

School Board Candidates Present Qualifications

Presented here is information about the nine candidates who will be seeking three positions on the Farmington Board of Education at the June 13 school election.

Seven of the candidates will be vying for two seats for four-year terms. The other two, Barbara Brown and Calvin Opperhauser, are competing for the three-year term seats.

All information given here was supplied by the candidates themselves on questionnaires sent to them by The Enterprise.

John J. Breen

John J. Breen, 33, 24509 Lake Drive, together with his wife and three children has been a resident of the Farmington School District four years, coming here from Redford Township.

Breen is employed in a sales and administration capacity with the R & D Tool Company where he has been for four years. Prior to that he was associated with the Carl Hall auto agency.

A past president of the Middlebelt PTA, Breen is presently serving as president of the Farmington area PTA Council. He is chairman of the reception committee of the Cutting Tool Manufacturing Association as well as being a member of the industrial relations committee of the Association.

Mr. Breen is a graduate of Cooley High School and the General Motors Sales Management School.

He feels the ever increasing enrollment in our public schools is creating the greatest problem confronting the School Board. This projected increase will start at least next 1975, he said.

"Part of the solution is to have the continuity of a long range planning in the school administration to another, altering these plans only to situations and problems as they arise," Breen commented.

Barbara Brown

Barbara A. Brown, 36, has been a resident of the Farmington School District for 3 1/2 years. She is married and is the father of three children. The Katzer's live at 28416 Westfield.

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He belongs to several organizations including the Builders Association of which he is currently serving as treasurer. He is a past director of the Michigan Association of Home Builders and has served as chairman of the Builders Home and Flower Show.

IN ADDITION Duke is a trustee of the Cement Masons' Trust Fund, a member of the Northwestern Realty Association and a member of the Society of Residential Appraisers.

Duke feels the major problem facing the Farmington School District falling within the jurisdiction of the School Board concerns the construction

of new buildings to keep pace with the ever increasing population.

"Light, airy, practical, low cost and low maintenance buildings consistent with the best interests of the pupils, teachers and taxpayers, should be at the very top of every school board agenda," Duke stated.

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EXPLAINING the "closed" specification, Mrs. McCracken points out that under the present procedure, the architect specifies a single brand as standard. The base bid must be based on this item with any other brand being listed as a substitute.

"My investigation has shown that this procedure actually discourages bidding by suppliers other than that so-called standard which in turn results in non-competitive bidding and higher cost," Mrs. McCracken stated.

She added that bidding should be open to all reputable manufacturers with specifications containing the names of at least three brands.

G. A. Nahstoll

George A. Nahstoll, Jr., 46, of 30108 N. 10 Mile, and his wife and daughter have been living in the Farmington School District for the past 13 years.

A chemical engineer, Nahstoll is employed in that capacity with the Ford Motor Company for the past 25 years. He is a

graduate of Michigan State University, class of 1935.

Nahstoll is a member of several professional groups such as the American Electroplating Society and the American Society for Metals. He has been active on committees in all groups and served as chairman of several.

ON THE LOCAL scene he has served as president and vice president of the Middlebelt PTA; was treasurer for two years of the Farmington Players and is presently president of that organization; and he is a past member of the Kiwanis Club having served as secretary for three years.

Nahstoll feels that the greatest problem facing the Farmington School Board is the evaluation of how our tax dollars can be spent to the best advantage for all concerned.

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C. Opperhauser

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STATE EQUALIZED VALUATIONS ARE UP

Hearing Wed. On Residential Zoning Changes

The public will be heard next Wednesday, June 8, on the matter of changes proposed to be made in the Farmington Township residential zoning ordinance and text.

Substantial changes are called for and a considerable number of opinions have been expressed both pro and con. A large turnout is expected at the hearing which will be held at the Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

SEVERAL large land owners and developers have voiced objections to the proposed changes on the grounds that the minimum lot size requirements have been set too high in many areas to permit reasonable development. There is one faction of citizens who have taken the stand that minimum lot size requirements are still to be maintained in some areas. Representatives for both of these groups as well as several other interested parties are expected to be at the hearing to voice their objections.

Persons who have not yet seen a map showing the proposed changes are reminded that they may review such at the office of the township clerk in the Town Hall anytime during regular office hours.

THIS PUBLIC hearing will be the last opportunity that property owners will have to ask questions about the zoning changes proposed or voice their objections to them.

Following the hearing, a review of the proposed changes will be made by the Zoning Board, taking into consideration objections and other information brought out at the hearing.

Upon completion of this review, the Zoning Board will make its recommendations to the Oakland County Co-ordinating Committee and the Township Board.

As soon as the county committee has completed its study and made recommendations the Farmington Township Board will hold a final Township Board action.

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