

Support given for new school chief

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The evidence of a grassroots movement to make acting superintendent Barry Roseborough the permanent superintendent of the Walled Lake School District.

The support was apparent at last week's public hearing held by the board of education, scheduled to allow community members an opportunity to say what they wanted in a new superintendent prior to an official board search.

Fewer than three dozen people turned out, with just nine speaking out. Most of those were district employees.

"We have a very capable person handling the job right now," said Tom Evans, a former district employee and 37-year resident. "Why spend the money and time. We've been burned before. Barry Roseborough does a good job whatever he does. He's calm, composed. We'd miss if we don't consider him seriously."

He's (Roseborough) confident that we have a great district, good programs, enrichment activities, teachers," said Theresa Morris, who has been involved in PTA for 12 years and three children. "He doesn't

have to prove that."

KATHY MIZZI, an employee of 10 years, said she has worked with Roseborough "when all the ink we had in Walled Lake was red . . . He comes from a group which is above reproach, honest. He knows the system and he's professional."

"There may have been a time when if you said you were from Walled Lake, it was with a twinge of embarrassment. Times are improving. The outlook is very bright. As an employee I'm proud to say I'm with Walled Lake. I would be proud to say Barry Roseborough is my superintendent."

Walled Lake Junior High employee Bev Tepper thanked the board for bringing in employees and parents to aid in the search. "This is the greatest thing you can do for kids." A public hearing at which employees were invited to comment was held one week earlier.

Jane Clover, counselor at the Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center, presented a petition by SWOVEC employees stating that

"spending money on a search is unnecessary when the right man for the job is in the job."

With the petition came a number of pro-Roseborough sentiments that Clover read to the board. Among them: "He's an apolitical animal. He doesn't play the games."

CAROL KEELER, whose children attend Keth School, gave the board several suggestions. "Look for someone who has been involved with all levels, as opposed to exposed to all levels. . . . He or she should be supportive to PTA organizations who do a lot for the district."

"We need an individual strong enough that if he has the backing of staff and the community, will be forceful with the board, not intimidated, one that would fight you tooth and nail."

Roseborough was named acting superintendent at the beginning of the school year when Lefly Bartman's contract was not renewed by the board and a deal was struck to prevent a "lame duck" superintendent.

Board president Sally Vaughn said the search committee is currently listening to proposals by consultants to professionally conduct the search. "We are working out the details." Proposals, she said, have ranged from nothing to \$8,000-9,000 and expenses. "We can easily do it for under \$20,000."

In addition to school board members, the search committee consists

of Dr. Bill Knight, a dentist and University of Michigan assistant professor; Paul Heller, who has held several offices within the district; Dave Flammer, former Walled Lake teacher and coach, and Judge Harold Bulgarelli of the 52nd District Court. In response to resident Arthur M. Davis' question of why a formal search was necessary, Vaughn said, "When you need a superintendent you have to search for one."



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• NEWLY ELECTED

Kent Polkinghorne of Farmington Hills was elected chapter president of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He is a senior at Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

Polkinghorne is a 1984 graduate of Harrison High School.

• FRATERNITY MEMBER

Jennifer Lee Smith of Wixom has pledged Alpha Gamma Delta, international fraternity for college and university women. She is a freshman at DePauw University.

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