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Costs of replacing district co-ordinators disputed at regional Board meeting

Actions taken last month by the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education, which governs Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, to begin a pilot program which would eventually lead to the replacement of co-ordinators in certain subject areas for the entire four-high-school district with department supervisors in each school were again protested at the Board's Aug. 2 session.

A member of the Clark elementary district Board of Education, James E. Kehoe, representing the Clark Taxpayers' Coalition, told the regional Board members the coalition was against the plan because he had heard it would cost the regional district an extra \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Asked to explain her positive vote on the measure by Mr. Kehoe, one of Clark's representatives on the regional body, Mrs. Virginia Muskus, said she favored the plan because it would provide more on-site supervision at each school.

The person chairing the Board's Aug. 2 session, Joseph Vaughn of Berkeley Heights, said after a careful study the school body had estimated the cost of the entire program would only be \$100,000 at the most.

Members of the Union County Regional Federation of Teachers July 5 had protested the pilot program, which would replace the mathematics co-ordinator on the district-wide level with one department supervisor in each school for 1983-1984, because, they said, that department was so well organized by its retiring co-ordinator, Joseph Sott, it could survive for at least one year without his services; mathematics supervisors in the upcoming school year would carry full

five-period teaching schedules along with their supervisory duties under the new plan and this could not be used as a basis of projecting how seven other departments might operate in the future, and eliminating co-ordinators would inevitably lead to fragmentation of curriculum within the district.

In other action, the regional district's superintendent of schools, Dr. Donald Merachnik, issued the state-mandated vandalism report in which he said there had only been 10 incidents of vandalism in all four schools combined from January to June of this year.

Four of the incidents had taken place at David Breatley Regional High School in Kenilworth and two at each of the other three schools.

The total cost of repairing the damage caused was \$4,992.50, with only \$80 of that coming from Johnson.

Board members also approved the participation of a student from Clark in programs at the Occupational Center of Union County in Roselle for three days per week with the remaining two days at the township school, the participation of a student from Carteret at the occupational center for two days per week with the remaining three days at the Clark school and the participation of a student from Clark at the county occupational center at Rumlens Hospital in Berkeley Heights for two days with the remaining three days per week at Johnson.

Gave their permission for the employment of Mr. Sott as a consultant to the regional district for an additional year to provide inservice education in mathematics for staff members.

Gave their permission for Prof. Don Babin of Glassboro College to spend Monday, Oct. 17, in the district to conduct a general staff meeting on communications.

Authorized the participation of the Johnson football team and coaches in a football camp from Friday to Tuesday, Aug. 26 to 30, at Brookwood Camp in Port Jervis, N. Y.

Approved the participation of George Hill, Donna Godeski, Ruth Grossman and Kathryn Zigmont, all of Johnson, at a basic skills improvement workshop on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 30 and 31.

Okayed the attendance of 94 students from the district at the Union County Vocational Center in Scotch Plains for 1983-1984 at a total cost to the Board of \$71,158.

Approved the conducting of three workshops during the 1983-1984 school year by Mr. Baker.

Authorized the attendance of Miss Cynthia Mantio, a teacher in the auditorially-handicapped program, at a workshop on special language and communication disorders at McGill University in Montreal from Monday to Friday, Aug. 22 to 26.

Granted Mrs. Angela Maulbeck, a clerk at the township school, a one-week unsalaried leave of absence from Aug. 8 to tomorrow so she can honor a commitment made prior to her employment with the district.

Gave their permission for the employment of Henry Abrams in summer workshops at \$9 per hour.

Okayed the payment of \$522.45 to Mary Lou Wolcott, \$349.20 to Ann Marks, \$1,116 to Florence Anderson and \$2,160 to Felix Mongrolo, all former district employees, for unused vacation days.

County college offers computers for everyone

Twenty-two courses covering various aspects of computer operations will be offered at five Union County locations by Union County College during the fall semester, it was announced today by Dr. Leonard T. Kreisman of Westfield, the vice president for academic affairs.

The courses are offered through three associate degree programs and through the college's Division of Continuing Education. The degree programs include 17 credit offerings: the continuing education program five non-credit courses.

The computer courses will be offered at the college's campuses in Cranford and Scotch Plains, as well as at New Providence, Cranford and Elizabeth High Schools.

The fall semester will begin on Thursday, Sept. 1, on the Cranford and Scotch Plains campuses when all computer courses for credit will begin.

The non-credit courses will be offered starting on Monday, Sept. 19, at New Providence High School and also at the college's Cranford campus, and beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Elizabeth and Cranford High Schools, and also at the Scotch Plains campus.

The computer science courses for credit being offered this fall range from "Introduction to Computer-Based Systems," a course designed to introduce the student to the operation and the role of the computer in business, to "Applications Program Development I," which deals with the use of the COBOL language, to "FORTRAN," a course intended to familiarize the student with the high-level programming Language FORTRAN IV, using that language to solve typical programming problems.

