

# It's official: Bond, millage votes set

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Get the polls ready — Farmington Board of Education has officially called an election for Tuesday, March 25.

After weeks of discussion, the motion passed at Tuesday's study session to hold a \$110 million bond and millage renewal election was more formally.

Board members clarified ballot language regarding the millage renewal before officially setting an election date. The proposal

calls for a renewal of 1.7503 mills on homesteads and 5.9166 mills on non-homesteads.

Though it is a renewal, by law, ballot language has to include the term "increase." Board members favored ballot language where the word increase doesn't appear until the fourth sentence.

Trustee Cathy Webb asked that the first sentence also include the word "approved" instead of "voted."

"It makes a more positive statement... and it's a little more clear to the voters," she

said.

Trustee R. Jack Inch said: "I really feel in millage elections people have made up their minds beforehand."

Sue Pacer of Farmington Hills has here made up to support both issues. Pacer served on the Blue Ribbon Committee that urged the district ask voters for \$110 million in bonds for building and technological improvements and a millage renewal.

"The specific things I'd like people in Farmington to remember about the bond issue is that

there is a direct correlation between the school district and property values," said Pacer, who spoke during the meeting.

"The better the school district, the higher our property values."

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center and both Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls. Call the district at 489-3300 to have an application mailed to you.

Absentee ballots must be returned by March 22. Deadline to register to vote is Feb. 25.



Pinning: Former Judge Michael Hand gets a boutonniere pinned on him by Judge Fred Harris.

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dent, or if he is a minor, his parents.

"The very fact that I am sitting here portrays how strongly I feel about this," Clarke testified. "It is critical that the kids trust what we tell them. We have told them that what they say is not

going to leave here. I have never had that violated."

Prosecutor Steve Menda cited case law where courts ruled that the need for evidence in a criminal proceeding superseded the statutory protection of privilege for teachers and principals.

"It is clear from the start that the schools had expected the Farmington Hills police to be a part of the investigation," Menda said, adding that school officials refused to release the information only after they were threatened with a lawsuit by the parents of two of the student witnesses who had given the school statements in what they thought was confidence.

rights of parents and the school.

During testimony, she praised the liaison program, but said she viewed the liaison officer as a "resource" for legal matters such as traffic tickets for students and a position that was "more educational in nature."

Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer said from a conference in Lansing that the role of the police liaison officer is "very clear."

"He has good rapport at the school," Dwyer said. "But his responsibilities include investigating any violations of criminal law. He is a law enforcement officer. He is not there strictly as a social worker or a friend."

Dwyer said he understands Clarke's concern for credibility.

"But we can't tolerate criminal violations," he said. "This has far reaching effects, not only for our city but for other areas of the state."

No date has been set for a hearing on the appeal, but Craig said "even with a good tail wind" it would be from 90-120 days before an appeal would be ruled on in circuit court.

Jim Ballard, executive director of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals said he was concerned that the ruling would force administrators to "cross the line" of confidentiality that is important to gaining students' trust.

"You used to have a situation where kids used squirt guns and got into fights and it was settled by the school," he said. "The school liaison officer is something new."

Clarke, North Farmington principal for the past seven years, said after the hearing that there was no lawsuit and that she had been protecting the

## Judge Hand is again hanging around court

BY WILLIAM COUTANT  
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Judge Fred Harris sits on the bench, but Judge Michael Hand will cast his eyes on proceedings in 47th District Court in Farmington.

Hand, who retired seven years ago and was succeeded on the bench by Harris, was honored with a portrait that now hangs in Judge Harris' court room.

"I'm proud to hang Judge Hand," quipped Harris, who clerked with the judge before Hand came to Farmington.

Hand, who presided on the bench for 25 years, including 20 in the 47th District, had some emotional moments as he accepted the honor accorded to the court's very first judge.

"I want to make this brief," he said, adding that a speech in one professor's words "should

be like the length of a woman's skirt: Long enough to cover everything and short enough to be interesting."

The court was full of court staff, well wishers and family members at the Jan. 28 ceremony. Hand thanked his wife of 47 years, Eileen, his six children and his grandchildren for supporting him.

The pointing was paid for by contributions from friends and family. Judge Harris spearheaded the effort.

"I thought it was important to honor the first judge in the 47th District," Harris said.

Shirley Masters of Leamington, Ontario, painted the portrait of Judge Hand from a photograph.



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