

# Board, Parents Meet

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 administration "at the appropriate time."  
 It was this part of the Board's plan that proved to be the most controversial.  
 A Mrs. Kopa, a mother of a Cooper student told the Board that as a taxpayer she could not understand how maintenance of the Cooper School building could be justified. She said that the Board had presented no specific use for the School.  
 When Cain asked her what she proposed to do with the building the exultant mother said, "Sell it, although I don't know who would buy it."  
 Cain reiterated that the renovation project for the Cooper School would be one of the first items undertaken if the bond proposal is approved in the spring. He pointed out that the complete destruction of the building was not feasible, as the classrooms were needed and there is not enough land on the present site to build a new 28 room facility.  
 He said that the classrooms which are planned for the renovated Cooper School will still not be as large as the average of 600 square feet. However, he pointed out that Special Service classes for handicapped children are smaller than the average of 32 students and suggested that perhaps classes such as those might be in the ones held in the Cooper Building in the future.  
 At this point Board member Steve Polgar stated that the Board could certainly ap-

prelate the primary concern of the parents for the Cooper School situation, but he hoped the audience could appreciate the Board's position that a certain number of classrooms were needed in the area and the Board had to use the existing facilities.  
 Mrs. Kopa asked Polgar if he had considered the duplications and cost for maintaining the School and asked about the additional cost of maintaining two small schools. "Do you want to send a principal and administrative staff back and forth between two small schools?" she queried. Polgar stated that such a condition did exist in the system and, in fact, had existed for five years.  
 When asked by Mrs. Kopa if he considered this an ideal condition Polgar said, "Certainly not, but we have money problems—if the ideal situation existed there would be no necessity to worry about money."  
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in time and approval of this was not similar to approving the bond issue for operating costs.  
 The formal meeting closed with a pointed reminder by Cooper PTA spokesmen to the Board that the Cooper School District had always supported bond issues in the past for the Schools and they appreciated the Livonia School System.  
 Parent reaction to the meeting was a curious mixture of optimism and skepticism.  
 Three women told The Observer that they thought

## Youth

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 expressed the view that the Mayor should have informed them regarding changes in the recommended budget so that the Commission could have opinion existed there would be no necessity to worry about money.  
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the Board did, "an outstanding job" of presenting their views, but that the audience needed education. They said that all of the audience was leaving with a clear understanding of what the Board proposed.  
 "For instance," one of the women said, "your newspaper should publish a series of articles explaining what Special Service classes are and how their needs differ from that of an average classroom."  
 Board President Cain told the Observer that he was "very happy that the meeting had taken place." He said that the residents in the area were now aware not only of this particular problem, but the problems in the rest of the District. If they are aware of the problems then we can work together," he added.

## Rezoning

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 Also going on record in opposition to the proposal were Roy Puckett, Barbara Teslik, Mrs. Vera Burkett and Dr. J. D. Zembrak, president of the Greenbrier Association. He reported that the Council had turned down a similar subdividing request in 1959.  
 "A lot of us have heard here many years," Mrs. Burkett said. "This is the only place left in Livonia where we can feel that we're in the country. We like that rural feeling."  
 Councilmen will take up the formal request on the matter at its meeting tonight.

# Bingo Examination Continues

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 obvious that there is evidence showing a violation.  
 Bitter debate followed between attorneys with Charest barking that "this is an instance when a police officer went off half-cooked." He said he believes that an officer tried to get a warrant and couldn't. The prosecution denied that anyone tried to get an arrest warrant prior to the arrest and that is following common policy.  
 Almost the entire day's testimony came from Lt. Robert Turner of the Livonia Detective Bureau, who headed the raid.  
 Lt. Turner said that he had not actually played the Bingo game although it had been under investigation for approximately a year.  
 He testified that Chief Jordan had given him the job of investigating the Bingo operation and coordinating the efforts of the Livonia Police, the State Police

and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. He stated that several officers had been playing the game to make sure the operation was still being run in the same way.

# Vetoes Sustained

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 James McCann introduced a motion to override, then proposed that the meeting be recessed to a week later to permit Daugherty's vote. A motion to adjourn then came to the floor, reaching a 3-3 tie. (Under Council rules, the Council, if it recesses rather than adjourns, can still override a veto message at its next session.)  
 With the tie vote on adjournment, but no further action on the vetoes, Council President Rudy Kleintert jured the deadlock by adjourning the meeting anyway without a formal vote by the Council.

If the court finds "probable cause" for a trial after the examination, the defendants could be bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court, according to Turner and Devlin.  
 With Councilman John Daugherty, who would probably have supported the two projects, absent, there was no possibility of mustering the necessary five votes to override the vetoes Wednesday.  
 Councilman Ed McNamara re-introduced one resolution, but it failed for lack of support.  
 In the second, McNamara and

# In The Halls

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 shelves and sometimes the floor of the classrooms.  
 My footsteps echoed in the hall — especially in the old wooden section of the building which is slated for the ball of the wrecking crew. When I asked the custodian who was cleaning the hall about the noise he said that he wasn't certain as he was not "around when the children were," but thought that the section would be noisy.  
 All in all the impression was that the parents are justified in being so deeply concerned about the conditions under which their children are receiving an education.



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Cooper PTA President Marvin Sobodash said "We accomplished what we started out for which is one complete school under one roof and to dissolve the split session."  
 When asked if he thought the group would support the bonding proposal he said that this "depends on whether or not the Board fulfills its promise. We want a more definite answer on what they plan to do and when and when this if forthcoming the PTA is all set to push for all out support of the proposal." One mother said that she thought the group would support the proposal as "they want that new school."  
 Sobodash said that in the "past the Board has promised things and not come through. This area has supported all the bonding issues and has not received anything. We can muster as many no votes as yes votes."  
 Board Member Joseph Milko said that he "thought the audience was very cooperative and they understand our problems as a result of the meeting."

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