It's official: Bond, millage votes set

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

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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

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Trustee Cathy Webb asked that the first sentence also sinclude the word 'approved' instead of 'voted."
"It makes a more positive statement. ..and it's a little more clear to the voters," she

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said.
Trustee R. Jack Inch said: "I
really feel in miliage elections
people have made up their minds
beforehand."
Sue Pacer of Farmington Hills

Sue Pacer of Farmington Hills has hers 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.

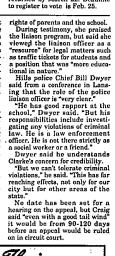
"It is clear from the start that the schools had expected the Farmington Hills police to be a part of the investigation," Meads said, adding that school officials refused to release the informa-tion only after they were threat-end with a leasuit by the par-ents of two of the student wit-nesses who had given the school statements in what they thought was confidence.

was confidence.

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 linion officer is something new."

Clarke, North Farmington principal for the past seven years, said after the hearing that there was no lawauit and that





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Pinned: Former Judge Michael Hand gets a bouton niere pinned on him by Judge Fred Harris.

Judge Hand is again hanging around court

By WILLIAM COUTANT STAFF WRITER

Judge Fred Harris sits on the bench, but Judge Michael Hand will cast his oyes 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.

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"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 mough 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 painting 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 Musters of Leamington, Ontario, painted the pertrait of Judge Hand from a photograph.



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