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Board of Education authorizes attorney to pursue convicted teacher case before state

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The decision on whether a township teacher placed on five years' probation in Superior Court on sexual assault charges filed by students in the Clark elementary schools will be allowed to teach again will apparently be left up to the state commissioner of education's office.

According to Clark Board of Education Secretary and School Business Administrator Philip A. Miller, the school body voted on Nov. 8 to authorize its attorney, Steven Glicksman, to conclude the case of Frederick Fischer before an administrative law judge in the commissioner's office.

Mr. Miller told The Clark Patriot one of the actions that could be taken against Fischer, since he has tenure, is to force him to surrender his teaching certificate during the time he is on probation.

It will probably be determined when the Fischer case is heard whether he will be able to return to Clark to teach, according to Mr. Miller.

This is why Mr. Glicksman has been authorized to pursue the matter. Board members also approved a lease agreement with the township whereby municipal officials will have the use of the closed Charles H. Brewer School for 20 years beginning on Sunday, July 1, 1984, at \$1.

In a move related to the Brewer facility, the school body authorized the rental of the school's multipurpose room to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Young Men's Christian Assn. from Thursday, Dec. 1, of this year, to Saturday, June 30, of next year to be used on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at a total rental of \$2,748.90.

Several adjustments were made to the 1983-1984 school-year budget, most of them to accommodate staff members transferred between the Brewer School and Carl H. Kumpf, which now serves as the township's middle school.

In other action, the Board:

- Approved the organizational plan for the 1984-1985 school year, which calls for the net loss of one teacher. Kumpf will lose one teacher at each of the sixth-to-eighth-grade levels and will receive a foreign language teacher to instruct the eighth graders.
- An increase in fifth graders projected for next year also created the need for an additional teacher at the Frank K. Hehny School. The closing of Brewer also caused a temporary space shortage, forcing the scrapping of plans for a full-time kindergarten and pre-school program, it was reported.
- Voted against a plan which would have authorized the Superintendent of Schools Dr. John T. Fanello to place fourth-grade students who live in the Hehny School district to be placed in the Valley Road School from Nov. 9 of this year to June 30 of next year.
- Accepted \$5,889 in state funding for pre-school handicapped programs.
- Approved revised regulations for use of school facilities which would, among other things, require organizations using the facilities to have their own minimum insurance providing coverage of \$500,000 for bodily injury per person, \$1,000,000 for bodily injury per accident and \$50,000 for property damage.
- Okayed the use of one room on the ground floor of the Kumpf School for sixth-, seventh- and eighth graders. Because the room is not standard size it requires state approval before it can be used for instruction.
- Awarded a \$22,600 contract for storage and entrance modifications at Kumpf to Joseph Percario of Roselle.
- Awarded a transportation contract to the Deerfield School in Mountainside to the Dover Transportation Co. of Hillside at \$29 a day, effective on Nov. 1 of this year, to Friday, June 22, of next year.
- Okayed occupational therapy for a handicapped child for the 1983-1984 school year at Jeanne Buchler, Carol Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, effective on Oct. 17 of this year to June 22, of next year.
- Approved advanced study grants for spring, 1984, for Paul Westerfield, William R. Norris, Jr., Mary E. Norris, Ken Davidson, Gayle Conlin, Pam Mullin, Ellen Curtis, Francis Torsicello, Alfred W. Smith, Kathleen Sadtack, Barbara Russ, James Carovillano, Robert Sinekewitz, Dolores Downs and Pamela O'Reilly.
- Authorized an advanced study grant for 1984 for Mr. Miller for an Educational Administration Internship at Kean College of New Jersey in Union.
- Okayed reimbursement for Jeanne Buchler, Carol Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, effective on Oct. 17 of this year to June 22, of next year.
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- Approved a leave of absence without pay for Mrs. Lillian Liskovec, effective on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1984, to Sunday, Feb. 13, 1984.
- Authorized the attendance of David Hart at the Annual Fall Conference of the New Jersey Secondary School Principals Assn. in Atlantic City from Friday to Sunday, Nov. 9 to 11, of next year.
- Okayed the inclusion of \$2,518.96 in vacation pay in the Thursday, Dec. 15, paycheck of Caesar Marone.
- Authorized the hiring of Mrs. Eileen Radt as a pre-school aide for 1983-1984, effective on Nov. 9 of this year to Friday, June 22, of next year at \$4.85 per hour worked up to a maximum amount of \$1,782.38.
- Approved James Carovillano, Larry Crawford, Joanne DeJou, Ralph Fraser, Philip Gutkowski, Robert Hill, Larry Lewandowski, Ray Ortel and Ronald P. as sports officials for the 1983-1984 school year.
- Okayed the increase in the salary of Miss Gerald Iden, a teacher of the handicapped, from \$80 to \$16,800 for the 1983-1984 school year.

Rahway Hospital honors Hospice aides

Hospice volunteers at Rahway Hospital were honored on Nov. 5 at a recognition banquet held at the hospital.

The president of the hospital, John L. Yoder, and Gordon Harris, the chairman of the Board of Governors, thanked the volunteers for their commitment to this program.

Ed Valvano, a friend of the Hospice program, spoke to the group about what Hospice meant to his family in their time of need.

