

Walled Lake board denies grievance

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After a seven-hour hearing, the Walled Lake Board of Education denied five grievances from special-services staff members, who claimed harassment by special services director Dennis Wisinski.

A sixth grievance, also heard at the March 19 special meeting, was postponed.

Each grievance, filed on behalf of several special-services staff members by the Walled Lake Education Association (WLEA), the teachers' union, maintained that Wisinski violated Article 16, Section D of the teachers contract, which states: "No reprisals of any kind shall be taken against any teacher who has participated in a grievance."

In response to the WLEA's claim, Wisinski said the actions, seen as reprisals, simply were efforts to make his department run more efficiently.

PRESENTING the grievances for the WLEA, teacher Evelyn Brown said there was "considerable evidence" that Wisinski was "going out of his way to deny favors and privileges to those involved in grievances."

Brown traced the allegations back to May 1983, when the school board and teachers' association were preparing for contract negotiations. In an attempt to continue psychological services throughout the negotiation process, Wisinski proposed contracting out for services from non-district professionals.

Two district psychologists, Diane Sue and Adora Kishaur, were involved in an association meeting to discuss the subcontracting, which they felt was a violation of their contract. Several months later, Wisinski announced new building assignments for

all school psychologists. Sue and Kishaur were the "losers" in these reassignments, Brown said. Wisinski's action, she added, was an act of reprisal for the women's participation in the association meeting.

BROWN SAID Sue and Kishaur filed grievances in January over the building reassignments. They maintained there was no demonstrable need for the new assignments implemented by Wisinski. They asked to be returned to their former schedules.

The school board denied the request, maintaining it was Wisinski's responsibility to determine building assignments.

Sue and Kishaur actually were not named in any of the five grievances heard by the board. However, each of the complaints claimed similar harassment of staff who were involved in filing grievances or involved in a meeting with director of personnel Barry Roseboro in November 1983. The meeting was requested by eight staff members to discuss problems within the special services department.

THE GRIEVANCES heard by the board claimed: A statement of procedures issued to special-services staff in January was designed as a punitive measure for the eight staff members who participated in the meeting with Roseboro in November.

Special-education-teacher Nancy Fraunheim was denied permission to attend a conference because of a grievance she filed to receive reimbursement for food supplies she bought for the preprimary impaired program.

Special-education-teacher Howard Eddington was issued a memo outlining minimum standards for completing a certain number of diagnostic referrals per week because of his participation in the November meeting with Roseboro.

Group home supported

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Responding, Berger indicated that "studies continue to bear out that there is no devaluation in property values of neighboring homes as a result of the establishment of a group home."

Instead of locating a group home (in addition to the family with related children) in a small subdivision, such as Glen Oaks, Guyer said, MORC should consider placing the homes in larger subdivisions like the neighboring Canterbury Commons.

Guyer claimed MORC is "discriminating" against Glen Oaks because putting a group home in that subdivision is far cheaper than leasing another home in a more expensive neighborhood.

Meanwhile, a subcommittee of the Michigan Mu-

nicipal League has been putting together legislation that would "tighten up the regulations" governing the placement of group homes, said Councilwoman Jodi Soronen, who served on the subcommittee.

"It's still muddling around," Soronen said, referring to the proposed legislation.

The proposed legislation, Soronen said, would allow local officials to make sure the staff in group homes is adequately trained and that there are a proper number of staff to the number of residents.

Increasing the distance between group homes as well as attempting to ensure that the number of group homes are divided evenly among communities are also included in the legislation, Soronen added.

"The intent is not to stop the program or to interfere with it," she said.



"We couldn't decide on what to buy, so this is for you. For one of your little dreams, or part of a big dream."

Breaking the deadlock.

"I think an expensive piece of jewelry is the only way to go," said Bonnie Murray. There was a small outbreak of moans.

"Look, we've been over this a million times and we can't agree on anything. I think we ought to quit arguing and buy her that United States Savings Bond," Doris Rapp said in a voice bordering on anger.

It was the third meeting of the "Gift for Hattie Walker Committee." Hattie had been in charge of all the secretaries and office workers at the company for over ten years. Now she and her husband were moving to a small town to run their own business.

The night before the meeting, Beth Miller had said to her next-door neighbor, "Hattie is really amazing. Ten years on a job like that and everyone still loves her. We've collected over \$500 for her going-away gift. \$500, imagine! Course we'll never be able to decide what to buy with it."

And it was beginning to look as though Beth was right. The committee had considered 42 separate suggestions and was hopelessly deadlocked.

Grace Brown, a close friend of Hattie, rose to speak. "I agree with Doris. With that \$500 we can give her a \$1000 Bond and she can do whatever she wants with it. Save it, or spend it on a watch or...or..."

"Or a Hawaiian vacation," shouted Ann Taylor. "Or some fancy luggage," piped up Beth Miller. In a second, everyone was shouting out alternative uses for the Bond.

Doris Rapp held up her hands for silence. "Hey, hey,

everybody...we all agree at last...it's a U.S. Savings Bond." Applause drowned out the rest.

The lunch was held at La Sorta. It took over the entire restaurant and it still was crowded.

Grace presented Hattie with a funny card and everyone laughed. Then she handed her the \$1000 Bond and said, "We couldn't decide on what to buy, so this is for you. For one of your little dreams or part of a big dream."

Hattie took the Bond and looked at it with relief. "Last week I found a sheet of paper someone left on the copier," she said. "It was a list of 42 different gift suggestions. Everything from a Hawaiian vacation to fancy luggage. I didn't understand what it was at the time. Now, all I can say is I'm so glad you decided on the Bond."

As the crowd cheered, she kissed Grace on the cheek and smiled a big smile. Then she sat down and burst into tears.

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