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Special Session Set to Review School Budget

A special session has been called by the Farmington Board of Education for Thursday, March 21, at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of reviewing in detail portions of Supt. G. V. Harrison's proposed operating budget for the 1953-54 school year. The proposed budget is running just slightly under the \$5 million mark was submitted to the Board for study and recommendation around the third week in February. Members of the finance sub-committee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee were also given copies of the budget for consideration.

TRUSTEE George Nahstol stated at the regular Board meeting Tuesday night that he had several questions to be asked regarding expenditures proposed. Other Board members also indicated that they had a few questions to raise.

It was decided that it would take too much time to go over all the details at Monday night's meeting.

Supt. Harrison told the Board that as long as he had a budget ready for submission to the county allocation board by the end of April no problems would be created. The special meeting was decided on so that the budget as it stands or with minor changes the Board could be ready for approval at the next regular meeting on March 25.

The proposed budget prepared by the administrative staff runs approximately three-quarters of a million dollars higher than the budget under which the school system is being operated for the current school year.

Still Feel Can Get Schools Done in Time

"Our exceptionally cold winter has one job in store for us, the experienced has played havoc with normal work schedules on the two new schools now under construction in Farmington. The system but can be ready for occupancy by this fall."

This was the gist of a program made by the Board of Education Monday night by Supt. G. V. Harrison on construction activities.

Superintendent Harrison stated that he felt there were only two things which might prevent contractors from picking up enough momentum in their trades and the other road lags was kept on for longer than usual.

Harrison was high in his praise of the contractors' efforts to keep work moving ahead on both the East Junior High and Highwood elementary school projects. He said he also pointed out that they had stockpiled a considerable amount of material at the jobs in order to have materials to work with while the road ban is in effect.

Start Interviews For Principal

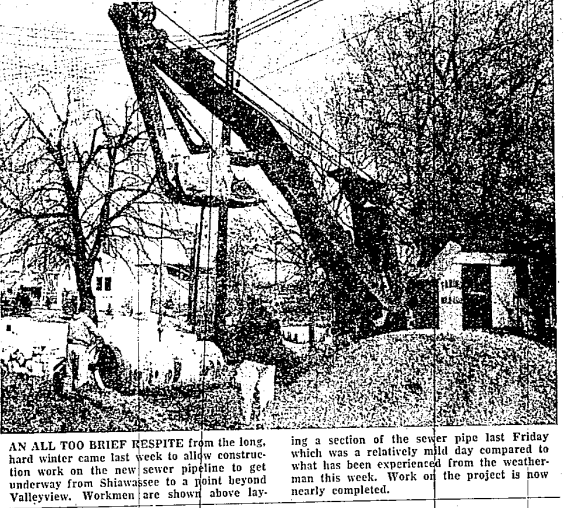
A request from the Farmington school system's administration is presently being made to start interviewing candidates interested in an elementary school principalship which is open for the coming school year as proposed by the Board of Education Monday night.

Trustee Herbert Neal expressed the feeling that Board members should be given an opportunity to review information about candidates being considered for any position of this kind and given some say who they thought would be best for the final consideration should be.

Fellow Board members stated that they felt the present method of handling whereby the candidates are interviewed and makes a recommendation on their choice for the Board to approve or reject was most satisfactory and saw no need for any change.

Grant SDM Approval

The Farmington Township Board, approved Monday night the request of Franklin Drug, Inc., at 3240 Middlebelt Road, for a SDM license to sell beer and wine, subject to the approval of the State Liquor Control Commission.



AN ALL TOO BRIEF RESPIRE from the long, hard winter came last week to allow construction work on the new sewer pipe to get underway from Shiawassee to a point beyond Valleyview. Workmen are shown above laying a section of the sewer pipe last Friday which was a relatively mild day compared to what has been experienced from the man this week. Work on the project is now nearly completed.

Start Giving Presentations On Proposed Rec. Program

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission announced plans this week to meet with any and all interested groups and organizations in Farmington which have developed by them to provide a year around recreation program for the city and township.

Officials of any subdivision group, civic organization, PTA or any other organization interested in learning more about the program proposed are urged to contact Henry Forrest immediately to arrange for a presentation. Call GR. 4-2424.

FIVE presentations, all open to the general public, have already been arranged and will be held at the following locations on the dates and times indicated.

Monday, March 18, Beechview School, 7:30 p. m.
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 Tuesday, March 19, Kenwood School, 8 p. m.
 Wednesday, March 20, Gill School, 8 p. m.
 Friday, March 22, Alameda School, 8 p. m.

Representatives of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission indicated that they will go into detail on the kind of program they propose, what will be individual homeowners and

Gifted Child Topic Tonight

"The Gifted Child" will be the topic discussed tonight, Thursday, March 14, at a meeting of the Farmington School Citizens Advisory Council to be held at the Farmington Senior High School cafeteria at 8 p. m.

Because of the general interest in this subject, an invitation has been extended to the public to attend.

Dr. William Forbes, science co-ordinator for the Birmingham Public Schools, will be the speaker and will cover the many facets of community living which can have a bearing on the proper development of the gifted and talented student.

