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racial "diversity" was brought up several times by trustees at the meeting. They agreed that Maxfield "has the ability to celebrate the multi-cultural aspect of a community" in the words of Cathy Webb, board president.

"The two communities (the Berkeley and Farmington districts) are very similar if you're going to define a place as being diverse," Webb said later. "We were in one

'For me, it's a wonderful professional opportunity. I just see Farmington as a place where the sky's the limit in terms of what can be accomplished.'

C. Robert Maxfield
superintendent
Berkeley Public Schools



Maxfield's the one: Berkeley's C. Robert Maxfield Jr., Farmington's new superintendent of schools, chats with Fredericka Frost during a recent reception.

have a done deal."

Maxfield and his wife of 27 years, Sara, are the parents of two sons, Jim, a first-year teacher in the Warren Fitzgerald District, and Scott, a junior at Michigan State University.

He has logged almost 30 years in education, has doctorate and master's degrees from Wayne

State University and a bachelor's degree from Albion College.

He started as a student teacher at Detroit's Mumford High in 1964, then moved to Sanholm High in Birmingham where he taught social studies from 1965-73.

He joined the Berkeley District as an assistant principal in 1973.

He was principal of Clawson High for several years before returning to Berkeley.

Maxfield will begin his Farmington duties about mid-March, Webb said. Until then, Farmington has hired Clifford Scherer, retired from the superintendency of the Huron Valley Schools, as the interim school chief.

(Berkeley) elementary school where 14 different languages are spoken.

"We have much the same situation in Farmington. They have a blend much the same as we do."

After the meeting, Farmington trustees went into executive session to discuss their new superintendent's contract.

"They wouldn't talk about his salary, although one trustee, Helen Prutow, said he probably wouldn't be making more than Flanagan, who was paid \$118,285 a year, and was provided with a car, a life insurance policy as well as medical, dental and vision care.

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