Fundamentalists lose fight to ban courses

Rochester Community Schools trus-tees revised their social studies curric-tion Monday, despite protests from the district residents who claimed some teaching objectives violated their conservative Christian beliefs.

changes.

They were set to adopt the curricuum Aug. 5, but decided to wait after

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Traffic control, first aid and other
topics will be reviewed. The seminar
helps police comply with state requirements to trail, all adult school crossing

Safety seminar

is conducted

some residents expressed philosophical differences over teaching dependence vs. Independence among nations, among other things.

Monday's discussion again centered around "globalism" and "humanism" with both concepts being contained in the newly adopted curriculum, but their definitions varying greatly between the beard members and the protesting residents.

As defined by the schools, "globalism" represents study of the world

community, interdependency of its peo-ples and the search for peaceful and just solutions to world problems. "Humanism," as defined by the dis-trict, represents altruistic behavior in-

s, mercy and civility

"Switzerland's neutrality is a fact, it just is," she said.

BY THEIR VOTE, most board mem-ers indicated their disagreement with the protesters' general assessment of the proposed curriculum.

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Beard member Lorraine Cyman east the lone dissenting vote. Cyman said her 'no' vote was based upon the unavailability of proposed texts for preview, though other board members said they hadn't scheduled texthook adoption for Monday evening and wouldn't approve texts until the program was about

adopted.

Some audience members expressed concerns about the ability of school children to comprehend issues such as the possibility of nuclear war, scarcity of global resources and population growth patterns. But beard member R. Kelth Wittenstrom said it was the district's responsibility to bring these items to its students' attention.

"Kids are our future beaders if these

you're asking for a world full of miles, formed leaders," he said.

Curriculum objectives for elementary schoolers build from an avarences of tamily and neighborhood life to an awarences of national and international cultures.

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bomoserum and transmission of schools John Schultz said the course did not include reference to homoserual living arrangements. The district's proposed curriculum features the following course objectives:

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ON THE OTHER HAND, curriculum opponents said both concepts represent a full-scale assault on their religious

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"They're teaching my children that they are interdependent upon other nations, but I'm teaching them to be independent," said district parent Dorothy Bauss. "I'm teaching them that they should rely only upon God."

Ron: Daggett said be believed "humanism" represented an attempt to create a man-optented quasi-religion which would replace conventional denominations.

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"Anyone who has done any homework knows the goal of secular humantarn is to undermine traditional JudeoChristian ether," he said.

Citing the Soviet Union as an exampie of non-cooperation, Daggett said
the thought that all nations' could
peacefully co-pitsi was dangerous.
"There are some titings more dangerous than death and that is to deal
with evil," he said.

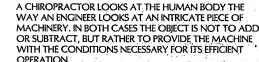
Patricla Panter, who also addressed
the board Ang. 6, said she believed—
and was appalled— that the curricutum placed Switzerland's neutrality in
a positive light.

"Neutrality is seen as good under
this curriculum," she said.

Lori Dees, Rochester High School's
student representative to the board,







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