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School Board sets tentative tab of \$5,428,330 for 1983-1984

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A tentative 1983-1984 school year budget of \$5,428,330 was adopted by a 7-2 vote of the township Board of Education on Jan. 11.

The only two Board members voting against the tab were James Kehoe and John Fitzpatrick.

Also authorized, to be placed on the Tuesday, April 5, Board of Education Election ballot, was a capital outlay budget of \$150,000 to achieve the completion of all roof repairs at the Valley Road School.

This is the first capital outlay item placed on the ballot in Clark in several years.

In other action, the Board: --Rejected a bid received from Wolsten's Projector House, Inc. of East Orange for \$5,800 for the purchase of four microcomputers. --Approved on first reading a revised administrative regulation on travel expenses and reimbursement for Board members which would, among other things, raise the mileage payment from 19¢ to 20¢ per mile. --Approved the transfer

of \$1,150 for the 1982-1983 school year from communications handicapped-district-wide-tuition to pupil transportation-district-wide-special education and \$1,600 from the first-mentioned account to pre-school handicapped-district-wide-temporary salaries.

--Approved a Teaching Profession Orientation Program to be held from Jan. 11 to Thursday, Feb. 3, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with students leaving the Charles H. Brewer School at 9:20 a.m., and returning at 10:30 a.m.

--Authorized the employment of the architectural firm of Bouman, Blanche, Faraday and Thorne of Trenton to complete the replacement of the Carl H. Kumpf School roof at the rate of 8.5% of the total construction cost.

--Gave its permission for the hiring of Mrs. Carol Iden to work half-time with a handicapped student at an annual salary of \$16,580 to be paid on a half-time basis prorated from the date of the start of employment to Thursday, June 30, of this year.

Board agrees to rent Brewer School space

The rental of unused classroom space at Clark's Charles H. Brewer School to the Union County Special Services Commission was authorized by the township's Board of Education on Jan. 11, as it gave the Superintendent of Schools Dr. John T. Farinella the power to negotiate a contract with the county group.

The rental of the Brewer School space will replace the rental of the space at the Frank K. Hehly School, the contract for which was withdrawn earlier this school year.

In other action the Board:

--Approved a 1983-1984 calendar for students and teachers and another calendar for the next school year for 12-month employees. Under the student calendar the schools will open on Wednesday, Sept. 7, for students and close on Thursday, June 22, 1984.

--Authorized the hiring of two clerks, one to work in the Carl H. Kumpf School library and one to work in the Brewer School library, two days per week, five hours per day, effective from Tuesday to Thursday, Feb. 1 to June 20, of this year.

--Okayed Monday, Feb. 7, as a single-session day for students and a staff in-service day to be continued in the afternoon, and consisting of grade-level meetings conducted by Mrs. Muriel Cassidy, the co-ordinator of curriculum and instruction.

--Gave its permission for the employment of Mrs. Rosemary Lynch and Mrs. Shirley Ducatman as summer librarians to be paid at \$10.50 per hour worked, four hours per day, starting on Tuesday, July 5, and terminating on Friday, Aug. 12, of this year, at a maximum salary of \$1,218 per librarian.

--Authorized the hiring of two summer library clerks to work with the librarians in the Kumpf and Brewer School libraries from July 5 to Aug. 12.

--Approved the employment of Mrs. Armince Curran as adaptive perceptually impaired teacher for the 1982-1983 school year, effective on Dec. 1, 1982.

--Rescinded its resolution giving school business administrator/Board secretary, Philip Miller, permission to attend the Annual Conference of the National Assn. of School Business Administrators in Atlanta from Nov. 2 to 6, 1982.

--Approved the attendance of Mr. Miller at the association's conference, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26 and 27, in Atlantic City.

Clark residents told: Watch for thieves

Several home burglaries recently have prompted Clark Police Chief Anthony T. Smar to alert residents to be ever vigilant in their respective neighborhoods for suspicious persons or vehicles.

Chief Smar stated most of the homes have been entered through cellar windows, and the burglaries are not located in one particular section of the community, but are widely scattered.

