

School committee details building changes

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ment also contain an appropriate environment to be wholly successful." In addition, "a critical reorganization of the district's delivery system, use of manpower, and assigned duties, will be necessary in order to fully facilitate major physical resource renovation," the report concluded.

THE DISTRICT requires a major building renovation program estimated to cost more than \$10 million, based on information obtained by the committee from a 169-question study of building principals and supervisors.

The school board earmarked \$2.5 million in the 1988-87 budget to begin the renovation program and plans to convene in a special summer meeting to consider the district's physical needs and how they will approach them.

Committee members suggest the district hire a professional to determine its physical needs, considering "individual appraisals" in the committee's survey, "may in fact, be justified by a personal point of view."

"Self-evaluations require the balance of outside, objective appraisals to put our needs into perspective," the report added.

The committee called for the professional to determine positive and negative aspects of the buildings, recommendations for corrections and enhancements, a master plan with time lines and costs and specifications necessary to bid the recommendations.

AS BOARD members review the district's capital needs, legislators in Lansing are viewing education financing statewide, which may ultimately affect how much districts

can budget in the future. The bills were introduced in the Senate last week, and committee bills in the House, designed to overhaul Michigan's school financing system, building equity into per-student spending, according to information from Lansing.

This may cause concern for Farmington, an out-of-formula district that was eighth overall in the state and fifth in Southeast Michigan in per-student spending in 1984-85 at \$4,651, recent reports show.

COMMENTS FROM the committee's survey indicate elementary schools need: barrier-free lavatory facilities, auxiliary power in case of power outages, building-waters, communications systems, more consistent heating and ventilation, and storage space for maintenance supplies and equipment.

Other concerns included outdoor acoustics and traffic patterns, interior appearance of the buildings and noise in the food service areas. At the middle schools, no handicapped students can access second floors and toilets for the handicapped are needed at Power and Dunckel. Both Warner and Dunckel require roof repairs and all schools need an improved fire alarm system. Dunckel and East need ceiling tiles replaced and Dunckel also requires floor tile replacement.

Other middle school concerns include divided recreation fields, the need for parking lot paving, resurfacing and lighting, exterior building painting, and serious concerns remain with the four schools' heating and ventilation systems.

Major items noted at the three high schools included preventive maintenance and updating of facilities. Outdoor appearance enhancements, major renovations of athletic facilities, and leaking roofs were also mentioned by building principals in the survey.

A NEED for more high school classrooms and special use rooms was also noted.

General enhancements were discussed for the district's special education facilities, which are maintained adequately, according to the report.

The district's central office was thought to be poorly designed and in-

adequate and suggestions were also made for the Ten Mile Community Center and the maintenance and central office warehouse.

Farmington schools has 27 buildings, totalling 1.6 million square feet and sitting on 400 acres of property. About 32 acres on two vacant sites remain available for future building

development. A 1983 task force indicated a possible need for a future elementary building and more high school space. One of the parents, a 12-acre site on 11 Mile, has been retained for possible future elementary use, according to the report.

Committee members included chairman Jack Lawing, director of

administrative services for the district, and members Earl Baumunk, Bob Brown, Michael Hickox, Ron Holland, Jim Hudson, Walt Jablonski, Linda James and Roger Lyon.

Next: A report on staff development in Farmington Public Schools.

Ballot taking shape

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secutor L. Brooks Patterson will make his announcement at 2:30 p.m. today in the State Capitol. "He's very up," said spokesperson Jackie Stewart.

Part-time Legislature — With 304,000 signatures needed to place this constitutional amendment on the ballot, "over 280,000" had been collected as of Thursday. "We're planning on going for it," said Brad Allen, spokesman for Republican gubernatorial hopeful Richard Chrysler, chairman of the drive.

If approved, the P-TL would 1) limit sessions of the Legislature to four months (mid-January to mid-May), 2) reduce salaries from \$38,520 to \$15,000, 3) require employers to keep open the jobs of workers serving in the Legislature and 4) limit fringe benefits and expense accounts of legislators.

Utilities — Michigan Citizens Lobby spokesman Marvin Wanekick said it has more than 385,000 signatures with 304,000 required.

MCL's constitutional amendment would require the state Public Service Commission to forbid utility rate increases for such projects as Consumers Power's abandoned Midland nuclear plant and Detroit Edison's Fermi II plant — at least until they are "needed."

Wine cooler deposit — With 240,000 signatures needed, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs reported only 200,000 signatures as of Thursday morning. Spokesman Don Stuppla asked supporters to "keep gathering. If we can gather enough

by Nov. 3, we can put it on the 1988 ballot."

The Senate Tuesday approved a bill placing the wine cooler deposit question before voters. But the House adjourned without acting and isn't scheduled to meet until Sept. 9. Deadline for legislative action is Sept. 5. "We have to ask the House to come back four days early," said Stuppla.


DEFINITELY ON the fall ballot will be these three constitutional amendments proposed by the Legislature:

Compensation — give the State Officers Compensation Commission authority to set salaries for the secretary of state and attorney general. They now are set by the Legislature. The compensation commission currently sets salaries for the Legislature, governor and lieutenant governor.

State Library — place the State Library and its budget under the direct authority of the Legislature.

Administrative Rules — give constitutional status to the Legislature's Joint Administrative Rules Committee, granting it power to approve or disapprove administrative rules at any time. Currently, the constitution gives it such power only between legislative sessions.

A doubtful possibility is a ballot proposal to prohibit Medicaid-funded abortions. It could be tied to the still-unpassed Medicaid budget bill. Some senators are likely to push the idea during the session beginning Sept. 9, but they face a Sept. 5 deadline.



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