

# Clark Patriot

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## Regional body focuses eyes on television

The Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, could find itself on television sometime next year, according to a plan revealed at the Dec. 9 meeting of the district's Board of Education.

Allocation of \$24,000 for video equipment would enable the district to broadcast over Suburban Cable Television according to district audio-visual technician, Brian Dunne.

According to Mr. Dunne, three of the four schools in the district presently receive cable television with a hookup expected at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark expected early next year.

He added the district has reception equipment now, but is looking for production tools to allow it to broadcast over the cable channel.

The official explained to Board members the cable firm is required to provide access channels to schools and libraries for community-affairs programming provided those facilities can demonstrate they have the technical personnel and expertise to transmit their programs.

According to Mr. Dunne, before the district schools can begin broadcasting, Suburban Cable must first install its own transmitters in the schools which will enable the television stations to broadcast the programming the schools intend to provide.

He estimated the cost to Suburban at about \$25,000.

The audio-visual expert stated, "Before they make such an investment, we have to purchase additional, more sophisticated equipment to prove we have the ability to program schools functions and events."

Both principals and Board members expressed support for the idea.

Besides the television broadcasts, the new equipment could be used to broadcast throughout the school system.

Mr. Dunne reported:

He explained it would be used as an informational and educational tool with teachers and students participating in programming and productions.

If the measure is approved by the school body, the educational access channels of Suburban Cable will carry the programming.

Board members also reviewed capital-outlay proposals for buildings and grounds in the budget and were told in private session to consider salary cuts for 1981-1982.



CAPTAIN VINTAGE... Video taping is made easier for Clark's Charles F. Brewer School students under the teaching of Ms. Anne Perrella. Applying their knowledge, shown, left to right, are: students, Mandy Barakat, using the camera; Michael Grzesinski; watching her techniques; and Jan Gromski getting prepared to mount a videotape reel to the video player. Looking on is Mrs. Blaise.

## Grandparents return to school

When one entered Valley Road School in Clark on Dec. 9, a large banner proclaimed, "Welcome Grandparents."

Upon entering the Hospitality Room, a specialty prepared classroom, a raffle of prizes and a special message from the district's principal, Mrs. Susan E. Baker, awaited them.

First graders showed off newly-acquired reading skills and some second graders graphed the miles traveled by the visitors to see the school.

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## Regional budget increases proposed to reach 9.5%

According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Marchant, the budget was expected to be finalized at another session Dec. 15 and approved at a meeting of the Board of Education, which covers Clark.

According to Board President Charles E. Vialle, Jr., the largest increases would be in teachers' salaries, fuel oil and floor expenses.

In the fourth of seven budget meetings, Board members discussed cuts in the Valley Road School in Clark during a "Welcome Grandparents Day" sponsored Dec. 9 by the Parent-Teacher Assn., the students and the faculty.

Mr. Vialle noted problems with the budget are primarily staying within the state cap, maintaining a fixed ratio for expenditures, and "holding the line" on salaries.

The secretary described an estimated \$99,000 for transportation costs as a "major item" based on an average of 500 days of driving costs.

Buildings and grounds maintenance will cost approximately \$500,000 as affected in the new budget, which provides for road repair as David Brewster Regional High School in Randolph, and increased costs in departmental provisions for maintenance and repair of equipment, as well as assembly audio-visual repair costs.

The power of Board members in Springfield is scheduled to receive a 10% raise with a tentative cost of \$23,000.

Total salaries for operating at the four schools would stand at an additional \$308,716.

Other expenditures would include replacement of a food transportation truck and \$96,000 in operating expenses for a normal maintenance and repair program.

## School body ponders curriculum-aide job

The first reading of a job description for curriculum-aide secretary was approved Dec. 9 by the Clark Board of Education.

Among the qualifications would be the ability to perform stenographic and typing, skills in taking oral dictation and the ability to transcribe at a reasonable rate of speed, knowledge of business English, spelling and arithmetic and office terminology and procedure and any alternatives to the above requirements found appropriate by the Board.

Board members, however, tabled both the position's salary guide for 1979-1980 and for 1980-1981 and the transfer of Mrs. Marlene Strieter from clerk stenographer to the new position.

... In other action, Board members:

- Approved the purchase of a van at a cost of \$9,000 from Duran Ford of Union.
- Granted advanced study grants for five staff members for college courses.
- Gave its permission for Mrs. Carol Spitzer to receive a \$77.66 grant, Mrs. Patricia O'Reilly to receive a \$37.66 grant and Miss Jane E. Clanton to receive a \$77.66 grant for college courses.
- Approved the hiring of nine sports officials for the 1980-1981 school year.
- Gave its permission for the hiring of two winter recreation personnel.
- Ordered the addition of eight names to the 1980-1981 substitute sports official list.
- Approved reimbursement for conference attended by two staff members.

## School body studies regional computer use

The feasibility of the township Board of Education using a computer system to manage the 1980-1981 school year at the rate of \$22.91 per day, was discussed at a meeting of the Board of Education, which covers Clark.

Dr. John T. Fawcett, superintendent of schools, reported that the regional body is just now going out for bids, which he used to help the Clark schools program student schedules.

