

Endorsements Reflect BEST Qualified

Vagnozzi, Garcia, Frankel

Nine Seeking Two Four-Year Positions

Ronald Enders

Patricia Smith

Ronald Enders of 5962 E. Stockton is a salesman for W.T. Andrews Co. and has lived in Farmington Township for the past four years.

He helped organize the Larkshire PTA and served as its president for three years. If elected, Enders says he will work to keep sex and drug education classes out of elementary schools.

"I am completely against sex education of any kind for children before the fifth or sixth grade and then only on limited basis. I feel as strongly against drug education." He supports a restrictive sex and drug curriculum with sex education being limited largely to family life and health habits.

"I believe the more children are exposed to sex the more they will be tempted by it. Besides, if parents are concerned as they say they are, they

can attend any one of several adult sex education classes held in the Farmington area and then teach what they learn to their children at home."



RONALD ENDERS

Mrs. Patricia Smith of 26479 Greythorne is a housewife who is also the only woman trustee presently serving on the Farmington Board of Education.

Elected in September 1968, she has served on the curriculum and safety committees and was a board representative to the Southwest Oakland Vocational Center.

Mrs. Smith has lived in Farmington Township for eight years, has been active in several civic groups, and served a term as president of the local League of Women Voters. She is the mother of three children and her husband, William, is owner and president of Allied Film Laboratory of Detroit.



PATRICIA SMITH

Aldo Vagnozzi

Aldo Vagnozzi of 26193 Kiltarten is employed as editor of the Michigan AFL-CIO News.

As an area political leader, he has been a consistent advocate of increased state aid to education.

Vagnozzi was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate last fall for state representative, losing in the primary. He has twice been a Democratic nominee for Farmington Township Supervisor.

A graduate of Wayne State University, Vagnozzi has worked with numerous local PTA groups since moving here in 1960 and claims to have attended more school board meetings than any other resident.

He is basing his campaign on "a halt to palping property taxes as the principal means of supporting schools" and improved relations between administrators and students.



ALDO VAGNOZZI

Jack Garcia

Jack Garcia of 28257 Newcastle is the owner of Jags Mobil service station and is employed by Ling-Temco-Vought in Warren.

A graduate of Glenville (W. Va.) State College, Garcia is a former teacher and coach. A longtime Farmington resident, he has worked 20 years with Little League and community baseball. He has served as president of the LTV Employees Club and Management Club.

Garcia says he is seeking a board position because of "a desire to assist the schools in their continued growth and in keeping the community a better place to live."



JACK GARCIA

Burton Levy

Burton Levy of 29058 Bantlewood Court is director of community services for the Michigan Civil Rights.

He had served as assistant director of the Michigan Anti-Defamation League and was a police-community relations consultant for the U.S. Department of Justice. His wife is an elementary teacher in the Farmington school system.

Levy holds a BS in secondary education from Boston University and a PhD in government from University of Massachusetts. He says he is seeking a four-year term because "The school board has a conservative image. It doesn't seem to be trying out many new ideas. I think it needs some new men



BURTON LEVY

Byron Walter

Byron Walter of 26344 Greythorne, Farmington Township, is presently employed as a trust officer for Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit.

Walter served five years as township justice of the peace, a position he lost when the state abolished JP courts effective Jan. 1, 1969. He was elected township justice in 1964.

He works with the bank as head of the credit and estate planning staff. Walter was a practicing attorney before being elected justice.



BYRON WALTER

George Westlund

George Westlund of 30020 Highland is a corporation lawyer with 19 years experience in law and management.

A graduate of Detroit College of Law, he has a degree in accounting from Cleary College in Ypsilanti and has four years credit toward a business degree at Wayne State University. A veteran of World War II and Korean War, Westlund was an unsuccessful Republican candidate for state senator in 1964.

He is seeking a four-year term to use his management experience for "the multi-million dollar school corporation." He favors strong administration in the area of policymaking and although he favors discipline for students he feels a review of curriculum and regulations might be necessary. Students should not disrupt normal school routines, he says, but should have channels available for their grievances.



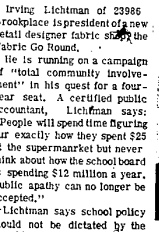
GEORGE WESTLUND

Irving Lichtman

Irving Lichtman of 23986 Brookplace is president of a new retail designer fabric shop, the Fabric Co. Round.

He is running on a campaign of "total community involvement." In his quest for a four-year seat, a certified public accountant, Lichtman says: "People will spend time figuring out exactly how they spent \$25 at the supermarket but never think about how the school board is spending \$12 million a year. Public apathy can no longer be accepted."

