

Fire Code Changes In New Jr. High Irk School Board

FARMINGTON The Farmington Board of Education reluctantly approved an extra \$10,400 to make changes demanded by the state fire marshal in the district's fifth junior high school, under construction at Northwestern Highway and 14 Mile Rd.

The changes involve: Reducing and adding doors; installing a fire-rated ceiling in one room and a sprinkler system over a raised platform in the cafeteria; extending several walls; and installing eight fire dampers and exit lights in the locker rooms.

The price also includes \$1,100 for installation of a gas service meter not available at the time of bidding.

BOARD MEMBER William Corliss demanded an explanation for the additional expense.

"I haven't seen a job of this magnitude that didn't have some extras brought in by the state fire marshal," Emmitt said.

Stultz said the fire marshal reviewed the building plans both before and after construction bids were accepted.

Shal were "a regular procedure - not an unusual situation."

The board postponed action on two other changes at the school, involving a reduction of \$11,500 for revisions, one for the sound and stage lighting systems and the other for an additional \$4,600 for excavation work because a depression filled with 10 large tree stumps had been uncovered.



McCosh's Column

Ask The Man With A Job

"Look out, kid. They keep it all hid," is a line in a song by Robert Zimmerman, alias Bob Dylan, which is the kind of advice that rings true with a job-seeker, regardless of age.

For several months I have been privileged to sit in on the discussion concerning the Farmington area Youth Employment Service, one of those projects that should be tough and strong after being tempered in the heat of controversy.

One couldn't help but react to attitudes, expressed by the moderately or very successful businessmen who were hashing over the project, on how they felt about kids getting their first job, or at any rate, a job.

time, a new service exists, some good work gets done. But look out, kid.

MY EXPERIENCE in job hunting hasn't been so much in getting "a job," although I've done a lot of that. The trick is to go to one of those guys and ask how are you going to get his job?

I asked a superintendent of schools once how you get to be a superintendent of schools. He smiled. The guy who was next in line, doing the head man's tough jobs, was sitting next to him.

"Really," I said, "I don't want it, but if I did, how do I get it?"

"Conventions," he said, in a moment of candor. "The jobs are all at conventions."

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Letter To The Editor

Salary Hikes Are Criticized

EDITOR: In your Observer article Wednesday, Aug. 30, "School Budget Restores Some Cuts," the budget estimates 12 per cent salary increases for the superintendent (\$35,000) and business manager (\$27,700) and eight per cent increase for the assistant superintendent (\$30,800).

My question is, how can these fantastic salary increases be given? The school board should be a watchdog when it comes to spending taxpayers money. Would they be so generous if they were spending their own?

Certainly with the salaries these people are getting they don't need an eight or 12 per cent pay raise. In my opinion \$400 for each would have been overly generous.

It seems that the board has opened a Pandora's box, with the school teachers contract coming up, it will be interesting to see what percentage they will be going for.

Whatever happened to the president's 5.5 per cent guideline?

Anything over this figure is considered inflationary.

It seems that these guidelines only pertain to the blue collar workers.

I believe the school board is trying to play Santa Claus. If they can give these kinds of pay raises, is it any wonder



PAUL DIETZ, Farmington, vice president of the Hartman Group, a Southfield-based real estate company, has been named to the National Association of Real Estate Board's newly formed real estate securities and syndication committee. The new committee was formed to study real estate syndication concepts and practices.

No Revolution

A study of the sexual behavior of teenagers in middle America by a team of Michigan State University researchers indicates that there has not been a marked "sexual revolution" in recent years.

Their report notes a "remarkable stability of incidence rates of sexual intercourse since World War II."

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