

Tops in his class

Farmington Hills resident Chad Everett Mikel graduated top in his class at Rochester Hills Christian School this year. Mikel was a member of the National Christian Honor Society and plans to attend Pensacola Christian College this fall, majoring in mechanical engineering.



Charges dismissed

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date who ran for a school board seat in 1989 and 1991.

DeVries had alleged the Friends group did not follow campaign rules, was too closely affiliated with the school district in its campaigning and did not appropriately identify itself in campaign literature and advertising.

"My objective was to bring them into compliance," said DeVries, upon being told of the ruling. "I don't think it's a technical violation. It's very important. That's the spirit of the law."

DEVRIES SAID he remained concerned with the link between the friends group and the school district, which provided buttons, paper and photocopying services for which the group paid.

"The school district shouldn't get involved in the thing at all," he added.

Wochomurka said she believed the Friends had been vindicated and was pleased for the entire group of parents who worked on the campaign.

"The credibility of our 400 plus volunteers was at stake here," she said.

The Friends released a prepared statement, in which it said: "Monies spent on investigating such minor technical requirements seem incongruous when there are those who advocate so strongly for fiscal responsibility. Also, we are concerned that filing complaints of this nature could discourage well-meaning volunteers from working on future committees."

"FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY" was a main platform in DeVries' campaign.

Although the district has no plans to ask voters for a tax increase in the near future, the Friends of Farmington Schools remains a registered political action committee. It is ready to go to work again, if it becomes necessary, Luckshelter said.

"I think the group is ready and willing and willing to come back," Wochomurka added.

Appointment delayed

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Engler signs a bill now on his desk.

The bill would allow districts to appoint superintendents who don't have state certification if the newly appointed superintendent agrees to obtain certification within five years.

As Michigan law stands now, all superintendents must be state certified by having taken certain administrative courses.

KAMISH HAS spent nearly his entire teaching career in Clarencville, mostly as principal of Edgewood and Grandview elementary.

He is certified to be a building administrator, but not superintendent.

The trustees, confident that Engler will sign the bill, planned Thursday to name Kamish interim superintendent until he certified himself through courses taken at Eastern Michigan University. Kamish, 55, had agreed to take the needed classes.

"But our attorney told us not to appoint him until the law is signed by the governor," said trustee Vernice Dunklee.

Kamish's appointment now depends upon when Engler signs the bill and when he gets the proper permit from the state Department of Education to enroll in a certification program.

His appointment might not take place until mid-August, when all the paperwork is expected to be complete. The district's finance director, Ralph Brockert, continues as interim superintendent.

If Engler doesn't sign the bill, Clarencville would not be able to appoint Kamish, Dunklee said. "We'd then have to post the position."

Kamish would replace Jerry Montecillo, who has resigned effective June 30.

The board renegotiated Montecillo's four-year con-

tract and agreed to pay him as a consultant for the 1991-92 school year at a fee of \$60,000.

The district has not yet set Kamish's salary.

THE TRUSTEES apparently believe they have found the superintendent they are looking for in Kamish, a Wisconsin native who got his first teaching job in Clarencville in 1958.

"He's well-respected, much admired by the staff and community, and has proven his leadership ability," Dunklee said.

Kamish said the board asked him to apply for superintendent.

"I was a little surprised. I did not expect this to occur so late in my career."

Eastern Michigan University will study Kamish's educational background and determine what courses he will need to take to become certified.

Kamish has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and a master's in education from Eastern.

Courses he expects to take include educational organization, legal aspects of school administration and economics of public education.

"It will be a challenge, the new job and going to school, but I'll do it," Kamish said. "I'm pleased that the board and the teaching staff feel strongly about me to recommend me. That gives me great satisfaction. It's a real vote of confidence."

The hardest part of taking on the superintendent's job, Kamish said, is giving up his post at Grandview, where he has been principal for more than a decade.

"At the end of school I had to tell them I might not be back, and it was a very sad thing for me to do. It won't be difficult taking on the new job, the only difficult thing will be leaving these kids and the staff behind."

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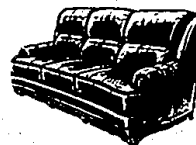
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