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FEA Okays Pact, Classes Start On Time

Satisfied with the recommendations of the Farmington Education Association negotiating team of a contract offer it considered acceptable, teachers in the Farmington School system attended the pre-opening orientation program Tuesday, sessions in the

schools Wednesday and then were on hand in all buildings to welcome students back for the official opening of the 1967-8 school year.

Then they formally voted approval by secret ballot Thursday afternoon in a meeting at East Junior High. The

vote was an overwhelming 268-8.

"We realize the teachers returned to work without contracts," said FEA President Sharon Maher, a teacher at Cloverdale School, "but it was more or less informally agreed that if the proposed contract

met with the approval of the negotiating team, then it would probably be approved by the majority of our members.

"The vote at Thursday's meeting conclusively proved this. Our team has been meeting with the administration team for several months and we

thought any contract that was acceptable to them would have to be the best. We feel the new contract is one of the finest in the area and are well pleased with the completion of the long negotiations."

The FEA team was headed by Clare Shewbridge and in-

cluded Marvel Eberly, Robert Neuhauser, FEA vice-president, Gene Syverson, immediate past president, and Norm Leubke along with Miss Maher. Executive Secretary William Kloutz also sat in on several sessions.

Retiring School Supt. Gerald

Harrison was the leader of the administration team.

The contract provides for a starting salary of \$6,200 for a new teacher against \$5,600 a year ago. It moves upward in 10 steps, instead of 11 as in the past, to a maximum of \$10,000 for a teacher with a BA

degree.

The new schedule for a holder of a Master's degree starts at \$6,700 contrasted to \$6,000 in the past year and moves to a ceiling of \$11,250 in 10 steps. Previous contracts called for 12 steps with a peak of \$9,975.

In addition, the contract provides for full health insurance, additional credit for extra hours and a \$2,000 term life insurance policy.

THE GAINS for the teachers include:

A salary schedule that includes an average raise of \$1,600.

Fully paid Blue Cross insurance for head of the household instead of half.

Sick leave increase from 10 to 11 days for tenure teachers and 12 days for those over five years in the district.

A sick leave accumulation of 15 days.

Personal business increase to three days with any unused to be added to sick leave.

Summer school teaching pay increase from \$4.75 to \$5.25 plus paid holidays.

Sabbatical now to pay 30 per cent of the present salary and the number of those qualified has been doubled.

Life insurance of \$2,000.

Mileage expense allowance increased from 8 cents to 10 cents per mile.

Pay for student teachers.

School Not Ready; 325 Pupils Shifted

A total of 325 pupils were affected by the new Forest Elementary School not opening Thursday.

As late as 8 a.m. Wednesday, school administrators hoped to open the \$700,000 facility on time. Water and sewer connections had not been made by that date, making the opening impossible.

Bryon Oliver, administrative assistant for the schools; Forest principal Weldon Peltz, and classroom teachers met pupils in the parking lot Thursday to guide them to waiting buses

for transportation to Wooddale and Ten Mile Schools.

Kindergarten, a combination of first and second grades and part of the sixth grade classes will be held in Wooddale.

Third, fourth, fifth and the remainder of the sixth grade classes will be held in Ten Mile School.

One special education class was moved to Longacre School to provide added space at Ten Mile.

Transferred pupils will meet for classes a few minutes later each morning and be dismissed

15 minutes earlier each day to make the switch in schools.

According to Oliver, an opening date of no later than Oct. 1 is now anticipated for Forest.

Building strikes held up construction at the school in the early stages and set work back six to eight weeks.

The floor covering firm, contractors and bricklayers also failed to adhere to schedules, according to Oliver.

Hopes are to have 12 classrooms and the principal's office completed by the October date.



VOTING WAS BY secret ballot, and teachers are shown lining up to drop their votes into the ballot box. It took more than two hours for the count, but

officials of the Farmington Association were happy with the overwhelming majority count.