The superintendent was also authorized to seek permission from the Union County superintendent of schools to accept the 1980-1981 school year at the rate of \$22.91 per day for the 1980-1981 school year, beginning reduction and majority vote of this year.

Approved a joint agreement for the 1980-1981 school year at an annual salary of \$11,000 provided from Monday, Jan. 5, to Monday, May 25, of next year.

Gave its permission for the employment of Mrs. Susan E. Baker as a teacher for the 1980-1981 school year at an annual salary of \$11,000 provided from Jan. 5 to Wednesday, March 25, of next year.

Approved a leave of absence without pay for Mrs. Janice R. Perrella to commence Monday, March 2, and to terminate on June 30, of next year.

Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Diane Seeburger, a library aide, effective Tuesday, Dec. 23, of next year.

Authorized a transportation contract with Square Transportation Co. of Plainfield to take on handicapped child to Greenbrook Academy in Bound Brook at the rate of \$32 per day for the 1980-1981 school year, beginning reduction and majority vote of this year.

Approved a joint agreement for the 1980-1981 school year at an annual salary of \$11,000 provided from Monday, Jan. 5, to Monday, May 25, of next year.

## Kennel Yule not happy time for many pets

At least 3,000 animals were adopted last year by groups around the state, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which operates kennels in Kentucky and in the state capital, according to the society's 1979 Christmas Bulletin.

In 1979, 3,000 animals were adopted, according to the society's annual report.

Society workers picked up 8,074 dogs and 4,504 cats last year, compared with 9,074 and 5,101, respectively, the year before.

Free Christmas dinners were served by the groups almost a week before the Christmas Eve, according to the society's annual report.

He had asked for a 10% increase in the amount for this year to help cover the cost of the Christmas dinners.

It was pointed out in the bulletin state law makes it mandatory any dog over seven months old or which has a permanent teeth, whichever comes first, must have a license by the last day of January.

The license fee provided for dogs for the year is \$11.21 for dogs and \$6.00 for cats, according to the bulletin.

Also last year, officials of the United States Customs Service came to Kenton, Kentucky to check a dog for narcotic-deposit training.

Of three dogs taken for the training, Rusty, a yellow Labrador retriever, and Chesley, a Chesapeake Bay retriever, succeeded in training, according to the bulletin.

According to the bulletin, Mrs. Joanne Otton, supervisor of a training service dog is achieved by only one of 150 dogs.

## Legislature continues efforts for greater oversight function

The New Jersey Legislature remains steadfast in its efforts to increase its involvement in the regular operations of state government, observes a New Jersey Tappan's Assn. spokesman.

The action is not unique to New Jersey. It is part of a 50-state campaign to upgrade the legislative branch of state governments in order to equalize their role with that of the executive and judicial branches of government, the spokesman noted.

The word which describes the movement is "oversight." Legislative oversight is carried out in a variety of ways, from the customary committee review of legislation prior to enactment, to review and analysis of programs, organizations, operations, institutions and special reports to the Legislature or its committees by executive-branch agencies.

New Jersey legislation providing routine review of executive-branch regulations prior to their effective date with an option for legislative veto has been approved by the governor, who has taken the present session, but passed both houses and is awaiting the governor's decision.

Most recent legislative oversight efforts relate to the proposed creation of a State Building Authority which would be an independent state agency responsible to issue revenue bonds to finance construction of office buildings and other facilities for lease or rental to state agencies.

Funds for lease or rental payments would come from annual appropriations. The Assembly Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee, following a

## Aid squad auxiliary seats new officers

The November meeting of the Auxiliary of the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad was held at the squadhouse. President, Mrs. Josephine O'Neil, presided.

Officers and members of new officers were held. They are as follows:

President, Mrs. Josephine O'Neil.  
Vice president, Christine Kelly.  
Secretary, Mrs. Catherine Hansford.  
Treasurer, Mrs. Patricia Peterson.  
Historian, Mrs. Ann Pasquillo.  
Liaison, Mrs. Marlene Calka.

Installations of new officers were held Dec. 9 at a dinner at the squadhouse.

Mrs. Alvera Sazala was elected and welcomed as a new member.

A luncheon and fashion show was chaired by Mrs. Calka on Nov. 22. Her committee was made up of Mrs. Rosemary Conway, Mrs. Yolanda Calka, Mrs. Barbara Fordham, Mrs. Alvera Sazala and Mrs. Janice Mikolajczyk.

Auxiliary members acted as models.

The annual square dance took place with music supplied by Gerry Gendy. The committee consisted of Mrs. Norma Rice and Mrs. Judy Knack.

The auxiliary will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 17, of next year. Mrs. O'Neil suggested citizens of Clark watch for notices of coming affairs conducted by the auxiliary. Proceeds will help support the squad.

The squad will be celebrating its 40th year in December of next year.

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... In other action, the Board:

- Approved a leave of absence without pay for Mrs. Anne Perrella to commence Wednesday, March 25, of next year, and to terminate on Tuesday, May 26, of next year.
- Authorized the employment of Mrs. Marilyn Laurovich as a teacher for the 1980-1981 school year at an annual salary of \$11,000 provided from Jan. 5 to Thursday, June 30, of next year.
- Ordered the hiring of Mrs. Rene Melner as a teacher for the 1980-1981 school year at an annual

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