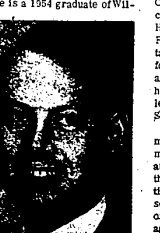
Lichtman says school policy should not be dictated by the board but there should be more public hearings on substantive issues with everyone in the community given the chance to express opinions.



IRVING LICHTMAN

Kenneth Perrin

Kenneth Perrin of 25534 Castleridge is a coordinator of advertising services for Burroughs Corp. and a 10-year resident of Farmington Township. He is a 1964 graduate of Williams College and has been active on the precinct level in the Republican Party. He has served as chairman of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, founding chairman of the Council of Homeowners Associations of Farmington Township, secretary of the Citizens Council for Community Development, and has been active in YMCA homeowner groups, and is a leader in the fight against the Southfield stadium.



KENNETH PERRIN

Perrin's campaign is: reduce millage rates when assessments are increased; eliminate unnecessary expenditures through a budget review; investigate the drug problem in the schools; promote enforcement of discipline rules; and encourage greater communication among administrators, teachers, parents and students.

Who School Candidates Are

On Monday, June 9, Farmington voters will be going to the polls for the annual school election.

There will not be any millage question or any other proposal on the ballot. Only a list of 12 candidates for the school board.

Nine candidates are seeking two four-year terms formerly held by Lee Clifford and Herb Neal who have decided not to run for re-election.

Three candidates are running for a one-year term. The one-year term is the remaining year of the four-year term left vacant by the resignation of George Otis who has moved from the community.

Candidates for the two four-year positions are: Ronald Enders, Jack Garcia, Burton Levy, Irving Lichtman, Kenneth Perrin, Mrs. Patricia Smith, Aldo Vagnozzi, Byron Walter and George Westlund. Candidates for the one-year seat are: Richard Frankel, Stuart Rankin and Mrs. Luella Sausle.

Elections always pose a problem for concerned citizens who wish to cast an informed vote and select those candidates best qualified for office.

Residents do not have time to talk with each candidate before ballot day to decide where he stands on issues and how well he will serve if elected. When there are a number of candidates to choose from, the task for the voter is especially difficult.

It is because of this fact that newspapers wishing to perform a public service endorse candidates. Not because the press feels its judgment is gospel but because it can, and will, take the time to talk with all the candidates.

ON JUNE 9 12 candidates will be running for three positions on the Farmington Board of Education. The Farmington Enterprise & Observer



took the time to talk with the candidates and, after studying their statements and background, is presenting

We do not expect our readers to accept our endorsements blindly. They are offered as a public service because we feel the service is necessary.

There are a number of highly qualified candidates seeking election and there are some candidates who have not been endorsed who are certainly qualified to serve on the board. Our selections reflect those candidates we feel are BEST qualified to serve.

Our endorsements are a value judgment based not only on the personal interviews and material submitted by the candidates but also on their past interest in the schools, community involvement, civic awareness and a potential to lead.

In Monday's election there are nine candidates seeking two four-year terms and three candidates vying for a one-year term. Our choices as the BEST QUALIFIED candidates for the four-year terms are Aldo Vagnozzi and Jack Garcia. For the one-year term, we endorse Richard Frankel.

A KEY FACTOR in endorsing Aldo Vagnozzi has to be his admirable interest in schools. Aldo is not fibbing when he claims to have attended more board meetings than any other resident. In fact on occasion the only members of the audience have been the press and Aldo Vagnozzi.

This attendance record did not begin a few weeks before election but goes back much farther. If interest in schools is a qualification for election, then Vagnozzi scores first.

He also passes the test of community involvement and civic awareness with a long list of organizations and activities in which for sake of brevity will not be repeated.

When we examine his views on issues, attitudes and leadership potential Aldo scores equally high. He doesn't believe in spending money just because it's available and feels the tax rate may be reduced depending upon what happens to assessments and state aid. Vagnozzi does not foresee a millage increase in the near future since assessments are now directly related to the cost of living.

Vagnozzi feels the student demonstration at North Farmington High represents a bigger problem than administrator's relations with students. It reflects a problem of adult relations with youth, he says.

The community should look at the causes of unrest and work towards a solution, he says, adding: "There are a lot of energy there that wants to be expressed. They are interested in what's going on around them. Maybe we should form a Farmington Youth Corps and take students and match them with voluntary programs which interest them. It expresses concern that only 50 cents a year per student is being spent for school activities."

THE STRONG POINT for voting for Jack Garcia has to be community involvement. For 20 years Garcia has been active in the community and has expressed a keen interest in youth and recreation. He has spent a third of his life working with youth and possesses an understanding of what young people need from the schools.

