

Budget problems may threaten school district's accreditation

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strumental music, staff, maintenance and equipment.

Elementary school reductions already made include physical education, field trips, district-wide testing, elementary math programs textbook replacement and closing of Bond Elementary School.

Business Manager Prisk said the projected 1975-76 budget does not anticipate a millage increase.

"Our budget is based on the assumption that the state is going to pay us a portion of the cost. We've already used a \$129,000 state aid cut," he said.

"We haven't reduced the amount of the allowance per student we make for spending, but inflation has done that for us," he said.

Controversy was introduced when board President Gary Lichtman took a dim view of cuts to the academic curriculum, when no cuts to the B-1 schedule were announced.

"WE TALK about cuts and the shortened school day, elimination of special reading programs and not

being able to elect special majors. Yet I see no concessions, no cuts in the B-1 schedule and extracurricular activities. My question is why?" he said.

Schulman defended the cuts by saying that it was a "practically unanimous decision" that the damage to the students by previous cuts was already great.

"They strongly urged the board not to consider extra cuts here, because the feeling is that the students would be severely damaged," he said.

School board Vice President William Corliss disagreed.

"We're talking about a possible lack of accreditation, and not being able to reach levels we are currently at in education... are these things of less importance than maintaining a high school football team?"

In response, Schulman emphasized the total effect of such activities on the student body.

"This has a total effect, which is to maintain the viability and character of the school atmosphere.

"It is for this reason that they are trying to retain as much of the activities as they possibly can," he said.

EMMA MARKEN, secretary of the board, said she felt very strongly that the B-1 programs provided outlets for students who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity.

"It would be a real morale-breaker for the kids in our junior and senior high to eliminate these things. You would be eliminating the opportunity of these kids to learn to work and play together," she said.

"I'm not for or against," Corliss said. "I'm for everything. I for one am willing to give up some of the nice and some of the beautiful. We can survive without the football team and without the music. But we can't survive without knowing how to read."

Budgetary considerations for the B-1 schedule include \$73,000 for athletics itself, \$5,250 for buses driven to events, \$10,000 for student activities, and \$2,500 for ticket-takers and other help.

The reduction of staff in the reading

improvement programs will cause a conceptual change in that area.

"Obviously, we're going to have to change reading specialists from the concept of tutorial to the concept of consultant and resource person," said Larry Freedman, assistant superintendent of elementary education.

School day reduction would mean the elimination of all study halls and some of the elective courses now available to the students, Schulman said.

It is not that the electives won't be available, it's just that those students following a specific course of interest won't have the time to devote to anything else, he said.

"About 64-70 per cent of the seniors during their senior year opt to stay in school and take an additional course. Only about 35-40 per cent opt for the privilege of leaving during their first or sixth-hour study halls," he said.

ALTHOUGH ADULT education classes were mentioned as a stop-gap measure, Schulman said only under exceptional circumstances are regular day students allowed to take the night courses.

Minimum requirements for graduation include one year each of math, science and American government, three years of English, two years of physical education and two and one half years of social studies.

Closing of the two school would cause 'bumping' to take place as those teachers and administrators with seniority slip into spots formerly occupied with those who have taught fewer years in the district. Teachers most recently hired, those with least tenure, would be bumped out of the system.

North Farmington stops MC-5 rock band concert

By ZINA MEGGAS

North Farmington High School administrators have forbidden a performance of the MC-5 rock band because members of the group have been arrested on drug charges.

The band was to have performed March 8 at a concert sponsored by the senior board.

In the late 1960s, members of the group were arrested in Ann Arbor on drug charges. The band also is associated with political activist John Sinclair.

Lynn Nutter, North Farmington principal, learned of the group's reputation through telephone calls from parents.

"I will have no rock group of that type performing here at North," Nutter said.

Norman Dickson, an assistant principal, said the decision "was between Mr. Nutter and myself when we found out what kind of reputation they had."

The Jack Reed Talent Agency of Farmington, who contracted the

group for the senior board did not mention the group's past activities.

When the Reed Agency learned of the administration's decision, Bill Lough, senior class president, received an apology and four alternate groups to choose from to replace the MC-5.

Lough agrees with the decision and has been working on booking an alternate band so that the concert may be performed as planned.

Other students, however, disagree with the decision. One senior girl disagreed with the decision being based solely on the reputation of MC-5.

Another senior said, "It's like telling us not to go see a Russian ballet because we will immediately become communists."

Other students said that since their activities in the late 60s, the group has been reorganized. They have had no incidents of that type since then.

But one administrator said, "We have a public image to keep up with the community."

The concert will be held as scheduled but the MC-5 will be replaced by Frigid Pink and Salem Witchcraft.

Youth vying for appointment

FARMINGTON HILLS — Clifford P. Graham, 24872 Glen Orchard, is among 30 nominees seeking appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Graham was nominated for the appointment by U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin. Griffin nominated 80 high school seniors in the state to compete for appointments to the nation's service academies for the academic year beginning in July.

Candidates were selected from 500 applicants on the basis of academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, character, leadership potential and the recommendations of high school principals and teachers.

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