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\$39,193 cutback in aid from state forces Board to take funds from surplus

A \$39,193 cutback in state aid to Clark's schools in three of the four aid categories for the 1983-1984 school year Feb. 8 forced Board of Education members to appropriate money from 1983-1984 surplus to offset the aid decrease.

Of the four aid categories, only special education was not cut back. Equalization went down by \$24,915, 90% approved transportation aid by \$13,148 and compensatory education aid by \$1,130.

The figures in the four categories, with the amount funded on Dec. 12 of last year first and that funded on Feb. 2 of this year second, respectively, are: Equalization, \$327,528, \$302,343; transportation, \$109,609, \$96,461; compensatory education, \$9,130, \$8,000, and special education, \$184,274 for both periods.

Board members, James Kehoe and Eileen Mezzo, opposed the surplus-funds transfer.

A lease agreement which would have allowed the Union County Educational Services Commission to rent space in the Charles H. Brewer School from Friday, July 1, of this year, to June 30, 1986, was tabled pending further study by the board.

Citing the fact state funding policies since 1975 have forced Boards of Education to proceed from "financial crisis to financial crisis," the Board unanimously voted to support a bill recently introduced in the Legislature by Assemblyman Bob Franks, whose district includes Clark, which would force the state to fully fund all programs it mandates the school districts to carry out.

A Union County program, "Fingerprints on File," designed to help more easily trace children who disappear, was approved by the school body, with the following provisions: That some of Clark's school buildings be provided for

the fingerprinting; that the school system send notices to the parents apprising them of the date, time and place for the fingerprinting of children; that the school system co-ordinate the activity with Clark Police Chief Anthony Smar and Sheriff Ralph Froehlich; that the school district provide whatever assistance is necessary to bring about the implementation of the program for the children of Clark; that the project be accomplished as quickly and expeditiously as possible, and that fingerprint records be given to parents of guardians only, and no record be kept anywhere else.

In other action, the education body: --Approved a change in the 1983-1984 school year calendar to have the closing dates be Thursday and Friday, June 21 and 22, 1984. --Okayed the inclusion of district goals with Board policy as recommended by the Policy Update Service of the New Jersey School Boards Assn. --Tabled a resolution which would have established the polling-place hours for the Tuesday, April 5, Board election from 2 to 9 p.m. because of a law recently signed by Gov. Thomas Kean changing the election to Tuesday, April 12.

--Tabled the designation of election judges for the April 5 vote because of the change in dates. --Approved the reimbursement for attendance at conferences, seminars and work shops for the following staff members: Frank Inzano, "Workshop for New Jersey Assn. of School Psychologists;" Florence Knudsen, "Microcomputers for Beginners;" and Carol Spieker, "Computer Update Workshop." --Authorized the addition of teacher, Janice Petrusko; nurse, Judy Lonseth; and van aide, Marie Gomicz, to the 1982-1983 substitute list.

--Approved \$14.40 each in additional funds for advanced study grants for Nora Provenzano, Phyllis West and Betty Marker. --Okayed the abolition of the following teaching positions for the 1983-1984 school year to facilitate planning for that year: Five classroom teachers, a librarian, a physical education teacher and an art teacher. --Agreed to the hiring of Fred Muraviev as intramural teacher to be paid at \$7.50 per hour worked for winter and spring intramurals for the present school year, not to exceed \$150. --Approved the employ-

ment of Mrs. Silvia Cosentino at Brewer School and Mrs. Mildred Chorniewy at Carl H. Kumpf School as library clerks to work two days per week at \$4.65 per hour worked, effective Feb. 1 to Thursday, June 30 of this year. --Authorized the hiring of Mrs. Cosentino and Mrs. Chorniewy to work from Tuesday, July 5, to Friday, Aug. 12, at the assigned rates at costs not to exceed \$540 per clerk. --Accepted the resignation of William Norris as microcomputer instructor for the first session, Jan. 25 to Feb. 15 of this year. --Okayed the hiring of

Jack Spieker as microcomputer instructor for the first session, to be paid at \$15. per hour worked, not to exceed \$210, effective Jan 25 to Feb 15. --Accepted the resignations of Tammy Tombs in Thursday Aerobics and Janis Gross in Tuesday Gymnastics for the 1982-1983 school year. --Approved the employment of Elaine Wilkerson in aerobics at \$8 per hour worked, not to exceed \$112; Allan Geissel in tumbling at \$8 per hour worked, not to exceed \$144, and Mr. Geissel in gymnastics at \$8 per hour worked, not to exceed \$128.