The non-credit courses being offered this fall are "Understanding Computers," a non-technical course which requires no previous knowledge of computers, "Introduction to Data Processing," which deals with the fundamental concepts of computing systems, "Developing Mathematical Background for Computer Programming," "Computer Programming," "COBOL I," and "Computer Literacy for Adults."

Union County College offers two associate in applied science degree programs in Scotch Plains: Computer Science/Data Processing and Accounting/Data Processing.

In Cranford, the college offers Computer Information Services (CIS), an option in the business curriculum leading to the two-year associate in arts degree. All three are two-year programs.

The computer science program trains students to become entry-level computer programmers in a business environment. The accounting/data processing program prepares students for employment as junior accountants with large corporations.

The CIS program is a program that prepares students to transfer with advanced standing to four-year colleges and universities for the bachelor's degree. Upon earning the four-year degree graduates will enter the job market as "programmer/analysts," a position that utilizes the application techniques of the programmer as well as the theoretical know-how of the computer analyst.

In addition to the three programs, the college offers a non-credit credit certificate program in computer science/data processing that prepares individuals for positions as junior systems programmer, applications analyst and systems analyst.

Registration information for the credit courses may be obtained by telephoning 889-4100 in Scotch Plains or 272-8580 in Cranford.

Information on non-credit courses is available through the office of continuing education by telephoning 276-2600, extension 206 or 238.

\$2,200 to purchase the T-shirts, reported Jeff Karanja, the chairman of the Run For Life, and William Maguire, the former assemblyman and co-chairman of the marathon.

All proceeds will be donated to the Rahway Hospital Building Fund. For information, directions or registration please telephone 381-7036.

Miss Pinturo gets degree
A Clark woman, Maryann Nicole Pinturo, received her bachelor of arts degree in general public administration from Kean College.

Miss Kaminsky at People's
A Clark resident, Jacqueline Kaminsky, is employed this summer at People's Express Airlines as part of the co-operative education program at Montclair State College in Upper Montclair.

She is majoring in office systems administration at the college and will be earning college credits, along with salary and experience, through this position.

Co-operative education is a flexible program in which students work part-time or full-time during a semester or two of their four-year curriculum.

Anna Flynn joins Westfield YWCA

Joining the staff of the Westfield Young Women's Christian Assn. as the new office manager recently was Anna Flynn.

She has had extensive experience as an office manager/bookkeeper for the non-profit agency, Global Education Associates in East Orange, where she initiated the present book-keeping system, supervised mass mailings for educational and fund-raising purposes and co-ordinated a six-day conference on "Economics and World Order" including logistics, content, promotion and registration.

As administrative assistant, she worked on 1978 and 1982 political campaigns in Birmingham, Ala., and while at Columbia University School of Social Work in New York she worked as a survey interviewer.

Anna Flynn has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Notre Dame in International Studies, she's studied at the University of Innsbruck in Austria and has traveled extensively in Europe, Russia and Israel.

Clark Kiwanis to hold marathon

The Clark Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with Running Mates of Rahway, will sponsor a Marathon Race - "Run For Life - Triple Header" on Sunday, Nov. 6.

The race will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Rahway River Park and finish up in Clark. The pre-entry close-out will be Sunday, Oct. 23, and post-entry will be at 8:30 a.m. before race time.

Registrants will all receive a marathon T-shirt.

Meg Walsh guides Rider freshmen

Rider College in Lawrenceville hopes to add that "personal touch" when prospective students visit the Lawrenceville campus this year through its new Student Ambassador Program.

The Rider students will meet the prospective students and spend as much time as necessary with them, take them to classes in their field of interest, make arrangements to have them meet faculty, give them a tour of the campus and residence halls and just answer whatever questions they have.

A total of 54 upper-classmen have been specially selected for this new campus responsibility according to Cindy Ferguson, the assistant director of admissions and organizer of the program. They were chosen from each academic department and will escort prospective students in their major. It will be a one-to-one situation.

One of the student ambassadors from Union County is Meg Walsh, a journalism major and member of the women's varsity basketball team, who attended Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark.

Some coaches have representatives from their teams participating in the program.



10TH ANNIVERSARY BALL - The Social Committee of the Polish Cultural Foundation of New Jersey is finalizing plans for its 10th Anniversary Ball, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the East Brunswick Chateau at 678 Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick. Mrs. Mathias Hercek of Scotch Plains and Ed Wojcik of Union check the program plans as explained by Dr. Helen Kozlowski of Clark. For more details please telephone Mr. Wojcik at 688-2439. The Polish Cultural Foundation recently acquired the former Abraham Clark School in Clark for use as a cultural center. It also has an office in Irvington.



CREATING CRAFTS - Summer school students of Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School art teacher, Sandy Hasselman, received instruction for original credit during classes at David Breatley Regional High School in Kenilworth. Working on projects, left to right, are: Sandy Hasselman and Johnson students, Donna Langenberger, Sub Schomchick, and Nancy Madden, and Gov. Livingston Regional High School of Berkeley Heights student, Richard Sibona.