"We are very fortunate to obtain the services of Dr. Forbes as he is in great demand as a speaker for many school meetings in the Michigan area," stated Palmer Essex, member of the Council Board. "We hope for a large audience of interested citizens."

Wade Brown, chairman of the Council, also urged a good turnout of citizens. At the meeting Chairman Brown will present a report on the progress being made by the public relations committee's work on compiling an area directory listing organizations and pertinent information about them.

Approve Calling \$65,000 in Bonds

Resolutions were passed by the Farmington Board of Education Monday night approving the calling of \$65,000 worth of bonds from the 1953 and 1954 school bond issues.

Re-payment plans on most school bonds are set up in such a way that some bonds can be paid off in advance thus permitting school systems to save some money in interest costs if they have money available to make early payments.

During discussion prior to action on these resolutions, it was recommended by the administration, it was brought out by Supt. G. V. Harrison that only a small amount now remains to be paid on the bond issue approved by voters in 1951.

Planners Say 'No' to Rezoning for Apartments

The City Planning Commission voted unanimously Monday night to recommend to the City Council that it deny a request for rezoning to permit construction of some more apartment buildings on a three acre parcel of land on the east side of Lower Road a short distance north of Grand River Avenue.

The parcel which is in the low-land area adjacent to city park property is presently zoned as single family development. Thomas Duke, local developer, is seeking to have the property rezoned to permit the construction of about 25 more apartment units similar to those in his River Glen Apartments development nearby.

His plans called for a U-shaped building the apartment developments with the area between them where the river runs being landscaped and beautified.

Three main reasons were cited by the planners do not feel this parcel should be rezoned.

1. The city's master plan calls for this area to be used as adjacent to the city's main park; 2. The flood plain report from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers shows that this land is definitely flood plain area and that land filling should not be done here; 3. R-1 zoning seems satisfactory for this parcel at this time.

The city's planning consultants have suggested that all flood plain land areas be rezoned to a new R-V classification so as to firmly restrict any development in these land areas and particularly when filling would be required, City Manager D. D. Dinnan said.

Funds for Language Laboratories At Junior-Senior Highs Authorized

Work will be started soon on the setting up of language laboratories in all of the secondary schools in the Farmington Public School system.

Action was taken by the Board of Education Monday night approving an expenditure of \$27,000 for the purchase and installation of the necessary equipment to provide these latest advancements for giving instruction in foreign languages in the schools.

BASED ON the recommendations of the administration, two rooms at Farmington Senior High and two at North Farmington High will be equipped with the language laboratory apparatus. The same equipment would also be put in one room at Dunekel Junior High, one at Farmington Junior High and one room of the new East Junior High now under construction.

While the total cost of this project will run almost \$28,000, the local school district will be standing only 44.3 percent of the cost or \$12,269. The school district will be reimbursed for the remaining 55.7 percent of the cost or \$15,428 by the Federal Government.

Special Federal legislation passed some time ago makes a substantial amount of money available to local school systems for improvements in their science and mathematics and foreign language curriculums if they are qualified for such grants.

The local district has already received Federal assistance on improvements made in the science and mathematics educational programs offered in the school system.

IN DISCUSSION prior to the Board's action, general details were given as to how these language laboratories function and what equipment is necessary. A council unit is located at the teacher's desk which permits her to transmit to individual students by means of recording, radio or other methods foreign languages being spoken. It is possible for the teacher to be at different material to the portions of the class at the same time since each student has his or her own earphone unit, it was explained.

TRACE-WAY is run down the rows in the classroom and each student can be plugged into this line running to the control set or can be disconnected from it. Each headpiece also has a microphone attached so that the student can talk in his own words or give answers at the same time that they are receiving. A total of 34 headpieces are provided in each of the rooms as was stated.

There is also a lighting arrangement on the console which permits the teacher to know when any individual student wishes his attention.

The language laboratories are expected to be set up and ready for use in all the schools at the beginning of the 1953-54 school year.

Decide Against Electric Heat At Eagle School

Plans for the use of an electrical heating system in the addition planned at the Eagle elementary school have now been scuttled on the recommendation of Architect J. McDonald Jacobs and his staff.

Use of electrical heat in some school building areas has been a topic of discussion by the Board on numerous occasions over the past years while plans for new schools or additions have been under consideration. The Board felt that the electric addition might provide a good opportunity for a pilot study of the advantages and disadvantages of electric heat in local system in view of the fact that an additional boiler would be needed for either a gas or oil heating system.

PRESENTING preliminary plans for the Eagle addition for Board consideration Monday night, Architect Jacobs stated that he felt using an electrical heating system would be too costly. Enough juice would not be used to qualify for a primary rate, he pointed out. Costs studied five or six times as much to heat this school addition with electricity as it would with gas or oil, Jacobs said.

The next question was whether an oil or gas heating unit should be installed and again the Board was split in their thinking. Treasurer Veronoff Fisher was insistent that oil heating be specified for the addition. Vice President Richard Peters and Trustees George Nahstol and Herbert Neal wanted gas to be considered in obtaining bids on the job also but were not supported by the other Board members on this. Oil heating will be specified.

