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Board tries to unscramble committee policy

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The members of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education, which includes Clark, on Sept. 6, approved on first reading a policy to establish and operate through a system of committees which "would allow Board topics to be more thoroughly explored," according to one member of the school body.

The tentative proposal was accepted by a vote of six to three.

The proposed administrative guidelines were the result of a prior discussion concerning an examination by the Board's attorney of the Open Public Meetings Act of Sunshine Law.

Board members requested the study because they were concerned about the number of their peers attending committee meetings which may have placed them-

selves in jeopardy of violating the meetings act.

The attorney, Frank Skok, had advised the Board at a previous meeting to restrict committee meeting attendance to four members or less.

He had said, during his prior report, the presence of five members of the nine-member Board would create a quorum, and, therefore, the school body would be considered capable of transacting business.

The new policy adheres to his recommendation, although it allows for interested Board members not serving on a particular committee to have input.

Also, in the event an issue of "extreme importance" is to be discussed, the full Board would be polled by the president, and all interested school body members would be able to attend, although official

Board action could not be taken. The meeting would be advertised at a special committee meeting.

According to the policy, the president of the Board and the superintendent of schools would serve as ex-officio members of all committees. The president would be able to attend any committee meeting provided his attendance did not increase the number of Board members present beyond four, except in the case of an important matter.

The purpose of the committees would be to study issues referred to them and then report back to the full Board for action.

The functions of the committees would be to fact find, deliberate and advise.

The guidelines provide for the president to determine a date by which the committee should report to the full Board when the

education body president refers an issue to a committee for study.

The committee chairman would be responsible for the scheduling of committee meetings. The policy also provides for a written report to be made to the Board after the committee has studied an issue, except in the case of the personnel committee, where confidential information is required.

The following standing committees of the Board were outlined: Buildings and grounds, business, policies, communications, regional district employees' suggestions, safety and health, education, future planning, personnel, student activities, teacher-board and transportation.

According to the policies committee members, standing committees were listed although areas of responsibility for each were not

because most committees understood their areas of concern.

Board member, Charles Vitale, criticized the policy for not outlining the perimeters of the committees.

Board member, David Hart, a member of the policies committee, agreed there would be a number of issues on which responsibilities would overlap, but said there was no way to resolve this, although not listing responsibilities would give the Board greater freedom to decide where an issue should be assigned.

Mr. Hart also said the policy would give the Board president greater flexibility. He said the president is responsible for nominating committee chairmen and members.

He explained, in the past, Board members were asked to notify the superintendent of schools of their inten-

tions to attend a committee meeting. He explained a fifth member would have been asked not to attend, or a meeting of the full Board would have taken place.

With the new policy, he added interested members (more than four) would be able to attend, after the meeting's advertisement as a committee session.

Board vice president, Joseph Vaughn, said the committee structure had a purpose. He believed limiting the number of people at a committee meeting was a problem.

Board member, Harold Donaldson, also a member of the policies committee, saw this "pilot" as a good approach and workable. He favored the policy's tangibility because he said the Board, in certain instances, did not know how to proceed.

In a related matter, Board president, Stephen Marcinak of Clark, revealed the results of an informal survey of Board members' preferences regarding committee designation. His findings were the majority of Board members favored rotation of committees as members and chairmen.

In light of this, he said he has re-assigned important committees primarily on the basis of Board members' seniority, as well as experience, interests and preference. He considered the business, personnel and communications committees as vital.

Several Board members were opposed to the re-assignments because of the timing, saying the change came about five months into the School Board year. Others believed the changes were too sudden and cre-

ated a "lack of expertise" on some committees.

In another matter, the Board heard from a school official who outlined a series of objectives to be reached during the coming year in line with the Thorough and Efficient Education Act.

The four objectives are:

- A Basic Skills Improvement Program for grades nine to 12. The goal is one grade level of improvement for these students by June. A standardized test will be given.
- A computer skills course for ninth graders. The class will take place during a period before school for credit. This pilot program will occur each semester in each high school in the district. The course will accommodate 18 students. The goal will be the achievement of a 3.0 average upon completion. A stan-

dardized examination will be given as in Computer Science I.

Listening skills. The school official said a renewed look will be taken toward this basic skill in English classes in grades nine to 12. He added school officials hope to see a 70% proficiency in this area by June. No standardized test will be given.