New Salaries

Steps	BA Schedule	MA Schedule
	1967-7	1967-8
1	\$5,600	\$6,200
2	5,790	6,300
3	6,146	6,586
4	6,425	6,885
5	6,716	7,197
6	7,067	7,554
7	7,421	7,914
8	7,776	8,277
9	8,135	8,642
10	8,496	9,011
11	8,860	9,383
12	9,108	9,897

University to conduct a study of the future of the area but that the MSU group withdrew after the township administration voted to table participation in the study until after the incorporation election.

Dr. Richardson said as a result of these developments his committee has gone into recess. "Whether the committee reconvenes will depend a lot on what happens in the election," he said.

The debate was spiced by several exchanges between the panel members and the audience.

Panel Sparks Move For Incorporation

The campaign to incorporate a substantial part of Farmington township into a city got off to a spirited start Wednesday as the issue was debated before the membership of the Farmington Democratic Club.

The meeting was titled as a discussion of the future of the Farmington area by a three-member panel: Robert Pierce, president of the Citizens Council for Community Development; Dr. John Richardson, chairman of the Farmington Area Study Committee; and Philip Daniels.

Pierce, whose group filed the incorporation petition, argued for a favorable vote on the basis that such a vote is needed to protect the boundaries of the township against further annexation attempts.

HE WAS particularly concerned about possible annexation by the City of Farmington of the township's industrial area. He said that if this happened, the tax loss would be such as to result in pressure for the creation of another industrial area—possibly adjoining present residential areas.

"Now it (industrial area) is located where it does not bother anybody," Pierce said. He added that township roads could be better serviced under incorporation because approximately \$100,000 more a year would be available to a city from state gasoline taxes.

Pierce said a favorable vote also assures preservation of the present zoning plan and provides for orderly development of the community which he said is in jeopardy as long as you don't know what the boundaries will be.

"You are not going to have increased taxes because you incorporate," Pierce declared, pointing out that such increases

come about only because of demands for more services.

DANIELS ARGUED for rejection of the incorporation issue as he noted the township form of government is better equipped to maintain sound planning and to keep government costs down.

He also disputed the tax loss involved in successful efforts by the City of Farmington to annex parts of the township. Daniels said that most of the tax dollar now goes to schools and was not just a consolidation loss. He said the actual loss is limited to that small portion which goes to the township.

Daniels said city status would bring a "tremendous" increase in road costs because a city would have to pay part of the cost of the proposed I-275 expressway. He said taxes have gone up in communities such as Troy, Southfield and Westland, after they incorporated. He said that incorporation would mean loss of the right to referendum, the right to vote on tax increases and the right to voter review decisions of the zoning board.

Daniels countered the annexation argument by claiming that proponents of incorporation were themselves dividing the township into four areas since the two villages and part of section 1 are excluded from the proposed city.

DR. RICHARDSON concentrated on discussing the work of his committee which considered consolidation as one possibility for the future development of the Farmington area. He said that the committee also studied other aspects of the future of the area and was not just a consolidation committee.

He said the committee had arranged with Michigan State



LATE THURSDAY afternoon a car driven by Mrs. Irene Onofrio, 54, Novi, took a spectacular series of flips which sent the car from one side of I-96 freeway to the other. Mrs. Onofrio's car was traveling on the east bound lane near the Orchard Lake overpass. Her vehicle swerved to the outside shoulder of the road, careened off of something and spun across the median, turning over several times before it came to rest on the west bound lane of I-96. The victim was taken to Botsford General Hospital. The hospital refused to give any details about the woman or her condition.

City Hikes Fees On Plumbing

The City of Farmington raised plumbing permit fees effective Sept. 5.

The City Council Tuesday gave 4 to 1 approval to City Manager John Dinan's proposal to raise the rates.

Dinan asked that rates be raised to keep them in line with the City of Detroit, from where plumbing code Farmington's is copied. Detroit hiked its fees July 5.

Dinan cited increasing costs, contending that plumbing permit fees hadn't been raised in about four years. He also said that uniformity of rates in the metropolitan area is a convenience to plumbing contractors.

The manager estimated the overall increases at 20 to 25 per cent.