THE PLANS call for an addition containing five regular classrooms, kindergarten room, a library and a good sized play room. Also included are major site improvements including a good sized parking area, a service drive, walks and other parking and site improvements in front of the existing school building.

The preliminary plans as submitted by Architect Jacobs will not be reviewed by the building sub-committee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee and Board members.

The architect's estimate is that the purchase of shut off site improvements, will run a little over \$160,000.

Political Activities in Farmington City and Township are Now Increasing in Tempo in Preparation for the April-1 Biennial Spring Election.

The election is non-partisan but the Democratic Club now has campaign headquarters set up in an office building at 31555 Ten Mile Road directly across from the City National Bank and are working hard on behalf of their candidates seeking office. Shown here, left to right, are Mrs. Willard Pesty, Mrs. Harold Schibee and Mrs. Marie Muschall (at phone), candidate for treasurer.

Six Seeking City Council Seats; 3 In Judge Contest

City of Farmington voters will have a good field of candidates to choose from in the Biennial Spring Election on April 1. There will be contests for all the offices to be filled.

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The three incumbent councilmen on the five member Council are all seeking re-election. These candidates are: Henry B. Forrest, 31109 Alta Loma Drive; Hugo E. Peterson, 2270 Maple Ave., and Howard W. Tucker, 3204 Grand River. The three other candidates who will be making strong bids to unseat them will be Virgil Cornwell,



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Action Speeded on Twp. Water System Project

A resolution passed by the Farmington Township Board at their regular meeting Monday night, March 11, authorized Township Supervisor Curt Hall and Township Engineer, Mrs. Marie Muschall, to proceed on the recommendation of the Township's firm of consulting engineers, Pate and Hirm, for the purchase of shut off valves for the Farmington Township Water Supply System.

The Board action was taken in order to speed the construction of the water wells in the transmission lines of the Detroit Water Supply System which is expected to still be in its peak period of use by the time Farmington Township's Water Supply System is ready to be tested this fall.

IT WAS BROUGHT to the attention of the Board by the City of Detroit that unless the valves are installed for the Farmington Township Water System prior to May 1, the necessary interruption of service would come during the peak summer water consumption period.

The Board had authorized the Oakland County Department of Public Works to go out for bids on the necessary items needed for the construction of the water wells at their last regular meeting on February 25.

Bids on the construction work were opened at the Monday night meeting by Clerk Cairns and after some discussion by Board members were referred over to Lawrence Pate of Pate and Hirm for evaluation.

Pate's recommendation back to the Board was that the Board should be instructed to begin making a study into the matter.

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Want Study on Proposed New State Bus Law

Proposed new state legislation which would require all local public school systems to transport both parochial and private school children to the school they attend as well as their own pupils came in for brief discussion at the Farmington Board of Education meeting Monday night.

Vice President Richard Peters suggested that the administration make some attempt to determine how much the district might be involved if it were required to transport all other students in addition to students attending the public schools. Other Board members agreed with Peters that it might be well to have such information.

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OK Equipment for New Schools

There's still an awful lot of construction work yet to be done before the new East Junior High and Highwood grade schools now being built will be ready for equipment but it will have to be ordered out soon anyway.

A list of equipment proposed for purchase by the administrative staff was reviewed by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night with authorization given to go ahead with the acquisitions.

A total of \$80,517 worth of equipment for the new junior high was approved for purchase. For the new grade school the amount on the equipment approved for purchase ran \$15,555.

To Establish New Sewer Dist.

The Farmington Township Board authorized Clerk Floyd Cairns to proceed with establishing a special assessment sewer district in Section 35 and north of Section 35 in the Township.

Property owners living in the area bounded by Inkster on the east, 10th Mile to the south, 9th Mile to the north and west to the Farmington City limits will be included in the special assessment district. To be established in Section 35.

IT WAS BROUGHT to the attention of the Board that the State Health Department would step in to take action unless adequate sewer facilities were provided in this area of the Township soon.

The State Health Department has complained about the health condition that could arise from the present system which has storm drains emptying into the Rouge River branch intersecting the area.

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Gym Teacher's First Aid Saves Injured Youth

Quick thinking on the part of Farmington Junior High School physical education instructor was credited this week for saving a boy's life following an accident at the school Monday morning.

Bill Mason had just minutes before dismissed his morning gym class when one of the students, a boy named Robert M. Stricken, collapsed in the locker room.

The STRICKEN youth lay in a pool of blood, had no pulse, and was breathing. His condition reached his side. The gym instructor administered mouth-to-mouth respiration and applied a pressure bandage to a cut on the boy's chin which later required 16 stitches to close.

Doctors at Redford Community Hospital pronounced the youth out of danger Tuesday afternoon. He is now recovering from the action of Mason, the only apparent after-effects of the accident are three loose teeth for the boy.

C'ville School Dist. Bond Sale Approved

Superintendent of the Clarenceville Public School System, Louis Schmidt, announced that the school district had received word from the Municipal Finance Commission, approving the recent bond issue for the school district.

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