

Clarencenville names principal as new superintendent

By Marie Chestney
staff writer

David Kamish's first full day on the job at Clarencenville's new school superintendent will be Oct. 11.

But don't expect to find Kamish deskbound every day in the district's administrative offices on Middlebelt Road.

"I won't be a superintendent that stays in the board office," said Kamish, who is principal of Grandview Elementary in Clarencenville. "I'll be out in every school building at least once or twice a week."

One of the first tasks he'll face in his new job is to help district officials decide what to do next after

votes last week overwhelmingly rejected a \$19 million, 30-year bond issue to fix up the district's four schools.

"We'll sit down and analyze the process we went through this time. We have to do a better job of presenting it."

Kamish said a request for higher taxes would not come before the voters until 1993.

Clarencenville includes northeast Livonia, northwest Redford and southeast Farmington Hills.

SINCE LATE JUNE, it's been a long, bureaucratic road for the 55-year-old educator to the district's top job, and the journey isn't over yet.

On Thursday, the Clarencenville Board of Education named Kamish its new interim superintendent. Kamish won't lose the word "interim" from his title until he negotiates a contract with the board.

That contract is expected to be approved by the board at the next school board meeting.

"Agreeing on a contract won't be a problem, but it has to be done before I can officially take over," said Kamish, who will replace interim Superintendent Ralph Skrocki.

Since former superintendent Jerry Montecillo resigned in June, Skrocki has been running the district. Skrocki now returns to his former

post, assistant superintendent for finance.

Between now and Oct. 7, Kamish will be going back and forth between his new office in Clarencenville Middle School and Grandview Elementary.

At Grandview, his primary task will be to acquaint Ellen Davis, the school's new principal, with her new job from Skrocki.

Clarencenville trustees wanted to name Kamish to the superintendent's job in late June, but hit a bump in the road.

reacquaint Kamish with the school's financials.

To be named superintendent under a new Michigan law, Kamish needed to be a special education administrator at Eastern Michigan University. He also needed approval to enroll in the state certification program from the Michigan Department of Education.

Kamish and school officials spent the past three months getting all the necessary paperwork done to meet these two goals.

Kamish, a Wisconsin native, got his first teaching job in Clarencenville in 1958. He has spent nearly his entire teaching career in the district, mostly as principal of Edgewood and Grandview elementaries.

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

Because of a recent state law, he would not have been eligible to take over Clarencenville's top post. Michigan recently passed a law allowing districts to appoint superintendents who aren't state certified if the newly appointed superintendent agrees to obtain certification within five years.

Kamish has agreed to pursue courses leading to this certification at Eastern Michigan University. Kamish has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and a master's in education from Eastern.

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ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Monday, Sept. 30: A kickoff awareness meeting is scheduled for Odyssey of the Mind, a creative problem-solving program for children in Farmington Public Schools. The introduction is planned for 7-8:30 p.m. at Duncel Middle School, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. Guest speaker is Dr. Schellie Goss, Odyssean, creative engineer and creativity program coordinator. For more information, call Sylvia Kambouris, 478-1972, or Farmington Schools at 489-3399.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Tuesday, Oct. 1: The Oakland County Health Division will offer an immunization clinic for Walled Lake and surrounding areas from 9 a.m. to noon at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 Northport. Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, and Ha-

mophilus influenza type B will be available. For more information call 858-1305.

Family First

Tuesday, Oct. 1: David R. Melton, president of Fatherhood Institute of Farmington Hills, will address a luncheon meeting of Family First in the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road. His topic will be "Freedom under Fire." The public is invited. For reservations call 591-1980. Cost is \$5.

Rummage Sale

Wednesday, Oct. 2, and Thursday, Oct. 3: The Women of St. Fabian will hold their annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Fabian Church, 32220 W. 12 Mile Road. For more information call Kathy Whitehead, 553-4043.

Deer Hunting

Wednesday, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9: Outdoorsman Joe Derck will talk about deer hunting from 7-9 p.m. The fee is \$12. For more information call Farmington Community Education at 489-3333.

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Monday, Oct. 7: Detroit area attorney and businessman Michael Timmis will speak on "Ethics in the Workplace" at 7:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall, Madonna University campus, Livonia. Timmis is a senior partner in the law firm Marco, Timmis and Iman and is co-owner, vice chairman and general counsel for F & M Retail Stores.

• HEALTHY HEART

Tuesday, Oct. 8: A series of six two-hour blood pressure control classes begins at 7 p.m. in the Oakland County health offices, 2725 Greenfield Road, Southfield. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required. Spots and other details are available at the meeting or to learn about medications, nutrition and lifestyle changes for cardio fitness. Call 424-7042.

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