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the needs of all children are just two of his many qualities.

"He wants to move the district ahead," Brouillette said. "But he always makes sure he has plans in place to not leave kids behind ... He is conscious of kids with special needs, bilingual students ... and he seems to be able to bring groups together, community groups, in a variety of effective ways."

Both Webb and Brouillette said the diligent Maxfield seems to be everywhere in the district.

"He seems to get more than 24 hours out of each day," Webb said. "He makes it a point to get to every building."

Brouillette said Maxfield is "absolutely tireless and always pushing people to be the best they can be. But he pushes himself the most."

Webb emphasized that Maxfield has "embraced this community in its entirety, it's not just the school district."

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school board meeting, Myers said.

Those issues included: light spillage from the fields at Farmington, Harrison and North into the front yards of surrounding homeowners; noise and traffic congestion on game nights; and the potential of property damage to homes near the schools.

"I think they left the building with a lot more answers," Myers said. "I talked with several of them afterwards, including one who spoke at the board meeting last week. He was real quiet" on Thursday.

Among those answers were the following:

■ Game nights will be well supervised by Farmington and Farmington Hills police and by high school parent boosters and administrators. Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss told the audience that there would be four to six officers at FHS games; the Farmington Hills Police Department is also expected to have a strong presence at Harrison and North.

"That commitment was always there," Myers said. "But it was stated and people heard about it."

■ The lights would be turned off by 9:30 p.m., with parking lots cleared quickly.

Maxfield, for example, participates in the chamber of commerce and is dedicated to the Farmington-Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Committee.

During the evaluation, which was in a closed session, the board and Maxfield went over a portfolio chronicling his success or failure in meeting eight previously stated goals. Some of those included: his communication with the public, board members and staff; how he follows strategic planning; collaborative initiatives, such as partnerships with businesses; and fiscal responsibility.

The most important goal being met by Maxfield, said Webb, is the ensuring of excellence and equity in instructional delivery and student achievement.

"That's very important to the board and it's very important to Bub Maxfield," Webb said. "That's what we're all working for."

when she now encounters students smoking on or near her property. She added that the high school has not always responded when she phoned in complaints about those students.

"All of the (high school) booster clubs said they'd help out with all of those concerns," Head emphasized Friday.

Myers said his staff does respond to such complaints "pretty quickly, and so do the police."

## Many benefits

Both Head and his wife, Betsy, said installing lights for 1998-99 are important because it would give young people a much-needed, and supervised, place to go on Friday nights.

And, more working parents would have a chance to watch their athletes play than they can for traditional Saturday afternoon games.

"Sure, I've got kids in school," Betsy Head said. "But even before I had children ... I'm one of those people who say we all have a responsibility to raise our children."

"Just because your kids are grown, that doesn't mean you don't have a vested interest ... with the young people who live in the neighborhood."

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After the war, Swartz finished college and became a mechanical engineer. He worked with Continental Aviation, Detroit Diesel and Ford Motor where he helped design power steering and air conditioning units for the Edsel.

Swartz also worked in research and development with Detroit Arsenal, which made combat vehicles for the military. He exchanged classified information about arms with "friendly" foreign governments.

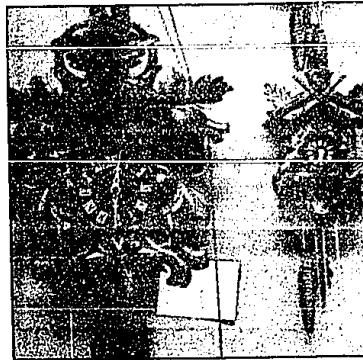
"The Japanese would ask us about the armor in our tanks and we'd say, 'Why don't you tell us about your 120 millimeter gun?'" Swartz said.

His passion for clocks started in his kitchen. He and his wife of 34 years, Valerie, bought one for their room but didn't like it. So they purchased another.

"I thought 'We have two now, I should learn how to fix them,'" he said.

Friend Gene Casey became a mentor and Swartz learned his trade. One day, he decided to retire and be a clock repairman and have his own little shop. Perry's Clock Shop has been in business at the Village Mall for 15 years.

Since he started, Swartz has repaired at least 15,000 clocks -



Time to remember: These cuckoo clocks are made in the Black Forest of Germany, near where Swartz fought in World War II.

some dating back to the 18th century.

"I get satisfaction out of giving the pendulum a push and getting the thing going again," he said. "I enjoy it as much as I did 20 years ago."

He receives a few phone calls from people, wanting to know what to do with their clocks once the time changes. He tells them to move the minute hand forward.

When daylight-saving time

ends in October, Swartz said it's not good for a striking clock to turn the hands manually back. He suggests people simply stop the clock for an hour.

As for his extra hour of daylight, he and Valerie will enjoy it on the patio of their Farmington Hills home in Lincolnshire Estates.

"I like the longer day because it's light out for a longer period of time," he said. "That's the most important thing to me."

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