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Local Members Join School Board Ass'n. in Urging New Tax Laws

At the recent 16th annual convention of the Michigan Association of School Boards held in Grand Rapids, the delegate assembly took action on 17 proposed resolutions which will guide the organization toward its goals.

Participants from Farmington, Redford Union, Livonia, Clarenceville, South Redford and Plymouth joined in attending the conference.

If objectives set forth in some of the more important resolutions are obtained, more money will be provided for education with a better system of taxing and allocation. Other goals provide for better functioning of school boards, accreditation of elementary as well as secondary schools and improved methods of fire safety inspection. The association also stated its support of separation of church and state.

Only resolution not to be adopted (Resolution 5) stated that certification of teaching personnel in all kindergarten through 12th grade districts should require an understanding of teaching methods which are an essential and beneficial part of instruction. Similar ideas were referred to the Legislative Committee for recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Resolution 9 — on teacher tenure — which put the Association on record for an increase in the two-year probationary period for teachers mentioned in the Tenure Act, was tabled. Those who offered support for it felt that two years is a short time in which to make decisions concerning teacher tenure.

The following resolutions were passed:
Resolution 1: The Association will work for legislation and administrative rules which will assure that moneys now used for interest payments on money borrowed against anticipated state aid and anticipated taxes for budgeted operation be used for education.

Resolution 2: To assure more efficient functioning of elected school boards, the Association will encourage procedures which would recognize the advantage of newly elected school board members assuming their responsibilities of office at an early date after their election.

Resolution 3: The Association will study problems many school boards have experienced in the calling of special elections in school districts and work for the enactment of legislation as the Association feels necessary to facilitate the calling of such elections.

Resolution 4: The goal of the Association is to obtain accreditation of all phases of public schools (the entire system would be accredited instead of just the high schools) and in the interim period, emphasis will be placed on standards of quality in each division of the public school curriculum.

Resolution 6: Local school districts through the intermediate

district shall be encouraged to cooperate with each other to provide coordinated and cooperative programs.

Resolution 7: The Association opposes support of a non-union school through the use of local, state or national public funds in order to safeguard the American tradition of separation of church and state.

Resolution 8: The Association opposes legislation which would place the authority for final policy decisions outside of the elected board of education. (This resolution is designed to counteract recent proposals to resolve disputes within school districts by arbitration by outside persons with authority to make binding decisions. It is felt that such procedures are both illegal and improper.)

Resolution 10: The Association will use its influence with local assessing officers and with the state legislature in attempting to develop a code of uniformity in the assessing of real property for tax purposes. (This would help eliminate the varying practices of assessment which lead to inequities in taxes which cannot be eliminated with the use of the State Equalized Valuation formula.)

Resolution 11: The 1968 Michigan Legislature will be requested to increase substantially state support to the public schools to at least restore state support at its 1952 proportion.

Resolution 12: The Association will conduct a study of the implications of the released-time act which was passed in the last session of the State Legislature (it permits public school students to be released from classes for a maximum of two hours per week for religious instruction) and especially of its possible effects on the impairment of the educational experience of public school children in Michigan.

Resolution 13: The Association requests consideration by the legislature to establish consistent inspection standards of fire safety and designate one body for enforcement whether state, county or local.

Resolutions 14-17: Special appreciation for service was sent to the organization's president, Lester Dankert, the administrative staff headed by Dr. Julius Barbour as executive director and Peter Ellis and E. Thomas Gober, both field secretaries, and Mrs. Helen Field, chairman of the legislative committee. Special thanks also went to the host, the city of Grand Rapids, and all their convention facilities as well as Kent Intermediate Boards of Education, Mrs. Fred Keeler, convention committee chairman, Mrs. Sherman Leppard, of the Grand Rapids Board of Education, and all program participants.

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Students Begin Annual Canned Food Drive

By FRANK ELWELL
People in Livonia should expect their doorbells to ring now through Dec. 4. Bentley High School is sponsoring a canned food drive and the sophomores, juniors and seniors will canvass the area.

The three class councils are in charge of the publicity and storage of cans for their respective classes. Last year,

through much effort, good clean class competition, and the generosity of the people of Livonia, Bentley collected 14,000 cans, the senior class bringing in the most. This year Bentley hopes to surpass this mark, having an increase in the number of students.

The people ringing your doorbell are representing the Goodwill organization, and the cans will go to the needy people of Livonia. Harry S. Wolfe, a member of the Goodwill, is arranging for them to be picked up on Friday, and they will be distributed before Christmas.

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