Kaplowitz leads county lawyers

The president of the New Jersey State Bar Assn., Vincent J. Apruzzese, congratulated Leo Kaplowitz of Linden on his recent election as president of the Union County Bar Assn. Joining in the installation ceremony were United States District Court Judge Harold Ackerman, Union County Assignment Judge V. William DiBuono, and Charles Winetsky, former president of the Union County Bar Assn.

Other 1983 officers installed include President-elect, Stanley A. Fink of Clark; vice president Raymond S. Londa; secretary, William R. Holzapfel; treasurer, Miriam N. Span and Parliamentarian, Edwin J. McCreedy. Newly elected to the Board of Trustees were: Ross R. Anzaldi, Leonard A. Wolkstein, S. David Levy and Alan J. Schirman of Linden. Mr. Kaplowitz is the senior partner in the law



NEW CHIEF ATTORNEY...Leo Kaplowitz, center, the newly-installed president of the Union County Bar Assn., is congratulated by, left to right, Vincent J. Apruzzese, the president of the New Jersey Bar Assn.; United States District Court Judge Harold Ackerman, Union County Assignment Judge V. William DiBuono, and Charles Winetsky, the past president of the county bar association.

Listing of debt backed on bonding

Assemblyman Bob Franks, who represents Clark, wary of what he calls a "buy-now, pay-later" attitude in Trenton, has introduced legislation that would alert voters to the level of state bonded indebtedness as part of all future bond issues on public ballots. The bill mandates all bond issues appear on the ballot with an interpretive statement that includes the aggregate state debt on all bond issues, the current fiscal year's budget appropriation for debt service and the state's bond rating. "My purpose is to help assure a more informed electorate," Assemblyman Franks said. "If enacted, the bill will help the voters understand the overall financial burdens of the state at the time they vote on a new bond-issue question. I regret it is not possible to provide the full cost of the bond-issue question being voted upon. This isn't possible because interest rates are established at the time the bonds are sold, which, of course, follows approval by the voters." The assemblyman noted his bill will be "controversial" because some will interpret it to be "anti-bond issue."

"I reject that argument," he said. "The voters know there is no such thing as a 'free lunch,' and the cost of repayment of bonds appears as debt service in future budgets. They also know we simply cannot fund major capital improvements with appropriations in current budgets. I am sure the voters will continue to support bond-issue proposals when a clear and understandable need exists for the money." The legislator noted the state's budget appropriation for debt service is increasing by more than \$50 million each year. He concluded Thomas Kean is "alert" to the growing problem of debt service, and cautioned the Legislature about future bond issues in his budget message late last month.

Meeting moved

The regular meeting of the Clark Township Planning Board, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. in the Township Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, was re-scheduled to Tuesday, March 1, at the same time and the same place due to a conflict with a Council meeting, reports a Board spokeswoman.

Class of '72 plans reunion

Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark's class of 1972 plans to hold its 10-year reunion on Sunday, April 17, at 5 p.m. at the Westwood in Garwood. For further information and ticket purchase, please telephone Sara Antonelli at 382-0549.



United Way



EN ROUTE ON STATE CHAMBER WASHINGTON SPECIAL...Local leaders were among the more than 1,600 New Jerseyans who journeyed together Feb. 3 by special train to the nation's capital to meet and dine with members of New Jersey's Congressional delegation. The reception and dinner, conducted each year by the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, enables leaders of business and government to confer informally on issues of mutual concern. Seen here aboard the Chamber's special train is Gloria A. Midura of 1050 Raritan Rd., Clark.



GOOD OLD DAYS - Fifth-grade students at Clark's Carl H. Kumpf School display some of the projects they made while studying about life in Colonial America. Standing, left to right, are: Scott Boutskaris, Eva Anisko, Mark Navarro, Cassandra Dowling and Christopher Anderson; kneeling, Elliot Ratzman.



SLIDING FOR HOME? - Rahway's Nancy Vill, in white, takes a slide during the Feb. 3 game against Clark. Looking on is Clark player, Carole Tredapu, No. 14. Clark won the game.