

Shpiece loses veep bid

Board taps Bill Gravius

By LYNN ORR

Tradition held Tuesday night as once again the Farmington School Board elected the 1976-77 vice-president to the 1977-78 presidential chair.

William Gravius received six votes in his election to the presidency formerly held by Anne Struble.

The only other vote went to trustee Dr. Mervyn Ross, who nominated and voted for himself. After his defeat, Ross moved for unanimous support of Gravius' presidency.

Both Gravius and Ross made statements opposing the routine tradition of electing the vice-president to the presidency.

"I feel that the vice-president of the board of education is not best appointed to the presidency," Gravius told the board before the election. "All offices should be open to all members of the board."

Ross echoed Gravius' sentiments, adding that he believed his seven years' experience on the board and past tenure as president three years ago would serve the system well.

The vice-president's chair went to Ross, who defeated trustee Michael Spiece in a close vote. Ross, Gravius, Ms. Struble, and newly elected board member Richard Wallace cast ballots for Ross, while Spiece and trustees Helen Prutow and Emma Makinen voted for Spiece.

Spiece also moved for a unanimous decision after his defeat.

Ms. Prutow was elected secretary while Wallace received the nod for treasurer in uncontested elections.

"I'm going to play the devil's advocate this year," Ms. Struble quipped upon giving up the gavel and receiving thanks for her year's tenure as president from board members.

REPRESENTATIVES to other organizations were appointed and committees established for the new year in other board action Tuesday night.

Farmington School District residents can direct inquiries to the following representatives and committee members:

• Farmington-West Bloomfield Recreation Commission: Wallace, with Ms. Struble serving as alternate.

• Farmington Area Advisory Council: Ms. Makinen.

• City of Farmington: Ms. Prutow; and city of Farmington Hills: Ross.

The two board members will serve as opposing alternates to the two cities.

• Oakland County Intermediate District: Ms. Makinen.

• Oakland County Task Force 28: Ms. Struble.

• Oakland County School Board Association: Ms. Struble.

• State Government Agencies: Spiece.

• Farmington Youth Assistance: Ms. Struble.

• Michigan Association of School Boards liaison member: Ms. Prutow.

• Federal legislative appointee: Wallace.

• Round Table (student advisory group): Ross, Ms. Makinen and Ms. Prutow for the first semester; and Spiece, Ms. Struble and Wallace for the second semester.



WILLIAM GRAVIUS

Parking lot paving costs corrected

Due to an error in the July 7 edition of the Farmington Observer, it was reported that the Farmington Holding Co. would assume the major cost of repaving the downtown Farmington parking lot.

The actual distribution of the cost is as follows: the Farmington Center Co., owners of the A&P block, Bel Crest Studio block, and Associated of the resurfacing cost of \$28,784. Metro Center Offices, owners of buildings including the Farmington Insurance Agency and contiguous build-

ings will pay \$1,064. John Lutz owner of the Edison building, will pay \$616. Mrs. Mahlon Bradley, owner of the Rexall Drug Store building, will pay \$504.

Tracy Conroy, owner of the Center Tire Inc. store on Grand Farmington Rd. will pay \$1,120 toward the resurfacing, while Metropolitan National Bank will pay \$866.

Farmington Holding Company's share of the cost will be \$4,032. The Holding Company's total cost was reduced by about \$1,000 when credits were adjusted to the total cost.

Area "A," Scott Colburn's Saddle Creek, is assessed at \$1,624; area "B," the Vintner and the Reading Room, is assessed at \$816; while area "C" (all the other areas, primarily the Village Mall Bldg.) is assessed at \$1,882 for the Holding Co's portion.

The city's share of the resurfacing project will be \$4,476.

Shawn Conway named to dean's list

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