

# Fundamentalists lose fight to ban courses

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Rochester Community Schools trustees revised their social studies curriculum Monday, despite protests from five district residents who claimed some teaching objectives violated their conservative Christian beliefs.

Trustees voted 5-1 to approve the changes. They were set to adopt the curriculum Aug. 6, but decided to wait after

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 board members and the protesting residents.

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

community, interdependency of its people, and the search for peaceful and just solutions to world problems. "Humanism," as defined by the district, represents altruistic behavior including kindness, mercy and civility toward others.

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

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

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

"Anyone who has done any homework knows the goal of secular humanism is to undermine traditional Judeo-Christian ethics," he said.

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

Patricia Panzer, who also addressed the board Aug. 6, said she believed the curriculum was appalling — that the curriculum placed Switzerland's neutrality in a positive light.

"Neutrality is seen as good under this curriculum," she said. Let Dees, Rochester High School's student representative to the board,

said the curriculum was non-judgmental.

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

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

Board member Lorraine Cyman cast the lone dissenting vote. Cyman said her "no" vote was based upon the unavailability of scheduled tests for preview, though other board members said they hadn't scheduled textbook adoption for Monday evening and wouldn't approve tests until the program was 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 board member R. Keith Wittenstrom said it was the district's responsibility to bring these items to its students' attention.

"Kids are our future leaders, if they aren't exposed to these situations,

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

Curriculum objectives for elementary schoolers build from an awareness of family and neighborhood life to an awareness of national and international cultures.

INTERDEPENDENCE of the world's people, as well as the active search for just and peaceful solutions to world problems are concepts included in the curriculum, according to assistant superintendent John Telford.

The first-grade course, which emphasizes types of families and family member roles, caused a concern for Charles Baus.

"Are they teaching about these homosexual and lesbian families?" he asked.

Superintendent of schools John Schultz said the course did not include reference to homosexual living arrangements.

The district's proposed curriculum features the following course objectives:

• Kindergarten to third grade —

Emphasis is placed upon school, neighborhood and family interaction.

• Fourth to sixth grade — Emphasis is placed upon Michigan, the United States, neighboring Western Hemisphere nations and, finally, upon world cultures.

• Junior High — Emphasis is placed upon global geography (seventh grade), American history through the Civil War (eighth grade) and world history (ninth grade). An elective in economics is also offered for ninth graders.

• Senior High — Emphasis is placed upon American history from Reconstruction to the present (11th grade) and electives (10th and 12th grade).

Electives include: economics, psychology, international relations, practical law, geography, sociology, anthropology, Greece and Rome, ancient civilizations, Russian history, world religions, philosophy, Michigan history, European history, American Revolution and the Civil War, model United Nations, Africa and the Middle East, Far East studies, Latin America, advanced psychology and the World Wars.

## Safety seminar is conducted

Farmington Hills police officers will attend an adult school crossing guard management seminar tomorrow sponsored by the Automobile Club of Michigan and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

The seminar, one of nine scheduled throughout the state, is for police personnel who supervise crossing guards. It will begin at 9 a.m. at the Oakland County Intermediate School District building, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Pontiac.

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

Workshop participants also will review formulas to determine where guards are most needed and will

receive supplies of orange and white striped vests to increase the visibility of their area's crossing guards.

Other Oakland County participants are the Beverly Hills, Clawson, Farmdale, Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac, Rochester, South Lyon, Troy, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield police departments, Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Berkley and Oak Park departments of public safety.

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