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Wing great Sid Abel said. "Way back in my career when Catholic Central was winning championships, I kept figuring if we could get all the high schools together to play hockey it would be great."

"It's a long winter. The kids need to do something, so they might as well be playing hockey." Ice time (\$9,000) and equipment (\$8,750) consume most of the \$37,000 cost projections. Cost estimates are on the high side, committee members said. School board members have

more to consider than buying pucks and ice time. To comply with Title IX, the district would likely have to add another girls' sport — possibly golf.

High school hockey has faced a number of challenges in recent years.

Talented youth players often play for travel bantam and midget leagues where there are 40-game schedules. High school teams play 22 games.

"We have some excellent players in the area," Cowan said. "Again, whether they want to sac-

rific that number of games. . . . On the other hand, we've heard there are a lot of kids who want to play high school hockey."

Supervision is another consideration. The committee recommends the three administrative staffs would share those duties.

High school hockey games have been marred by unruly behavior from spectators in the past.

"We're a little anxious about that," Cowan said, "but we understand that has improved over the years."

Farmington Public Schools

Athletic Director Ron Holland chaired the committee, which included teachers, parents and recreation officials.

The committee surveyed all the high schools in the state offering hockey. They found hockey generates school spirit and community support.

Several districts have hockey programs — including Livonia, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield and Birmingham — which would make traveling and scheduling easier.

Southfield and Birmingham schools also have combined high school hockey teams.

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**CONCEALED WEAPON**  
Farmington Hills police responded to a report that two men who ate at Denny's restaurant on Sincola in Farmington Hills at 3:30 a.m. Oct. 4 did not pay. They left in a blue 1990 Plymouth Horizon. Officers when to the home of the registered owner on Tredwell and talked with the driver. They noticed a knife under the seat and arrested the man, 17, for carrying a concealed weapon.

**EMBEZZLEMENTS**  
Between Sept. 29 and Oct. 1, \$500 was stolen from the YMCA on Farmington in Farmington Hills.

A former employee of the Pier 1 store on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills turned in false receipts for money between Jan. 16 and July 6.

A Livonia man, 21, was arrested for submitting \$247.67 in false receipts for cash at the same Pier 1 store between April 3 and July 1.

**THEFT**  
A \$450 compound bow, 12 arrows (\$50) and other hunting equipment (\$240) along with a \$100 radar detector were stolen from a residence on Lamar in Farmington Hills Sept. 22-24.

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studies class, and we're going a report on a particular country, I'm not limited to textbooks in the classroom or resources in the media center.

"I can connect to those students in that country and ask them questions."

However, technology is con-

stantly being updated. At a recent meeting, trustee R. Jack Inch wondered if the district was making too long a commitment in an area that can become quickly outmoded.

The district has an "out" provision after three years in the MOAN agreement.

Farmington schools still has to

buy new computers for classrooms and upgrade the infrastructure, Jones said.

Also, there is a concern about monitoring what information children can access on the Internet. Parents and children would be required to sign a code of conduct agreement, Jones said.

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