Councilmen, however, challenged Dinan's arithmetic, pointing out that the manager had used the new rate instead of the old one in calculating his percentages. Actual increases, they said, are more nearly 33 to 67 per cent.

Dinan said half of a plumbing fee goes to the city for administrative costs and the other half goes to part-time plumbing Inspector Sam Hawkins.

Only Councilman Howard Thayer voted against the increase.

"I'd like to see a politician somewhere who would say 'Hold it...'" Thayer said.

Parking Blamed

City councilmen have proposed the prohibiting of some on-street parking to solve traffic problems in two sections of the city.

Councilman Howard Thayer suggested removing two parking spots on the north side of Grand River east of Farmington Road, in front of the Gay-Way Bar.

Thayer said that when a car turns left onto Farmington Rd., "through" traffic is blocked by parked cars in the right lane.

THE NON-ECONOMIC gains are:

Guaranteed 30 minutes for lunch in the elementary schools instead of 20.

Relief time in elementary schools when specials are in the room.

A shorter work day of 7 hours 15 minutes including lunch.

A new foul weather policy in which the teacher notifies the principal of inability to get to school.

Permission obtainable to leave the building for emergencies.

Vending machines permitted in the lounges with the FEA to control the benefits.

Non-paid extra curricular activities on a voluntary basis instead of required.

"Streets are for traffic, not parking," Thayer observed.

Public Safety Director Robert Deadman was asked by the council to prepare recommendations.

Councilman Ralph Yoder relayed a complaint about traffic in the vicinity of Prospect and Loomis, near the high school.

A resident there complained about traffic following Little League baseball games, Yoder said. One possible solution, he said, is removing parking on one side of Prospect.



A LEADERSHIP MEETING was held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church recently in preparation for the parish's participation in the Archdiocesan Synod of 1968. Members of the parish co-ordinating committee include (left to right) the Rev. Gerald Nitkowski, Sister Marie Elizabeth, O.P., Diane Hughes and Don Mackinnon. Not present was another committee member, Mrs. Charles Schwartz. Registration for the parish participation plan will be held Sept. 10 and 17 at the church.

Pistol-Wielder Gives Police Busy Time

Distraught Woman Creates Scene

A young pistol-wielding woman held police and onlookers at bay for more than a half hour Wednesday afternoon after she threatened to shoot her husband.

The woman, police said, chased her husband out of their house and about three blocks to Farmington Rd., threatening to kill him with a .38 cal. revolver. She fired two shots but apparently hit nothing.

She pointed the gun at anyone who appeared to be getting too close and after arguing with several City and Township police plus her husband, she finally surrendered the

weapon to Russell Conway, head of the Township detective bureau.

Irvine H. Yakes, Township police chief, reported that the woman had been taken to St. Clair Hospital in Detroit for psychiatric observation Thursday morning.

The incident began in the township and ended in the city. The case was turned over to the township because the shots were fired there.

Yakes said no charge will be made until he hears from the hospital Monday.

Township police declined to reveal the names of either the woman or her husband.

Robert Deadman, city police chief, was first called and said, "Watch out. I know what I'm pointing at."

Conway finally arrived after the woman had been threatening to shoot for about 10 minutes. She apparently knew Conway because she refused to talk with anyone else.

Conway spoke with her for a few minutes. She finally broke down and agreed to give him the pistol.

The detective told her to put the gun down and walk away but she refused. She pointed it at the ground and Conway went up to her and calmly accepted the gun.

men moved close she aimed the weapon at them and said, "Watch out. I know what I'm pointing at."

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Junk Trap Suggested For River

One method of keeping the Upper Rouge River in Farmington clear of debris has been proposed by Councilman John Allen.

Allen suggested an open mesh screen be placed across the river west of Power Road in pointing out that the manager had used the new rate instead of the old one in calculating his percentages. Actual increases, they said, are more nearly 33 to 67 per cent.

The debris trap could be cleaned out about once a month, Allen suggested.

City Manager John Dinan said the idea could be tried next spring—"we've got nothing to lose."