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Voters overwhelmingly approved a three-year millage renewal in February 1992. A timetable is not set, but a renewal election needs to take place before the end of 1997, committee members said.

Otherwise, the expired millage would be have to be called an increase instead of a renewal.

Proposed renovations affect all the district's elementary and sec-ondary buildings as well as call for improvements to the Farm-ington Training Center, Farm-ington Community School and Ten Mile Building.

The average age of the dis-trict's 31 structures is 35 years old and an estimated \$4.24 mil-

Some 241,000-square feet of space will be added, eliminating space win se added, eliminating the need for portable classrooms. More space is needed as enroll-ment is expected to increase by 951 students at the secondary level by 2001.

ous students at the secondary level by 2001.

Renovations called for include:
Cafeteria upgrades at the elementary and middle schoola, auxiliary gyms added at high schools, enhanced media centers, science lab improvements, and air quality — including air conditioning — improvements aceab building.

Nutrition Services would be moved from Lanigan Elementary to East Middle School and TV-10 studies expanded under the proposed plan.

No existing buildings need to

No existing buildings need to be torn down or new ones built, committee members said.

"The population is pretty sta-ble," said Luckscheiter during the board presentation. "The

schools we're using are the schools we need."
The district has already spent a considerable amount on tech-nology, including \$3.46 million to book buildings and classrooms up to the Internet.
The \$23 million would raise lion is needed annually to main-tain them, officials said.

The \$23 minion wous are the numbers of computers from one or two to four to eight in the classroom, said committee cochair and parent Frank Reid.

The amount also includes applied technology costs at the three high schools.

"It's truly the next step into Stepping (into the Future with Technology)," Superintendent Bob Maxfield said.

Bob Maxfield said.

Board members lauded the committee for the comprehensiveness of their report. Several trustees asked committee members to clarify specific questions, but said more time is needed to review the study.

"I'll get with it next time and continue the digestive process," Trustee Jack Inch said.

## Hospice from page A1

facility will specialize in the concerned family and health treatment of the terminally ill at a beautiful, wooded area of the Hospice does not intervene to

a beautiful, wooded area of the city.

The city's planning commission and city council gave strong support for the project, which is being built on properly that had been planned for a nursing home at one point.

at one point.

And the facility's neighbors have also supported the idea.

"We were very pleased to be the host for the ground breaking of Hospice," said Nardin Park United Methodist Church Pastor Richard A. Peacock. "We expect to have a number of our people volunteer for them."

The 1,300 member church is just west of the new facility that will be opened in the spring of

"We've had Hospice people speak at our church," The Rev. Pencock said. "It's quite compati-ble with our understanding of the best treatment of people suf-fering from disease."

defing from disease."

Hospice, which is honored by most medical insurance programs, is a way of carling for those people nearing the end of life. Its mission is to provide set used to all the medical three patients comfortable and help meet their embediand and spiritual needs.

Hospice of Southeast Michigan began serving patients in November of 1980.

Dris Burch, the on-site direction of patient care at the facility, said volunteers helping with art. The new facility, which will

The new facility, which will provide 24-hour care at the Middlebelt location, is part of a growing recognition that the end of a persons life should be a time of peaceful transition, among

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erre professionals.

Hospice does not intervene to prolong life, but attempts to make the final days pass comfortably and allow a person to die with dignity.

"The family of the patient can also go on with their lives and still be able to visit and spend time without having their lives disrupted." Armstrong said.

Haspice also provides an

Hospice also provides an extended bereavement plan for the family that usually losts 13 months or more.

"The first year of a loss is diffi-cult because people have to go through their first Thanksgiving or first Christmas without a loved one, and that's hard," Armstrong said.

Armstrong said.

She said the new facility will still be less costly than retrofitting an existing facility, such as a nursing home. And Hospice will build one 40-bed facility and get it up and running before adding another at the same site with an administration building.

We will see how this rese."

Doris Burch, the on-site director of patient care at the facility, said volunteers helping with art and music therapy among others, will be part of the new program.

"We want this to be the closest thing to being in the home," Burch said.

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Mr. Pettey, 54, a 50-year resident of Farmington before his move to Detroit 3 1/2 years ago, died Nov. 23 at his residence.
Mr. Pettey, a graduate of Farmington High School who served in the U.S. Air Force, worked for Ford Motor Company assembly plants in Dearborn and Northville.
He is aurevired.

Northville.

He is survived by his wife \ Doris, mother Iona Pettey, brother Glen Dale Pettey and a

brother Gien Dale Pettey and a nephew.
Services were Nov. 27 at Thay-er-Rock Funeral Home in Farm-ington, the Rev. Fred D. Froman of the First Baptist Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was in Onkwood Cemetery in Farmington

Farmington.

KENNETH A. WHEELER

Mr. Wheeler, 75, a Farmington
Hills resident since 1961, died
Nov. 21 in Royal Oak.

Mr. Wheeler, who enjoyed golf,
woodworking and spending aumers at his northern Michigan
cottoge, had worked 40 years for
the B.F. Goodrich Tire Company.

A Michigan State graduate,
Mr. Wheeler served in WorldWar II as a bomber pilot. He was
stationed in Norwich, England,
and flew 23 missions over Germany, earning the Distinguished
Flying Cross and-an Air Medal
with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Survivors Luwann Wheeler,
his wife of 52 years; and daughters Carol Peters, Nancy McCoy
and Patricia Thomas; eight
grandchildren; and two step
grandchildren; and two step
grandchildren; Dec. 1 at the
Redford Presbyterian Church in
Detroil. Memorial contributions
may be sent to the American
Cancer Society.