Garcia has education experience and experience in management and administration. But his interest in youth and involvement in the community speaks louder and clearer. Listen to his voice.

"When dealing with young people we cannot say no without listening or they will take their own course of action. The administration must associate with students and appear aloof."

"This is the biggest challenge we have. Today's students will be running our nation 20 years from now and we must listen to them now."

"We must start education of sex program at the earliest possible time that lay, system and personnel allows. For sex education, teachers must first have knowledge of the subject and then the proper program must be set up."

"The dynamics of what students need to know is changing so fast our school systems are not evolving fast enough to keep up. Policies are five years behind and need change."

FOR THOSE readers who may not agree with our choices of Vagnozzi and Garcia, we offer a second choice in the person of Burton Levy. Levy is a brilliant, highly competent individual who in some areas is more qualified than Vagnozzi and Garcia. We do not have any doubts but that he would make an excellent board member.

The reasons he was not picked as BEST CHOICE is because he has not lived in the community long enough to become involved and because his job demands a great deal of his time and may not allow him to spend the necessary time on the board. We think highly of Mr. Levy and can assure you a vote for him would also be a wise decision.

THE DECISION to endorse Richard Frankel for the one-year term was also based on community involvement and interest in schools.

Frankel's attendance record at board meetings may not match Vagnozzi's, but his face is also very familiar to school board reporters. And his face is also familiar to administrators and school principals because he has been involved in school affairs during his 15-year residency in Farmington.

Again we will refrain from reciting a list of organizations and activities Frankel is involved in and go directly to his words.

"The function of our schools is to train young people to fit into tomorrow's society in the best possible way. He must learn to communicate, must obtain a set of values, and must learn to rub elbows with people—to have empathy and compassion.

"But he must also learn how to find out. The schools should be concentrating on teaching the techniques of finding out things."

Frankel views student unrest in the high schools as an extension of problems which exist because of the generation gap. "Young people today want answers and won't accept things on faith." Symptoms of unrest must be detected early and action taken before a confrontation is necessary, says Frankel. "A confrontation polarizes people in their attitudes and so you must work things out before this stage is reached."

Frankel is a man who believes in trying and should be tried on the school board.

The decisions voters make Monday will be important for Farmington Schools because three members will be added to the board, two for four-year terms. We ask that each resident give a great deal of thought before voting and, most of all, that YOU vote.

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Three Vie For One-Year Job

Richard Frankel

Richard Frankel of 30300 Rockshire Drive is a self-employed registered professional engineer and has lived in Farmington for 15 years.

He is a graduate of University

of Michigan and a veteran of WW II and the Korean War. He has voluntarily tutored several local students in mathematics.

A candidate for the one-year term, Frankel thinks the school board should be doing more policy-making and less administering. He wants more emphasis on vocational training and feels the schools themselves should do less administering and more teaching.

"Schools are going to have to take into account that a lot of what they're teaching today will be quickly outmoded. Rather than having students memorize facts, they should teach them how to keep their minds open to more learning," says Frankel. "I would like to bring some fresh viewpoints to some old problems. I can understand why some students are upset with their schools. A lot of what passes as education today just simply isn't."



RICHARD FRANKEL

Stuart Rankin

Dr. Stuart Rankin of 30300 Johnston is executive director of the Michigan-Ohio regional educational laboratory and is a part-time professor in Wayne State University's school of education.

He has held several administrative posts with the Detroit Public Schools. Is a former Harvard professor, and is affiliated with several state and national education groups.

Rankin thinks the school program should contain more inquiry, ideas, independence and individualism. "I would like to see our schools stress ideas rather than facts. If students are to learn to be more responsible then they have to have the opportunity to take initiative and to become involved with their own education."

Rankin also favors full use of

in-service training for teachers and a higher level of community involvement with schools through special public hearings.



DR. STUART RANKIN

Luella Sausle

Mrs. Luella Sausle of 26320 Dundalk Lane is a former shorthand and typing teacher in the

Farmington adult education program. She is a candidate for a one-year term on the Farmington Board of Education.

Mrs. Sausle has 12 years experience as secretary to the assistant superintendent of schools in Grosse Pointe and has lived in Farmington for seven years.

She would like to see the district hire who in the competent teachers who "would stay with us and help us make our total educational programs just as attractive as our buildings."

"I think Farmington schools can have everything they need within the existing tax structure. I would not support a millage increase," she says, adding "I have read that Farmington has the second highest school tax rate in the tri-county area."



LUELLA SAUSLE