

School board funds outdoor education

FARMINGTON—Outdoor education programs are budgeted to receive \$2,000 in the 1975-76 school year, but some Farmington Board of Education members are worried that it's too low.

"I'm concerned that we've allowed so little for outdoor education," said

board Secretary Emma Makinen at a budget hearing last week.

But Larry Freedman, assistant superintendent for elementary education, called it "most adequate funding."

Mrs. Makinen said the lack of outdoor education had been stressed at

several millage campaign functions she had attended.

"Parents expect their child to get some outdoor education after passing the millage. If we led our parents and voters to expect this, is this amount enough?"

Business manager William Prisk said that some money available for outdoor education was not indicated on the detailed budget but was included in several other accounts.

"WE HAVE MONEY for outdoor education in other accounts other than the one labelled 'outdoor education,'" he said. Other accounts he said would include expenditures for supplies, transportation and teaching assignments.

Freedman said several other programs which had been suspended because of lack of money will now be reinstated.

The elementary school testing program will increase by 60 per cent. Secondary schools would have \$1,000 for testing programs.

Board vice president William Corles asked what funding for extracurricular activities at the secondary level would receive.

Supt. Marinas VanAmejde said the

activities were usually self-supporting, including the French, chess and math clubs.

"We don't need as many dollars there because they come from other sources," he said.

Activities involving the school news papers are usually paid for by advertising.

"Remember when this board used to get bills periodically for such things? It was once contrary to school district policy to take advertising for journalism courses. But now you have no bills. It pays for itself," he said.

Other activities to which the schools used to contribute are now going without funding by the district.

"WE'RE NOT PAYING speakers as we used to, or the symphony or concert bands," VanAmejde said.

Several persons in the audience wanted to know specific cost breakdowns for activities. Board President Gary Lichman said the information would be forthcoming, but not immediately.

"Since we've been giving pigs in the data processing program, I would like other districts to lead the way this time. When we get the information back, we will know what it costs to teach English Four at Harrison High School," he said.

Oakland County has done breakdowns for the district in the past.

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Fire check list can save lives

FARMINGTON—A home check can help prevent fires, the Farmington Public Safety Department says.

The department's check list includes suggestions for every area of a home.

Ideas for fire safety include:

- Set up a garden hose with spray nozzle attached to a faucet in the basement or utility room. Use a hose that will reach to any spot in the home.
- Small fires quickly turn into large fires if not extinguished immediately.
- Keep your basement, attic, closets and other spaces cleared of old rags, papers, mattresses, old furniture and other odds and ends.

KEEP THE STORAGE of paints, varnishes and other flammable liquids to a bare minimum. They should be tightly sealed in metal containers.

- Never keep gasoline stored inside the home and never clean with gasoline. The vapors are very explosive.
- Oily polishing rags and cleaning rags can ignite spontaneously. Dispose of them outdoors or store them in covered metal cans.

Never leave matches or lighters in the reach of young children, and never leave young children alone in the home, even for a few minutes.

- Always be sure cigarette and cigar butts and pipes are out cold before leaving a room. Never smoke in bed.
- Make sure babysitters are instructed in emergency techniques in case of fire.

Allow only qualified electricians to install or extend wiring.

PROVIDE ENOUGH electrical wall outlets in every room to avoid the use of multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords.

- Do not overload circuits. Use 15 amp fuses or breakers unless circuit

Drain foes want study of alternatives

A study of an alternative to the proposed Pernick Drain has been requested by groups opposed to the drain's construction.

Citizens Concerned about the Pernick Drain recently asked the Farmington Hills city council to support a natural retention system instead of the \$8 million drain. The Pernick Drain is to be built in Southfield and Farmington Hills to serve land along Northwestern Highway.

The drain is to be controlled by Oakland County.

The citizens group, including Jody Soronen, president of the council of homeowner associations of Farmington Hills, said a study of an alternative will cost a few thousand dollars.

"An alternative using the open waterway and natural wet lands in the project area is not included in the environmental impact statement on the Pernick Drain," according to the group.

Dr. Clifford Humphreys of Michigan State University's department of natural resource development could do the study, the group said.

"There is a great deal of concern among downstream residents that the recommended project will increase flooding to them. Upstream communities are concerned that they will lose their small streams and have too little water as a result of the recommended project.

"We are convinced you owe it to yourselves and to the citizens to consider a drainage system that would allay the above mentioned fears. The economics of retention systems are often very favorable as well," the group said.

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- Replace old or defective appliances and cords. Broken wires in cords cause fires.
- Before the heating season begins, have the furnace inspected and serviced.

- Store charcoal briquets used for barbecues in a safe place. Charcoal which becomes wet or has absorbed moisture can ignite spontaneously.
- Keep the perimeter around all ignition sources (furnaces, hot water heaters, electrical fixtures etc.) clear of combustible storage materials.

- KEEP LIGHT BULBS and other heated objects away from curtains and other combustibles.

- Remove accumulations of grease from kitchen vent fans, ovens, ranges and other surfaces.
- Remove all household wastes at least weekly.

- Follow directions explicitly when using flammable sprays and liquids. Do not use for purposes other than stated on directions. DO NOT INSTALL door locks which require the use of a key or working a combination from the inside. These may trap your family.

Cancer Foundation appoints Bergers

FARMINGTON HILLS—Jack Bergers, former assistant director of development for the Michigan Cancer Foundation, has been appointed director of public relations and development for Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

As director, he is responsible for fund raising, community relations, special events and all hospital activities with the public.

Among positions formerly held were editorial and advertising assignments for the Birmingham Eccentric and a public relations position with Sperry and Hutchinson Co. in Southfield. Bergers and his family live in Farmington Hills.

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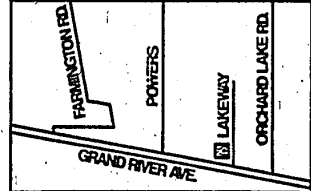
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