lot of candidates, a lot of issues. And in the middle of it all the board has been dealing with heavy, heavy issues." That Siegler finished second with 2,421 votes — and led the field with 414 votes in the Maple Elementary precinct — was particularly gratifying to the 41-year-old Farmington Hills resident.

Maple residents had criticized the board, and Siegler, for last month approving the shift of students from Maple (which families in the Farmington Hills portion of the district had attended) to Meadow Lake, located several miles away, in the vicinity of 14 Mile and Inkster roads.

CLARIFICATION

A story in the June 6 Farmington Observer should have said Linda Enberg, candidate for the Farmington Board of Education, was endorsed by the Farmington Coordinating Council. The council represents the four employee unions for teaching, custodial, transportation and support personnel.

AIDS Network founder to speak at grad ceremony at Adat Shalom

Mary Fisher, artist and founder of the Family AIDS Network Inc., will be the keynote speaker at Detroit Country Day School graduation ceremonies, at 7 p.m. today, in Adat Shalom synagogue in Farmington Hills.

publican National Convention in Houston, Texas. Fisher had been a successful television producer and an assistant to President Gerald Ford.

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