

3 board candidates give school district high grades

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MYERS OFFERED teachers a "B-plus," saying "our classrooms are exciting places and we don't give our teachers in any of our schools enough credit." She gave superintendent Michael Flanagan an "A," but said other central office employees are "often rude." She gave the school board a "B," saying, "It's important to have a regular turnover in leadership" on the board. Overall, the district got a "B-plus" in Myers' book. "We have to look for new ways to continue to keep the quality as it has been," she said.

Running her campaign on the current board's accomplishments, incumbent Susan Rennels praised Flanagan as a "nationally-renowned" superintendent and called the current board hard-working and said they "could have a meeting every week and still leave a lot to be done." She gave the board a "B-

plus," administration an "A" and the district overall an "A-minus."

THE QUESTIONS and comments came during the annual Farmington Democratic Club Candidate Night held at the Farmington Hills City Hall, where the first hour of the session was cablecast live on Channel 12. It will also air at other times during May, including 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, 3 p.m. Friday, May 17, and at 8 p.m. Friday, May 24.

Two other candidate forums are also scheduled in May.

One is slated for 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 20, at O.E. Dunckel Middle School and is sponsored by the American Association of University Women-Farmington branch and the League of Women Voters-West Bloomfield and Farmington. The Farmington Area Republican Club will also host candidates at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, at the Farmington Hills City Hall.

Some other issues raised Wednesday included: discussion of how the

current board reacts to the public, how quality is measured in the school, special education issues, and whether teacher layoffs were necessary. The district recently pink-slipped 84 teachers.

Having to lay off teachers is one of the most difficult things a board has to do," Rennels said, adding that a retirement incentive program could help save some jobs. The district will also need to look at other areas to cut, such as transportation, she said.

Myers agreed with transportation cuts and the retirement incentive program which she said could be "a tremendous opportunity to change the face of the school." She said she would support more cuts in transportation and sports programs to keep more teachers.

DeVries advocates shifting "more money into instructional spending and cutting waste and bureaucracy." He said various programs could be made more efficient.



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police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

THEFTS REPORTED

Jewelry valued at \$4,189 was reported stolen from Pace Warehouse, 24800 Hagerty, April 22.

A telephone receiver, TV, VCR, camcorder, vacuum cleaner, mink coat and leather jacket valued at \$4,597 were reported stolen from a house on 13 Mile, April 27-May 2.

Wire wheel covers valued at

\$600 were reported stolen from a 1986 Cadillac at Echo Valley Condominiums, 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road, May 1-2. Wheel covers valued at \$199 also were reported stolen from a 1988 Oldsmobile, at the same location, May 1-2.

Seventy-five wood 2-by-4s and 15 sheets of plywood valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a construction site on Blue Creek, near Cedar Creek, April 28.

A radar detector valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a 1990 Subaru at Clarion Inn, 31525

12 Mile, May 1-2.

Jewelry valued at \$2,825 was reported stolen from a unit at Village Oak Apartments, 20816 Orchard Lake Road, April 30. About \$240 cash also was reported stolen from another unit at the complex the same day.

Jewelry valued at \$3,200 was reported stolen from Topalian Jewelers, 32424 Northwestern Highway, April 30.

DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$200 after someone with a BB gun shot at a window at Andy's Market, 22595 Middlebelt, April 27.

Highmeadow lottery slated

The lottery process for those interested in attending grades 2-5 at Highmeadow Common Campus Elementary next fall has been scheduled for mid-May.

An alternative elementary program, Highmeadow offers students in grades 1-5 a core curriculum and selected enrichment courses in a variety of areas. A lottery drawing is done twice each year: one for first graders in the district, then a second one for openings in other grades.

Students from throughout the district attend Highmeadow.

Parents interested in having their children attend Highmeadow should register for the lottery at Highmeadow in the school's office, 30175 Highmeadow (north of 12 Mile and east of Orchard Lake Road), in Farmington Hills on:

- Monday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Tuesday through Friday, May 14-17, from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

TV exec talks at Baldwin

Alan Frank, vice president and general manager of WDIV-TV, will discuss intellectual freedom, access to information and censorship at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the meeting of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library.

The talk by Frank, a Bloomfield Township resident, will be held in the library's Rotary Room.

For more information, call the library at 647-1709.

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