Frequent student suspension. The focus of this objective would be the same small group of students suspended frequently in each high school, according to the school spokesman. The goal would be to reduce suspension rates as well as increase class attendance. This will be a two-year effort, he concluded.



Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, NOV. 8, GENERAL ELECTION.

The Rahway News-Record and the Clark Patriot will publish pre-election advance issues on Thursday, Nov. 3.

All biographies and/or pictures of the candidates for that issue must be in the hands of the editor at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065 NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCT. 27.

In order to give candidates a chance to respond to any charges made by opponents, NO CHARGES WILL BE ACCEPTED LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCT. 20, FOR

PUBLICATION IN THE OCT. 27 EDITION.

FURTHERMORE, ALL CANDIDATES WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO ONE-AND-A-HALF-PAGE NEWS RELEASES--TYPED AND TRIPLE SPACED--PER WEEK DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS--TO--THE DEADLINES, except in the case of an election cancellation or postponement, in which event the editor will decide which deadlines to impose WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

ALL RELEASES MUST FOLLOW THE AFFIDAVIT RULES PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER.



Clark Kiwanis plans 'Run For Life'

The Clark Kiwanis Club will sponsor a marathon race, "Run For Life-Triple Header," on Sunday, Nov. 6. The race will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Rahway River Park and finish up in Clark.

The pre-entry closeout will be on Sunday, Oct. 23, and the post-entry is at 8:30 a.m. before race time on Nov. 6. Registrants will all receive a marathon T-shirt. Males and females in all age groups may enter.

Three awards will be distributed in each male and female group in three different length races: Five mile, two and a half mile and one and a quarter mile. Rest room facilities will be available, and free parking is available in the Huffman-Koos parking lot directly across the street from the park.

The chairman of the Run For Life is Jeff Karinja, and William Maguire, the former assemblyman, is the 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.



HANGING IT UP - George H. Hoer, an associate manager for the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. in Newark retired after 37 years' service with the company. Mr. Hoer, who lives on Thomas Dr., Clark, joined the company in 1946 as a lineman in Elizabeth. He is a member of the Newark Downtown Council and the H. G. McCully Upstate Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

'Of course, of course' adult school has something for everyone's taste

A spokesman for the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 announced the fall term offerings for the Union County Regional Adult School scheduled to begin the week of Oct. 3 at all four regional high schools, including Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

Area residents may register in person at the regional high school offering the courses they desire on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. Because some courses have limited enrollment, early registration by mail is advisable.

Some new courses being offered are: "A New You," "Personal Security Planning," "The Home Computer," "Basic Antique Pendulum Clock Repair," "Lamp Shades," "Needlework Potpourri" and a group of six two-or-three-session programs which include "English Smoking," "Hemstitching," "String Quilting," "Assisi Embroidery," "Needlework Framing" and "Trapunto Quilting."

Another new course being offered is "Microwave Cooking."

Because of the heavy demand, extra classes are being offered in both "Basic Word Processing" and "Computer Programming" on Saturday mornings. Also included in the Pilot Saturday Program is a class on "Auto Emissions" in which students may qualify for state certification.

In the career-development field courses offered include "Beginning," "Intermediate" and "Refresher Typing," "Refresher Short-hand," "Stenograph I and II," "Bookkeeping and Accounting," "Accounting for Small Business," "Small Business Seminar," "Basic Word Processing," "Computer Programming" and "The Home Computer." In the vocational and technical field courses include "Furniture Refinishing," "Electricity for the Home

owner," "Advanced Auto Mechanics I and II" and "Amateur Radio." Languages being offered are "Spanish I and II," "Polish I and II," "Italian I and II" and "German I and II."

Courses of special interest include "Assertive

Training," "Yoga," "Memory and Concentration," "SAT Review" (English and mathematics), "Speechcraft," "Investment Strategies" and "Personal Security Planning."

In health and recreation courses include "Active

Slimnastics," "Aerobics," "Volleyball" (co-educational and advanced), "Helping Smokers Quit," "Standard First Aid" and "Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)."

Arts and crafts courses offered are: "Oil Painting,"

"Tin Piercing" and "Calligraphy I and II." The "Just for Fun" group includes "Dancing I and II" and "Beginning Photography."

