

Board elects Webb

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Cathleen Webb was elected to serve as president of the Farmington Board of Education for the 1993-94 year.

The action came during Thursday's board meeting after David York and Bobbie Feldman were sworn as new trustees.

Webb, who was vice president during the past year, succeeds trustee R. Jack Inch who will serve as treasurer. Other officers elected include Joseph Svoke as vice president and Susan Lightner as secretary.

Webb commended Inch for his work as president during the past school year. She cited many ac-



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Duly sworn: New Farmington school trustees David York and Bobbie Feldman take the oath of office during Tuesday's board meeting.

complishments this year, not the least of which was a millage renewal in January and the controversial Wooddale driveway project.

"Throughout all of this, Mr. Inch presided over meetings with

integrity and not only maintained but encouraged a sense of humor among us all during the stressful times," Webb said. "And I think most importantly you led us through an informed decision making process . . . Your leader-

ship has been outstanding." Svoke was nominated by Prutow for vice president while Feldman nominated Lightner. An awkward situation was averted when Feldman withdrew the nomination.

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during their meeting, which suggested Swiatkowski keep his concerns out of the public.

"I found this incredibly troubling," Swiatkowski said. "As of 217 years ago just last weekend (Fourth of July), if a group in Philadelphia took that advice, we'd still be speaking with a British accent. There are times when discord should be aired."

Flanagan said he agreed with Swiatkowski on the need to listen to parents' concerns. He also defended the district's curriculum, which he said is very traditional.

Flanagan expressed dismay with Swiatkowski for repeating an administrator's comments, which could not be substantiated.

Quotes questioned

Board president Cathleen

Webb was more emphatic. "We encourage public opinion," Webb said. "But if this happens again, I'll ask you not to recount a conversation you had with an administrator behind closed doors when, in fact that person is not there."

Flanagan added he did not know whether the quotes attributed to White in the Observer were true. Swiatkowski's motives were also questioned.

"If we were really interested in dialogue we wouldn't be doing it through the newspaper," Flanagan said. "I purposely sat next to this gentleman before this meeting and tried to start a dialogue tonight and got nothing other than 'I had cordial meeting with Mrs. White,' and then we have

this public comment section. "So, I question whether we really want to have a dialogue or whether we really want to be in front of the camera."

Trustee Joseph Svoke took issue with Swiatkowski's repeating the address of his group and soliciting interested people to join.

"At this particular meeting tonight and at the last meeting, the one thing I kind of take a personal resentment, and it does bother me, when I see how some of these groups come about and handle themselves, not once have they looked for an avenue as a paid, political announcement," Svoke said.

The issue didn't rest there. Aldo Vagnozzi, a Farmington Hills councilman who's up for reelection this year, spoke in favor

of the district's methods, as did another parent during public comments.

The issue of traditional education also found its way into the "Good and Welfare" portion of the board meeting.

Flanagan called on parents to take their children on educational field trips during the summer.

"The reason I'm going to beat this to death is because we are in the middle of what I think is a contrived controversy about traditional versus non-traditional (education)," Flanagan said. "I'm not sure what the (Observer's) motivation is, to sell papers or whatever."

"It's contrived because we have a very traditional system and a lot of good things going for it."


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Farmington Hills City Council
Farmington Hills City Hall
474-8115
7:30 p.m. Monday, July 12
Agenda items include:
■ Transmittal of Senior Advisory Facility Committee report.
■ Consideration of designation of Betty Frankel Memorial Garden.
■ Consideration of appointing delegate and alternate delegate for the Michigan Municipal League annual meeting.

■ Consideration of local 4th of July ceremony.
■ Consideration of business outreach program.

■ Consideration of budget amendment to increase the capital improvement fund expenditures for sidewalk construction.

■ Consideration of approval of contract with Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County for construction of a Materials Recovery Facility and handling of recycled materials and extension of collection contract with Waste Management, Inc.

■ Consideration of approval of agreement for architectural services for the Department of Public Works expansion.

The city council will go into executive session at 6 p.m. Monday, July 12, to consider pending litigation of Crowney vs. Farmington Hills, and will meet again on Tuesday, July 13, to consider en-

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ride his bicycle because I don't want him to ride on Nine Mile Road."

Tom Blaesell, the city's director of public services, said new sidewalk construction is based upon several factors, including the city's master plan, requests by residents and homeowner associations, pedestrian use and the likelihood that a business or development would build its own sidewalk. Even then, the sidewalks aren't always well-received, Blaesell said.

"Often, the residents whose frontage it (new sidewalk) goes across are not the ones who want it," he said.

Blaesell said the city is concentrating on closing the gaps between sidewalks where it can. "Gap closure is a lot of what we're doing now," he said.

ON THE AGENDA

tering an executive session to review future senior center site and land acquisition options.
Farmington Planning Commis-

sion
Farmington City Council Council Chambers, 23800 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, July 12

Items on the agenda include:
■ Site plan approval for proposed ten room at 32905 Grand River asked for by Doris Lovill.

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Rotten Sneaker Contest



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