

Parents Petition To Open Bond

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FARMINGTON

The Farmington Board of Education's imminent decision to close Bond Elementary School has been met by stiff opposition from parents living in the Bond attendance area.

Bond parents have been presenting their arguments to trustees at special board

meetings held during the past couple of weeks.

Beyond this, the parents have circulated petitions and claim to be gaining sympathetic support from other elementary school attendance areas.

The parental effort has but one goal — to keep Bond open, at least for one more year.

ADMINISTRATIVE sources at the meetings with Bond parents have stated they do not expect large numbers of elementary children to move into the Bond attendance area because the \$50,000 plus homes in Canterbury Commons and Woodstream are moving slowly on today's housing market.

Sheldon Eisen, Woodstream Farms Association president, points out his subdivision now has 59 homes with 98 children 10-years and under, four families with children 14 and over, two families with youth who have graduated from high school, and one resident without children.

There are now 99 lots available for development in the subdivision, argues Eisen, and when Woodstream is fully occupied it will produce an estimated 150 elementary pupils each year.

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MEMORIAL weekend petitions asking that Bond remain open were circulated by 38 volunteers directed by Mrs. Beatrice Keeber of Clubhouse Lane.

Some 642 signatures were obtained during the three-day period with most coming from Canterbury Commons, Oakland and Woodstream subdivisions which are within the Bond attendance area.

Volunteers took petitions to a local supermarket, however, and obtain signatures from other residents with 22 subdivisions being represented, according to Mrs. Lorraine Alkon of Fern Hill.

The petition was to have been presented to the board this week but may be kept until the June 6 board meeting in an effort to obtain more signatures.

Mrs. Alkon asks why Wood Creek Elementary was constructed and Bond added on to within the past couple years if the district is incapable of projecting enrollment patterns and was aware some elementary buildings would have smaller enrollments and

some classes that are near empty.

She also wonders why Bond cannot be kept open and used as the fifth junior high school instead of building a new one.

Mrs. Alkon says she has been told the district can save about \$70,000 by closing Bond. Instead of punishing only Bond parents, she suggests the district consider eliminating art, music and physical education instructors at all schools so all parents will feel the pains resulting from the April 24 millage defeat.

Mrs. Alkon stresses she is not asking that anti-millage voters be punished but feels these district-wide eliminations would get the message across more than saving \$70,000 by closing Bond or by reducing the administrative staff and having one principal supervise two schools.

"Last year, people didn't seem to care if one principal had the burden of administering two schools. But, many parents would care if gym classes were cut out."

MRS. KEEBER argues that the neighborhood walking-school concept was the reason many parents moved into the Bond attendance area and "for Bond School to close would render useless our careful home-shopping to obtain this type of school experience for our children.

"Parents who do not object to busing willingly purchase homes beyond the physical limitations of a walking area. However, judging by the number of families living within the walking areas, and the excellent turn-over of such



G. KENNETH POYE

Utilize Money Better -- Poye

From all indications, the major problems affecting Farmington School District are centered on the lack of proper utilization of financial resources, says G. Kenneth Poye, a candidate for the Farmington Board of Education in the June 12 election.

holds bachelor and master degrees in business administration and marketing from Wayne State University.

Auxiliary Picks Leader

Once again, it is time to revise and update the Farmington community organization list.

The list is updated each year by the Farmington Area Juvenile Auxiliary in cooperation with the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

"To me, repeated millage defeats indicate taxpayers are not satisfied with the manner in which the school board is expending available funds.

"Recognizing we must work within total dollars received from property taxes and state support, I feel there are more acceptable ways to tailor expenses and still offer a solid academic education to our children.

"Exposure to athletics, arts and social contacts that will develop them into well-rounded high school graduates should also be possible within this framework."

"Nevertheless, I am confident basic business approaches can be used to resolve Farmington schools' financial crisis. I am not fully apprised of all possible areas that can be adjusted at this time. I will, however, support whatever changes in curriculum, teacher and administrative personnel, building programs, and maintenance, that can be implemented to fit into available funds.

"I will face these problems objectively and make unbiased, practical decisions in any of the areas to reduce costs.

"I would support a movement to shift the financial burden from taxpayers to other means of financing schools. I feel we must concentrate on equipping our children with the 'basics' and shelve some of the unimproved concepts in education until we enjoy the various civic, social and luxury of 'excess funds,'" Poye concludes.

THE LIST contains information of about 135 community, civic, and youth organizations throughout the Farmington area.

Special interest groups, hobby clubs, women's and men's organizations, lodges, auxiliaries, fraternal groups and governmental groups are all included in this much-used reference to community organizations.

New organizations or those not previously listed are especially urged to contact the Juvenile Auxiliary (Mrs. Noel Kurth) or the chamber (Executive Director Ed Lane).

The following information should be provided: name of organization, purpose, and services rendered; chairman or president's name, address, and phone number; and dates, time and meeting place of the group.

POYE, with 15 years of line management experience, is sales manager of the Michigan Seamless Tube Co. He and his wife have three school-age children and live in Kimberly North subdivision at 7347 Coach Lane, West Bloomfield Township, in the Farmington School District. New, unimproved concepts in education until we enjoy the various civic, social and luxury of 'excess funds,'" Poye concludes.

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ADVANTAGES of a walking school, Mrs. Keeber says, are this:

- Develops independence and self-confidence in being able to get to and from school under the child's own power;
- Develops friendships beyond the immediate home environment, yet within safe independent visiting distances;
- The cutting and eliminating, even on the short-term, of classroom enrichment programs such as art, music, physical education, is a painful thought to children, parents, and the dedicated educators Farmington is fortunate to have.

THE ORGANIZATION list will be compiled during the summer months for distribution in early fall through the chamber.

Organizations are asked to phone or mail in their information as soon as possible, or before July 15, so material may be alphabetically listed and grouped categories.

Township Levy Is 5.7 Mills

FARMINGTON Farmington Township will levy 5.7 mills (\$5.70 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation) for its operating expenses in 1972-73.

This figure became known this week when the Oakland County Tax Allocation Board voted to allocate the township 1.2 mills from the 15 mills the county distributes between city, townships, school districts and the Oakland County Intermediate School District.

The township had asked for a higher allocation but received the 1.2 mills, which has become almost an annual tradition for the county allocation board.

Besides the allocated millage, township residents have voted the following tax rates to be levied: 1.5 mills for the library; two mills for fire and police operation and maintenance; and one mill for sewer and water.

The 5.7 mills will be spread on the township's total tax base (state equalized valuation) of \$78 million. That tax rate will raise about \$1.6 million in revenue for the township.

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"But, I submit that the inherent enrichment of the walking school is of more basic important than even the finest classroom enrichment possible."

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