

Perrin Irks Lichtman

Board Debates Rap Line Site Near 10 Mile School

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FARMINGTON

A plan to place a portable classroom housing Drug Rap Line in the bus yard between the schools' administration building and 10 Mile Road Elementary School created considerable flurry at Monday night's board of education meeting.

The classroom is being leased to Rap Line and is now located at Middlebelt Elementary School, along with another portable classroom, which will be used for a transportation office and bus driver waiting room.

LOCATING THE transportation office in the bus yard didn't cause any apparent concern but Board Vice President Kenneth Perrin wondered about the parking situation and the "clientele" that would be using Rap Line.

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ters of those of us sitting in this room. The day I have to fence in my sons and daughters would be a hell of a day."

Lichtman felt the board had listened to enough arguments and had been deliberating too long on relocating the classroom for Rap Line. "We've talked around and about this proposal, and that's a damn shame," said Lichtman.

"I think I can comment without swearing," countered Vagnozzi.

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Peter Mocer, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Mocer of 92010 Grand River, Farmington, has reported for duty with Patrol Squadron 26, home-based at the Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Me.

Four soldiers from the Farmington area have been assigned to the United States Army Armor Training Center in Ft. Knox, Ky.

They are Warren G. Berger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams W. Berger Sr. of 32418 Heathstone; George E. Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dennis of 29225 Dresden; Craig M. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hall of 32866 Grand River; and Terry D. Mead, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Mead of 23600 Newell Circle.

Navy Lt. (J. G.) Bruce C. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard C. Adams of 23815 Wilmarth, Farmington, returned to San Diego aboard the destroyer USS Rupertus following a two-year deployment in the Western Pacific.

Homeported in Yokosuka, Japan, men aboard the Rupertus saw continuous action from the war zone of Vietnam to the waters off Korea.

HOWEVER, he added: "There are greater issues involved in all public bodies. And that is the public's right to know."

Lichtman said district residents are becoming more involved in school affairs.

"People have become more involved in what the system is doing and care what the system is doing," he commented.

He said the board should not make decisions "without hearing those who elected us and put us on this board."

Vagnozzi's motion to send Perrin's resolution to a joint committee of the board's standing policy and public relations committee met opposition only from Perrin and Washburn.

Vagnozzi, who remained calm through much of the heated session, said Perrin's proposal might duplicate present board policy.

Perrin said the general topic of study sessions had been discussed at length.

"There's nothing currently in the policy manual that covers specifically what admittedly has gone on in the past," Perrin countered.

to accomplish under our already full schedule," Perrin read from his statement.

Peters also stressed the volume of preparation demanded of trustees.

"The sheer volume of material has gotten to the point that complete study sessions in public would be a continuous thing, from one session to another with nobody ever going home," the former board president said.

EMMITT GRAPHICALLY demonstrated the homework point.

He held up a looseleaf notebook about two inches thick and commented: "Everyone should be aware that this is one week's communications that arrived Thursday, Friday and today," Emmitt said.

Lichtman disputed the extra work side of the controversy.

"I don't find it's causing any great problem," Lichtman said.

Vagnozzi's concluding arguments included a charge that he had been asked to tone down his opposition on an issue after a study session.

Vagnozzi commented he hoped Perrin's proposal is already an unwritten board policy.

"Really, I don't find any disagreement with Mr. Perrin's statement and with what I proposed," he said.

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"In terms of putting the classroom here, I think it's far enough removed from 10 Mile School," said Rideout. "I do have some control over the clients I see," he added. "They go along with the things I ask them to do."

The cost of moving the two classrooms for Rap Line and the transportation office is \$1,300 per building.

The school board and the drug program will each pay half the cost for the moving. Water, sewer and electrical work will cost an additional \$2,100 for both classrooms, of which Rap Line will pay half.

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