The burglaries are being committed in the early evening hours. Citizens are urged to immediately telephone the police department at 388-3434 to report any suspicious persons, vehicles or acts they may observe.

Chief Smar further urged residents, if at all possible, to remain on the telephone with the police department to provide constant, updated information. Wherever possible a good observation should be made to provide as accurate a description of a person or vehicle or event. Co-operation such as this is a major deterrent towards this type of crime, he concluded.

Crusader girls set record in overtimes, but lose; See inside



SPECIAL STOP - The members of the Cadette Troop No. 138 of the Clark-Winfield Girl Scout Community

Assn. visit with Santa Claus during a December "Sleep-Over" at St. John the Apostle School in Clark.

--Accepted the resignation of the following recreation personnel: Brian Kernan from Monday basketball, Tuesday volleyball, Wednesday basketball and Thursday basketball, Chris Canada from Friday roller skating at the Hehly School, Mark Bodnar from Thursday tumbling and Susan Lorenzo from Thursday Aerobics.

--Approved the employment of John Foley in tumbling and roller skating at the Frank K. Hehly School on Fridays, Tammy Tombs in aerobics, Debbie Calvin in roller skating at the Hehly School and Ruth Muzik in Monday and Tuesday volleyball.

--Okayed Joseph Nugent, John Wukovets, Percy Wukovets and Peter Dulk as the sports officials for the 1982-1983 school year.

--Added the names of a cafeteria aide, Susan Carovillano, Joe Stacy, Bill Makoski, John and Bob Gillespie, Steve Shohfi, Carl Young, Ed Muzik and Bob Henderson, all in recreation, and Susan Lorenzo, a teacher, to the 1982-1983 substitute lists.

--Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Curran as adaptive perceptually impaired teacher, effective on Jan. 11.

--Okayed the employment of Miss Lorenzo as adaptive perceptually impaired teacher to work five hours per week at \$8.75 per hour worked, from Jan. 11 to Thursday, June 23, of this year.

ADDED HOLIDAY CHEER - Richard Burlew, front, second from left, the winner of a gift certificate presented by the Triangles and Squares Club of Clark for guessing the amount of toys on the Clark Public Library Christmas tree, displays the certificate. There were

231 toys donated by club members. Looking on, left to right, are: Rear, Mrs. Judith A. Burlew, Richard's mother, and Mrs. Helen Rokosny, a member of the club; front, Linda Ann Burlew, Edgar Ortiz and Thom Verrastro.

Mrs. Ogden: Tax increase 'best compromise' for state

The taxes will also close a projected \$62 million gap in the current fiscal year budget and avoid a massive and punitive \$150 million across-the-board cut.

Efficient Education Law mandates a \$350 million increase in schools funding in the new fiscal year.

Mrs. Ogden added her favorable votes were based upon the governor's pledge to cut a minimum of \$30 million from the current budget, "although Republican legislators had asked for cuts of at least \$50 million."

"This is an amount equal to the increased tax revenues from the sales and income taxes," she said. "Clearly, the Legislature must address the school aid formula and other 'built-in' factors such as our pension statutes."

Mrs. Ogden noted the existing school aid formula, the so-called Thorough and

Assembliesman Maureen Ogden, who represents Clark, said today the recently-enacted income and sales tax increases, coupled with a bill to restore \$87 million cut from various state aid programs last year "was the best compromise"

that could attract sufficient votes for passage in the Democratically-dominated Legislature.

Mrs. Ogden voted in favor of all three bills. The 1% increase in the sales tax and the 1% increase in the income tax for persons earning over the amount of \$50,000 will raise an additional \$350 million for the state, she said.

"I could not, in good conscience, vote to restore \$27 million in state school aid to all districts, more than \$18 million in minimum aid to

the 252 so-called 'wealthy' districts, \$19.5 million for mass transit subsidies to avoid further fare increases, \$3.4 million in welfare equalization aid and money to fund other essential state programs I support, and not vote to provide the revenues required," she added. "I would have preferred legislative consideration of other revenue alternatives and various cost-containment measures but, despite all the debate and rhetoric, the package that passed was the only realistic possibility."