Schools exhaust all alternatives to create learning space for kids

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After the third bond issue attempt in 16 months was defeated
inst February, Walled Lake
school board members said they
would exhaust all alternative
space-treating measures before
making a fourth try.
So far, they are following
through on those words.
At Thurday's regular meeting
at the Educational Service Conter, board members unanimously
eapproved schematic designs to
add four classrooms to each of
three buildings in time for the
1995-97 school year, authorized
the \$240,000 purchase of 14.21
acres near Wirom-W. West Maple
rada, potentially to build a
smaller, K-1 elementary school.
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epprove it." Flanmer said.

The board, Thursday, did OK
the following preliminary designs
presented in mid-August by TMP
Associates, inc:

Four classrooms, to be built on
the west end of Kelth Elementary,
connecting two existing wings;

Four classrooms, added along
the south side of Wixom Elementary;

the south side of Wixom Elementary;

Four 850-square-foot classrooms, to be built, and some existing rooms reconfigurated, at
the Twin Sun Facility. That
would enable seven classrooms to
be used as "surge space" for
Walled Lake Middle School subjects such as math, English and
social studies.

According to the district the

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Board member David Flammer said the approval of TMP's designs, presented in mid-August, did not automatically mean construction of additions to Kelth Elementary, Wixom Elementary, and the Twin Suns facility was a done deal. But he noted that final approval is likely.

"It's safe to assume that once we get the final designs back we'll

Bloomfield did near Scotch."

Besides the property's proximi-ty to Wixom Elementary, increas-ing enrollment in that part of the district also made the purchase a prudent one, Plammer said.

He added, however, that there is no timetable to actually build a school there.

Board Briefs: The board was scheduled to hold a Saturday satudy season. Among topics of discussion were to have been improving communication between board members and administrators and firming up dotails for the November militage election—auch as whether to have another Saturday election. "Wo will be discussing that (millage) at our next meeting (Sept. 21)." Campion said. "It will be an absolute renewal, about 18 millis for non-homestead and 4 mills for homestead." Board Briefs: The board was

mills for homestead."

No conflict
Vice-president
McConnell said his being new
PTA president at Walled Lake
Elementary School would not
pose a problem.

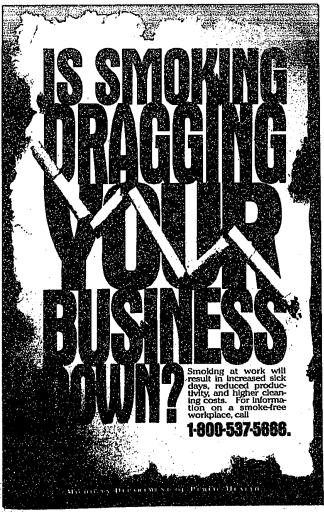
"I did some checking around to
see if this might be a conflict of
interest," McConnell said. "I
called the state PTA and some
administrators here, and I was
told the only time it would be sonflict would be if there was a
certain agonda item involving
Walled Lake Elementary. The
I'd abstain from voting."





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