

Joins staff

Donald F. Tucker, 27, a Bloomfield Hills attorney, has joined Sen. Philip A. Hart's Washington staff as legislative counsel. Tucker will serve as advisor on transportation, consumerism, regulatory agencies, defense and banking legislation. A graduate of Michigan Law School and active in state politics since 1968, Tucker was a member of the national staff of the McGovern for President Campaign in 1972.



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By BARBARA UNDERWOOD
BIRMINGHAM—Money matters occupied a large part of the board of education meeting Tuesday.

The board approved a resolution authorizing the borrowing of \$7 million in anticipation of the collection of the unpaid operating taxes for the district for the current fiscal year.

Discussion of the June 10 millage election focused on a letter from a citizen urging the board to make voters aware that the 1.9-mill tax increase sought for the purpose of retaining present programs could mean the closing of schools.

The Citizens Millage Advisory Committee's recommendation for additional millage to retain current programs also included a recommendation that the board give immediate attention to closing or consolidating school facilities, implying that the increase would not be sufficient to keep all schools open.

THE BOARD has said repeatedly that 1.9 mills is sufficient to keep all schools open at least during the 1974-75 school year. Dr. Donald Peckanpugh, superintendent, made it clear at Tuesday's meeting that "we do not intend to close schools this fall."

The board will study the question in detail and make a decision over the next year," he added. "We will give an adequate explanation of this before the millage vote."

Board member William Jenkins said he did not view the 1.9 proposition "as a board mandate that we will close schools the second year."

"We don't know that," Jenkins said. "We haven't made any decision. There is a very real possibility but it is not fair to say so now."

THE BOARD also approved a twice-amended resolution to solicit price quotations for an enrollment projection study of the school district.

The cost of different types of

studies will be reviewed by the board. Results of the proposed study will be utilized by the administration in presenting a long-range plan for building use by the end of the year.

A detailed report on the status of career/vocational education for the district was presented by Daniel Nesbitt, deputy superintendent for instruction.

Although a systemwide program is not existent, steps have been taken to define a set of objectives, and discussions have been held concerning employment of an implementer for such a program, Nesbitt reported.

EXPANSION OF career/vocational education in the district is one of the program improvements

recommended in the board's request for an additional 1.0 mill (one mill) for new programs which will appear on the June 10 ballot. Expenditure of funds from the sale of the Baldwin School and use of the 0.2 mill (two tenths) levied for building and site maintenance in the district were discussed.

Five one-time-only allocations for the Baldwin money were suggested, including repair and renovation of existing buildings, bus replacement, replacement and purchase of equipment, site drainage problems and site improvement projects.

Approximately \$500,000 including interest is expected to be available from the sale of the school, pending the outcome of current litigation.



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Lottery changes boosted

The need for legislation to amend Federal laws prohibiting mailing and broadcasting of information concerning state lotteries is greater than ever, Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-Bloomfield Township) said in testimony before the House Subcommittee on Claims and Governmental Relations.

Broomfield, testifying in support of legislation he has sponsored, charged that the 16 states either operating or setting up lotteries are being held back by these laws in their efforts to raise revenue.

U. S. Postal Law and Federal Communication Commission regulations prohibit the mailing of newspapers containing information on lotteries, as well as the broadcast of such information.

BROOMFIELD stated in his testimony that although the State of Michigan raised more than \$61 million for the treasury in its first year of operation officials are certain the lifting of these restrictions would help generate even more revenue for the state.

"The lottery is an excellent way for a state to raise badly needed revenue without increasing taxes," Broomfield said.

Clerk retires

FRANKLIN—Village Clerk Ellen S. Steckley, a long-time mainstay of Franklin affairs, has resigned effective June 1.

Mrs. Steckley, known familiarly as "Helen," is half way through her fourth elective term, having begun as clerk in March 1966.

She worked part-time as police department clerk prior to her election. When asked about her reasons for resigning, Mrs. Steckley said jokingly, "My dedication hath run out."

The silver-haired clerk will retire to her Haverford Road home to spend fifty to sixty hours a week developing more rare strains of African violets.

Her husband Mel, a well-known local pianist, and son Mike have indicated strong support of Mrs. Steckley's retirement from her time-consuming job as clerk.

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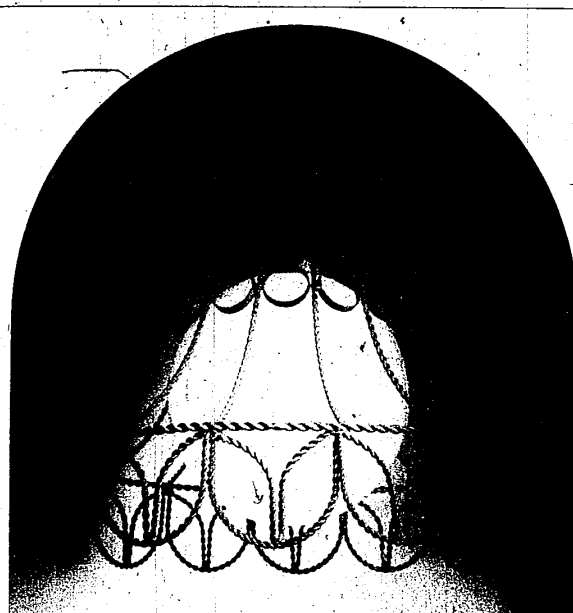
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