The adult school will also sponsor two bus trips: Trip No. 1 on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to the

Seacucus Shopping Area. Trip No. 2 is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Please telephone the adult school office for complete details.

Brochures outlining all the courses may be obtained

at Arthur L. Johnson and all the main libraries in the surrounding area as well as in the shopping areas. For further information please telephone Harry Linkin at 376-6300, extension 99, during the day or William Miskowitz at 388-6817 evenings.

Carnival clowns champion charity

This summer two students in the fifth grade at Clark's Charles H. Brewer School, Jennifer Torrick and Stefanie Novy, decided to put their free time to good use. The girls held a carnival to raise money for the Valerie Center at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

The carnival offered cold drinks, popcorn and homemade cookies. Customers could play numerous games, have their arm tat-

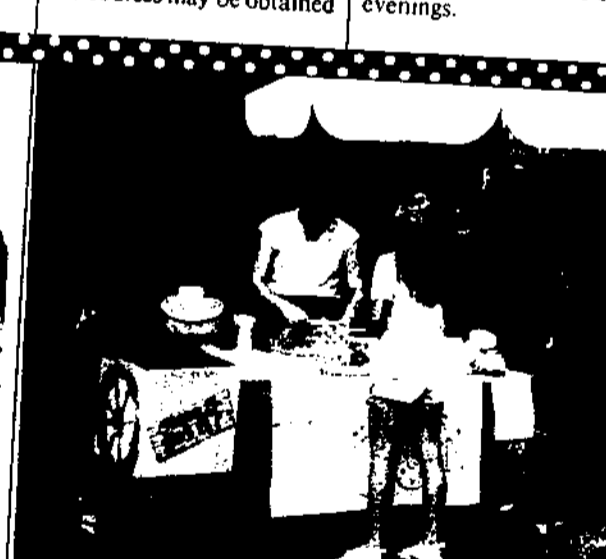
toed or have their face painted like a clown.

The girls received help from their friends, Debbie Perks; Robyn Frank; Jennifer Bruno; Lynda and Susan Grosso; Kelly Torroth; Chrissy Ebert, and Jenny Kingsbury.

The carnival was such a success the organizers presented Emy Hyans, the pediatric social worker at Overlook, with \$45 to help the young cancer patients.



CARNIVAL OF FUN - Lauren Riggi is painted like a clown by Stefanie Novy during the carnival held in Clark to raise money for the Valerie Center at Overlook Hospital in Summit.



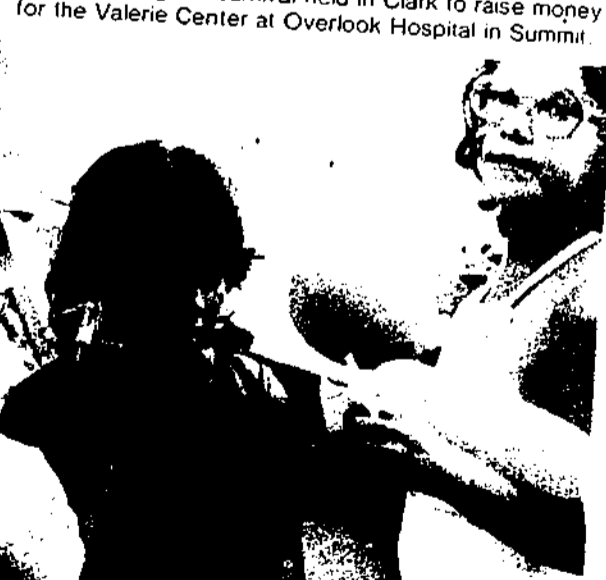
SUMMER COOLERS - Ice cold drinks are sold to Kelly Peterson, left, and Karen Crincoli by Mrs. Bonnie Nusser during the carnival held in Clark to raise money for the Valerie Center at Overlook Hospital in Summit.



A SUMMER'S ROMP - Children line up for refreshments and games at a summer carnival held by Jennifer Torrick and Stefanie Novy of Clark to raise money for the Valerie Center at Overlook Hospital in Summit.



CLOWNING FOR CHARITY - Jennifer Torrick places hats on Chrissy Ebert as Jenny Kingsbury waits her turn during the carnival sponsored by Jennifer Torrick and Stefanie Novy of Clark for the benefit of the Valerie Center at Overlook Hospital in Summit.



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