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Regional Board tells calendar for 1980-81

A spokesman for the Union County Regional High School District Board of Education announced the adoption of a school calendar for 1980-1981 which begins on Sept. 8 and ends on June 12.

The calendar is a single calendar for all four regional schools, including Arthur L. Johnson High School, which presents a change from the last few years.

With utilization of a single calendar, teachers who teach in more than one of the high schools and students who are taught by these traveling teachers will be assured of uninterrupted instruction. In addition, standard examinations will be administered on the same dates in each of the schools, the spokesman added.

The approved school calendar follows:

Thursday, Aug. 28, new teacher orientation.

Tuesday, Sept. 2, first day of school for new students and teachers.

Wednesday, Sept. 3, schools open.

Thursday, Sept. 11, and Friday, Sept. 12, schools close for Labor Day.

Monday, Oct. 11, schools close for Columbus Day.

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 13 and 14, schools close for New Jersey Education Assn. Convention.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, schools close for Thanksgiving recess at 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 1, schools re-open.

Monday, Dec. 15, school closes for Christmas recess at regular dismissal time.

Monday, Jan. 6, 1981, schools re-open.

Monday, Feb. 18, schools close for Presidents' Day and mid-winter recess at regular dismissal time.

Monday, Feb. 25, schools re-open.

Thursday, April 10, schools close for spring recess at regular dismissal time.

Monday, April 27, schools re-open.

Monday, May 20, schools close for Memorial Day.

Monday, June 24, commencement.

Tuesday, June 25, last day of school for students.

Wednesday, June 26, last day of school for students.

The district usually closes for a number of days during the year for snow. If more than three days are required, the district may extend the mid-winter recess period or school could be extended in June for students and teachers.

Dem in-fighting seen in Trenton

Noting what he calls a "renewed independence from the government" on the part of the Democratic legislators, William J. Maguire, Jr., president of the Trenton Democratic Club, said the year will be filled with in-fighting in the legislature.

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The governor made it clear in his "to-do" list of the state address to his health to trim programs and spending. Maguire said, "For all his talk, the governor's budget will be the focus of a fight between the speakers and those of us who want to create more economic in the government. I think we will see this done."

The assemblyman noted Gov. Brendan T. Byrne "failed miserably" to force his recent stimulus bill through the legislature. He said the legislature will have an even tougher time this year, the speaker said. "The stage is set for a tough fight."

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NEW LOOK... Newly-elected Assemblyman Robert Franks of Berkeley Heights, left, and incumbent Assemblyman William Maguire of Clark, right, are seen at the Assembly chamber. The two Republicans represent the 22nd District, which includes Rahway and Clark.

Local 5% 'cap' limit unchanged for 1980

One amendment simply extended the expiration date of the cap law for an additional three years to Dec. 31, 1982.

The other, signed recently into law, provides for a uniform date, the last Tuesday in February, on which a municipality may conduct a referendum to exceed the 5% limit. The other cap legislation to pass even one House of the Legislature was a bill exempting from the limit revenues received from payments in lieu of taxes for new construction or improvement to tax-exempt property.

Most of the other legislation amending the cap law was never released from the legislative committee, a spokesman said.

Budget timetable explained for schools, governments

latest date is Thursday, March 20.

The budget must be published in an area newspaper at least 10 days before the public hearing and final adoption must wait until at least 18 days after approval. For counties, the latest date for final adoption is Saturday, Jan. 26, while the latest date for adoption is Monday, Feb. 25.

Municipalities and school districts are all subject to limitations on their authorized expenditures. These expenditures limitations, popularly called "cap" laws, differ for each local-unit level.

Municipalities are permitted increases in total general appropriations, minus various modifications, of 5% over the prior year's level. The school cap is a more complex formula based on per-pupil expenditures and other factors, and results in wide-ranging caps among school districts. The county cap, which is similar to the municipal, is based on property taxes needed to finance the budget.

A new law, effective this year, requires all municipal cap referendums to be held on the same date, the last Tuesday in February, the day with budget approval by the governing body at least 30 days before the election. Last year 22 municipalities had such referendums and 13 voters approved spending in excess of the budget cap law. There were a total of 20 referendums and 20 approvals.

This is expected to be another difficult year for budget balancing, warned the speaker. The high inflation and the rate of double-digit inflation may necessitate spending cuts. Such decisions may be made by the legislature.

Referendums who become authorized to hold referendums on the cap law are expected to be held in the next few weeks, the speaker said. The calendar has been advanced by one week. The budget must be introduced by Tuesday, Feb. 26, in district 14, while the calendar has been advanced by one week. The budget must be introduced by Tuesday, Feb. 26, in district 14, while the calendar has been advanced by one week.

Fire officers sworn in; seven policemen honored

By K. C. Bauer

Officers for the Clark Volunteer Fire Dept. were sworn in at Monday night's meeting of the Township Council in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Officiating at the ceremony for the 10 men was Township Clerk Edward R. Pafankuch.

The officers will serve for the 1980-1981 season.

— Vincent Pereira, assistant chief, 10 Dawn Dr.

— Howard Payne, captain, 310 Parkway Dr.

— George Shubert, captain, 404 Oak Ridge Rd.

— Donald Kellerman, lieutenant, 410 West La.

— Jerome Puchs, second lieutenant, 150 Lincoln Blvd.

— Robert Votpe, deputy chief, 213 East La.

— Thomas Hylop, deputy chief, 55 James Ave.

— Francis Bertolo, deputy chief, 65 Harrison St.

They are: Ptl. Guy E. Swet, two citations, one for an incident on July 22, 1979 and another on Oct. 12, 1979.

— Ptl. Robert Hartung, Jr., for action on off-duty time at personal risk in removing the operator of a burning motor vehicle on Oct. 22, 1979.

— Ptl. William Zdzien, for the arrest of a perpetrator of a break and entry and for the recovery of lost property on Oct. 14, 1979.

— Special Officer Thomas Curtis, the first ever cited by the Clark Police Dept. for a high degree of professional performance during 1979.

R. E. Sessel, former fire chief, succumb, see page 10

Paperwork, blizzard, anguif, Washington, see page 4

Mayor asks citizen ideas on federal aid

Senior citizens and other residents of Clark were urged to attend a public hearing of the 1980 federal revenue-sharing funds, to be received by the township by Mayor Bernard G. Varrone.

The expected amount of the funding is \$12,363, the mayor added, and both written and oral suggestions may be made.



FOR EXTRA DUTY... members of the Clark Dept. of Public Safety honored by the Township Council on Monday night. From left to right: Ptl. Guy E. Swet, Ptl. Robert Hartung, Jr., Ptl. William Zdzien, Ptl. Thomas Curtis, Ptl. Jerome Puchs, Ptl. Robert Votpe, Ptl. Francis Bertolo, Ptl. Donald Kellerman, Ptl. Howard Payne, Ptl. George Shubert, and Ptl. Vincent Pereira.

DiFrancesco petitions governor about energy

Gov. Brendan T. Byrne has been petitioned to sign two energy bills that would encourage construction of new nuclear power plants and would provide study of the coal waste disposal methods are devised and the economic impact of the use of coal to generate electric power.

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