

Trustee Scolds Board For Questioning Trip

FARMINGTON The vice president of the Farmington Board of Education accused the other board members of attacking his character at the Jan. 26 meeting of the board.

Gary Lichtman, absent from the Jan. 26 meeting, said he listened to the section of tape of that meeting "about six times" dealing with his proposed attendance at a National Association of School Boards' convention in San Francisco in April.

In a prepared statement presented at Monday night's regular meeting, Lichtman said the "board by its discussion and peripheral commentary on Jan. 26 has impugned my character and maligned my intentions with regard to attendance at this convention."

THE BOARD discussed Lichtman's proposed attendance during the Jan. 26 meeting and voted to pay his registration fee of \$42 but not his transportation to San Francisco.

The statement said the board should stand the expense of a member attending the convention.

"Conferences and conventions of dedicated board members create the forum in which we gain the knowledge necessary to make more intelligent, enlightened decisions," Lichtman says in the statement.

The main argument put forth Jan. 26 concerned the cost of payment of a school board member's transportation to San Francisco. Trustee John Washburn said the district should consider the cost of the convention against the possibility of gain.

"THAT ENTIRE premise is an absurdity," Lichtman says, "in that this district spent \$12,000 last year in conventions and continues to do the same this year. In fact, it would be quite surprised if any of the members of this board could name any of the 11 people or the conferences involved which were approved for payment just this evening."

"I seriously question the motivation behind any discussion of a convention for a board member with this thought in mind."

"All too often, several of us get so entangled in budgets and salaries that we forget our foremost concern should be for the children attending our schools. It is their educational development that should concern us most as board members," Lichtman continues.

LICHTMAN READ his statement with obvious emotion. He ended it by withdrawing from the meeting.

Ken Perrin, another trustee, said no one at the Jan. 26 meeting was derogatory in any way toward Lichtman.



ALL UP IN THE AIR -- Beechview sixth grader, Mickey Angelo, is caught in the middle of an aerial cartwheel. She's one of Robert Salow's hardworking gymnasts. Regional contests are coming up in March and Beechview youngsters are practicing enthusiastically.

Tri Sig Meets In Farmington

Mrs. Edgar A. Capps of Village Lane, Farmington, is opening her home on Feb. 14 for the Sigma Sigma Sigma Detroit Alumnae Group One luncheon-meeting.

Mrs. W. Walter Simon of Pleasant Valley, Farmington, is president of the group. announcements will be made for participation in the Sigma Sigma Sigma State-Day to be held at Central Michigan University March 14.

Tri Sigma alumnae wishing to attend Saturday's meeting should contact Mrs. Capps at 626-4165.

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DR. RODERICK SMITH, superintendent of the district, had the last comment on the subject before board members discussed how to get their registration fee returned.

He said districts seem to go to extremes in sending board members to conventions. Some send none, but others send all their board members, he commented.

One neighboring district, he said, sent seven board members to a convention last year in Miami Beach, Fla., and planned to send all seven to the San Francisco convention.

"I personally would feel, for a school district our size, it would be well for our board of education to be represented wherever possible," Smith commented.

F'ton Students On University's Dean's List

Five Miami of Ohio students from Farmington are among those named to the dean's list for the fall quarter. They registered averages of B or above for a course load of 12 hours or more at the Oxford, Ohio, university.

They are: Mary Griswold of 2227 Bone Hill, Mary Hopkins of 29910 Old Bedford, William Oldershaw of 28425 Peppermill, Suzanne Roberts of 28337 Brandynwe and Richard Schultz of 32518 Nestlewood.

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Stadium

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Observer his group is still willing to develop a stadium seating 75,000 in Southfield and isn't ready to pull up stakes in deference to Detroit.

BARTUSH SAID he couldn't understand how the Detroit promoters could possibly rule out Southfield, Pontiac or Taylor as stadium sites when Detroit backers haven't even completed financial studies.

He pointed out that the Southfield backers spent \$20,000 for a feasibility study which included total cost and where the money would come from.

So far, the Southfield proposal is the only one presented which can finance a stadium development with private funds. Public funds would not be needed for the stadium itself, Bartush said, although certainly the state would have to expend funds for highway improvements as it would for any proposed site.

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