The Hospice Program at Rahway Hospital provides care and support to patients who are in the final stages of an illness. A team of professionals—doctors, nurses, clergy, social workers, dietitians and trained volunteers—work together to maintain the quality of life for the patients, most often in the home setting. The main concern is keeping the patient pain-free and assisting the family in coping with the situation, reports Mr. Yoder.

Hospice volunteers undergo a seven-week training course before being accepted into the program. They do errands, hold hands, pick up medications, feed patients and perhaps most importantly, just be there. Even after the death of a Hospice patient, they are still available to help the family.

Since March, 1981, the Hospice Program at the hospital has provided services to more than 150 families in the hospital's immediate area.

In a related move, Gov. Thomas H. Kean proclaimed the week of Nov. 13 to 19 as New Jersey Hospice Week and Rahway Hospital's program is joining with 34 other Hospice programs in the state to celebrate.

The 38 Hospice volunteers honored by the hospital received a green-and-white pin with the international Hospice logo depicted. The logo was designed and donated by S. Neil Fujita, an artist with an internationally-known public relations firm.

Helping Hand returns to Clark

The Valley Road School Parent-Teacher Assn. of Clark is in the process of re-instating a **Helping Hand Program** under the direction of Kathy Torpey, the chairwoman.

The program is designed for the benefit of school children and its success depends on concerned area residents volunteering their time and assistance, reports the chairwoman.

Below is a detailed explanation of the program. Anyone interested in being a block volunteer should telephone Mrs. Torpey at 381-8047 for an application. Any information on the application will be held in strictest confidence.

PURPOSE
A. To provide assistance and contact authorities in the event a child: Has been bothered by a stranger, has become lost, has been hurt, is being chased by an animal or is being bullied by other children.
B. The purpose is NOT for: Toilet facilities, medical attention, unless it is an emergency, providing food or beverage or babysitting.

VOLUNTEER'S RESPONSIBILITY
A. A volunteer accepts the responsibility for: Acting as an extra pair of eyes for law-enforcement officials and will report any suspicious incidents to proper authorities, notifying the proper authorities immediately when assistance is needed, knowing the area chairman and maintaining close contact with him or her, notifying the police AND NO ONE ELSE when a case of molestation is apparent and being available when the Helping Hand sign is displayed.
B. A volunteer WILL NOT be responsible for: Administering medications under any circumstances, offering food or beverage, transporting any child in a car or transferring the Helping Hand sign to anyone without proper approval.
C. BLOCK PARENT HOME
A. The volunteer home will be that of a volunteer adult who has been approved by qualified officials, display the Helping Hand sign when, AND ONLY WHEN, the volunteer is at home, have the telephone numbers of police, rescue squad, district chairman and the school close at hand and be registered at Police Headquarters.
Once the program is set in motion, it will be on a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year basis.



CHANGING OF GUARD - Clark Police Officers' Benevolent Assn. Local No. 125 elected officers for 1984 at its regular meeting on Nov. 2. The newly-elected officers are: President, George Fahad, Jr.; second from left; vice president, Alvin Winton, second from right; recording secretary, Bernhard Elminger, treasurer, Harry Streckluss; sergeant-at-arms, Ernest Dmo, and corresponding secretary, Lou Giam. The trustees are: Joe Albrecht, George Fahad, Sr., John Giamon, William Hotschneider and Irving Solomon. The group is made up of members of various religious, educational, civic and business organizations. Its purpose is the promotion of a better understanding and co-operation between the residents of Clark and their police department. Congratulating George Fahad, Jr. is Clark Mayor Bernard B. Yarusavage.



MAKING THE CIRCUIT - James Pressman, center, connects the necessary wires to make a circuit while his wife, Mrs. Diane Pressman, left, looks on and offers her assistance. Mrs. Jane Penia, right, their son, Jason Pressman's science teacher, gives him a four plus for a job well done at the school's "Back To School Night."

Kumpf parents return to school

It was "Back To School Night" for the parents of Clark's Carl H. Kumpf School students on Oct. 19. This annual event opened with a Parent-Teacher Assn. meeting and a greeting by the principal, David M. Hart.

The parents then proceeded to follow a typical day in their children's schedules and were given the opportunity to meet the teachers and visit areas of interest such as the media center and the guidance and health offices.

In the classrooms they were familiarized with the curriculum, class requirements, materials, homework policy and marking procedures of their children's teachers.

In some classes the parents were challenged to work on student activities and were provided with the necessary equipment to do so. In the science classes of Mrs. Jane Penia, for example, they worked on making circuits.

The event concluded with refreshments in the cafeteria and a social exchange among administration, faculty and parents.

Fraternity taps Kenneth Guarino

A Clark resident, Kenneth Guarino, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore J. Guarino, became an associate member of the Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Guarino, a graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, now attends Richmond College, the men's undergraduate division of the university, and is one of 29 new members of the fraternity.



LEARNING THE LANGUAGE - Mr. Carl Young, left, a language arts teacher at Clark's Carl H. Kumpf School, reviews the curriculum with Mr. and Mrs. William Kaiser whose son, Eric Kaiser, is in Mr. Young's sixth-grade class, during the Oct. 19 "Back To School Night."