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to present the board in May with a curriculum guide for the 1971-72 school year.

By accepting the substance abuse proposal, the board approved a set of general objectives upon which the administration will base its development of a substance abuse curriculum guide.

At the recent public session, Jan. 18, Ted Cunio, chairman of the committee which developed the proposal, said one of these objectives is that education on abuse of dangerous substances be blended throughout the curriculum rather than taught as a separate course.

How this will be done should be left to each principal to decide, taking into account the individuality of each school and teacher.

POSITIVE approaches to the proper and improper use of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and their effect on physical and mental health will be emphasized in the proposed curriculum guide.

Hopefully this approach will create an open atmosphere for learning. "There are no greater needs, espe-

cially at the high school level, than to present an atmosphere where free and honest discussion can occur without the handicaps of moralizing and to present as much factual information as possible," Cunio said.

"In the final analysis, the decision on whether to use hazardous substances will be made by the student himself," he said.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES expressed concern that the curriculum guide should be flexible enough to allow teachers enough latitude to be creative yet have limits to prevent any unwanted or irresponsible activity.

Board member Kenneth Perrin suggested that program guidelines need to be adhered to so that, for example, a teacher could not recommend experimentation with harmful substances.

He recommended that a program to handle citizen complaints about teachers in this area be included in the curriculum guide.

Cunio told the board the cost of the program would be low. There would be no added

instructional salary costs and materials could be built up slowly. In-service training for teachers would not cost anything at this time because enough service was already available in this area. Cunio estimated a cost of \$100 to \$200.

IN OTHER business discussed trustee Kathryn Stirling suggested the policy of closing schools and running buses in inclement weather should be made clearer to parents.

Buses run only on main roads in inclement weather and parents should be notified of this over the radio, she said.

Parents should know that they have the choice of deciding if weather is too severe for their children to attend school and if they keep their children home the absence will be excused, she said.

In other action, the board approved an amendment to the Farmington Education Association agreement re-

garding use of substitute teachers.

The board also voted against monetary compensation for the 1969-70 negotiating team as recommended by the administration. Trustee Richard Peters asked that the board decline to compensate the 1969-70 team and ask the administration to present a plan for compensation and means of working it into the budget for the next negotiating team before it is chosen. The motion was approved unanimously.

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LEBANESE ARTIST -- Kegham Tazian of Beirut, Lebanon, will be the guest speaker at tonight's (Wednesday) meeting of the Farmington Artists Club in the First Farmington Savings and Loan building. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Artists Club Bills Tazian

An Oakland Community College instructor will be featured as speaker at tonight's (Feb. 10) meeting of the Farmington Artists Club in the First Farmington Savings and Loan Bank. The meeting will begin at 7:30 with the speaker following at 8:30.

Kegham Tazian, who was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and educated in Fort Wayne, Ind., received his MFA from Wayne State University and is involved in several different media. These are sculpture, painting and collage. He uses many different materials, including fiberglass, plastic and oils.

The artist has exhibited extensively in the Indiana and Michigan area including

group exhibits as well as a one-man exhibit last year. His works are available through the Detroit Institute of Arts rental gallery as well.

His works contain an air of mystery and take a good deal of study to fully comprehend what is contained within the works. If he is not satisfied that his work truly contains himself he will often destroy it.

His lecture for the FAC will delve into sources of inspiration for the artist which will be illustrated by the use of slides. He will also give a collage demonstration for the group.

Farmington residents are invited to hear the lecture for \$1.



NEW LOOK — Barbara Hughes, tuning her drums before the concert, sports the new uniform now being worn by all members of the Farmington Community Concert Band. The uniforms were shown off at the Jan. 26 concert in North Farmington High School auditorium. (Evert photo)

Pack 231 Plans Banquet

FARMINGTON Cub Scouts and parents of Pack 231 in Farmington will gather on Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

in the East Junior High cafeteria for the annual Blue and Gold Banquet. The family potluck will feature each den group seated together and the Scouts making their own table centerpiece. Besides awards earned by Scouts, Cubmaster Jim Harkins Sr. will present leader service awards to

adults. Some 200 persons are expected to attend.

PLANS ARE being made by the pack committee for the annual Pinewood Derby to be held in the spring.

The committee is also formulating a new Boy Scout Troop 231 to be sponsored by Larkshire PTA, hopefully to be active in the fall.

Lee Smith, Scouting district commissioner, met with the group to detail first steps for this troop which needs boys' applications and troop officers.

Chairman Robert Rounds announced a Feb. 5 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Larkshire School for parents of prospective Boy Scouts and present Scouts.

Rounds and other committeemen plan to attend a troop leader session on Feb. 4 in West Bloomfield High School. New Scout leaders will be needed to assist those already working with the cub pack. A Scout director and a film will headline the parents' meeting.

AT THE JANUARY pack awards given were: bobcat, Kenneth J. Bechard; wolf

Cupid Plans Big Brunch

A holiday brunch has been slated for the community on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, in the dining room at North Farmington High School. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for: \$1 for children under 12, \$1.50 for adults, and \$3 for families.

The public is invited to attend the Valentine Day brunch and support the North Farmington choir.

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