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## Teachers receive 17.4% boost over two years

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The Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education, which governs Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, and the regional high school unit of the American Federation of Teachers have ratified a memorandum of agreement on a contract for the 1984-1985 and the 1985-1986 school years which provides for an average salary increase of 17.4% over two years.

According to the district's assistant superintendent of schools for personnel, Charles Baumann, the memorandum, which is a rough draft of a formal contract, provides for an average increase of 10.2% in the first year of the pact and 7.2% in the second year for a average of 8.7% each year.

A total of 331 teaching employees are covered by the agreement.

Mr. Baumann told The Clark Patriot the accord also includes a limit of five on the number of periods physical education teachers can work in a school day.

He said the academic teachers work the five-period limit two years ago.

Although other staff members, such as the school psychologists and newly-appointed department supervisors, are not members of the bargaining unit covered by the agreement, the assistant superintendent pointed out they are indirectly affected by the pact.

He said the psychologists' salaries are tied into the salary guide agreed to with the teachers in that they receive the salary guide amounts plus \$2,000 a year and newly-appointed department heads, who up until recently were members of the teaching staff, will receive \$4,000 for this year in addition to their compensation based on the step of the teachers' salary guide they are on.

In official action on Sept. 4, in addition to approving the memorandum of agreement, the Board authorized the district's Chapter No. 1

director, Mrs. Betty Ruffley, to accept Basic Skills Improvement Program funds for fiscal year 1985 including \$71,681 in state compensatory education funds and an allocation of \$91,824 in federal funds.

Board members also approved the renewal of the district's food-service management contract for 1984-1985 with the Ja-Co Co. at a reduced fee for a total administrative/service fee of 6.2 cents per type "A" meal and meal equivalents, up to a maximum total of \$28,000. Although the effect of the new rates is a little higher than the 8% service fee that was originally charged in 1973, for the type "A" lunches, which will cost \$1.20 for this school year, the 6.2 cents service fee is only 5.2% of sales.

The school body also was informed on the recommendation of the business committee, because surplus athletic shoes were successfully offered at a public auction on July 25, they will be disposed of according to the following policy: During each sports season in the current school year a lottery will be conducted to dispose of all surplus shoes for that season's programs; every student must take part in the lottery unless he doesn't want a pair of shoes, and if no shoes are available in his size he still will be able to have a pair of shoes from those available; shoes for winter sports will be distributed via a lottery by Friday, Dec. 7, of this year and those for spring sports via a lottery by Friday, March 29, of next year; only students making the team in a particular sport will be eligible to participate in that sport's lottery; using a random table the athletic directors will select a series of numbers, selected the same for each school on each lottery date; students will then pick numbers and those whose numbers match the numbers selected by the athletic directors will choose the shoes in the numbers drawn by the

athletic directors; the order of draw will be seniors, followed by juniors, sophomores and freshmen; there is no guarantee of size availability, although the athletic directors will try to arrange for a sufficient size availability, and as soon as the shoe inventory in each sport is exhausted the lottery will cease for that sport.

In other action, the education body:

- Authorized three additional students from Clark to attend Johnson to participate in a special-needs assessment program at the Union County Vocational Center in Scotch Plains.
- Approved the submission of an application for the use of a conference room at Johnson as a temporary classroom.
- Gave its permission for three tuition students from Newark to participate in a special-needs assessment program at the Union County Vocational Center from Monday to Friday, Oct. 8 to 19.

-Accepted affidavit of support petitions for the following students to attend the township school: Wu Man Yau and Pik Wan Yau from their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Chin of Clark, and Steven E. Billis from his uncle, Nicholas Pantos of Clark.

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-Approved the rescinding of the appointment of Yvonne Lorenzo as a part-time vocal music teacher at the Clark school. She cannot accept the position.

-Authorized the payment of \$1,000 to Mrs. Margaret Halsey, a clerk at the township school, for 100 unused sick days she had accrued at the time of her retirement on July 1.

-Gave its permission for George Hiltz, Mrs. Ruth Lenahan, Miss Karen Mumm, Miss Dorothy Ries and Irving Taylor, in mathematics and Mrs. Ruth Grossman in English, all staff members at Johnson, to be assigned to the BSIP Program for this school year.

-Authorized Herman Simmeth, at a stipend of \$2,615, and Douglas Felter, at a stipend of \$1,500, to teach the early-morning Scholastic Aptitude Test courses for the current school year. Both are Johnson instructors.

-Accepted the resignation of Jack Ford as head indoor track coach at the Clark school.

-Approved the appointment of Zeke Toun as assistant boys soccer coach at Johnson at a stipend of \$1,466 and Brian McNany as assistant football coach at the school at a stipend of \$2,175.

## Mother Seton opens with fresh outlook

and held by the students on Sept. 10.

Miss Eileen Caulfield joined the staff as a member of the social studies department. A graduate of Seton Hall University, Miss Caulfield also holds a master's degree from Seton Hall University. Most recently she taught at Sacred Heart Academy in Hoboken.

Mrs. Diane Dickert now fills the position of art teacher with a concentration on the fine arts program. Mrs. Dickert holds a bachelor of arts degree from Westfield State College in Westfield, Mass. In the fall she will complete a master of arts degree from the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford.

Miss Gabrielle Bunk became a member of the health and physical education staff. Miss Bunk holds a bachelor of science degree in health and physical education from East Stroudsburg State College.

An experienced teacher, Miss Bunk brings to her position at Mother Seton a strong background in both physical and health education. She has been active in several sports and coaching activities, reports a Mother Seton spokeswoman.

Miss Lynn-Beth Schwarz joined the staff of the science department.

Miss Schwarz holds a bachelor of science degree in biology from the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station. While enrolled at St. Elizabeth's, she participated in the honors program in biology and was active in campus ministry.

Mrs. Wang holds a bachelor of arts degree from the State University at Buffalo, where she was graduated cum laude. Mrs. Wang's previous experience includes extensive work as a financial analyst and senior accountant. In her spare time she has done volunteer work with the Warren Township Girl Scout Troop.

The school offers extensive academic and co-curricular activities. A complete college preparatory and business curriculum is offered to the students. A full honors program at each

grade level is offered in the major subject areas. Several advanced courses such as calculus, physics, and molecular biology are offered to students who successfully complete honors courses. The business curriculum offers a work-experience program for senior business students.

Courses in computer literacy are required of all students, and computer and electives in student science and word processing are popular for all students.

The school serves Union, Middlesex and Essex Counties. Busing is available from each county. An active and supportive parents' guild sponsors many social and fund-raising events.

Prospective students and their parents may visit the school at any time or may obtain further information by telephoning 382-1952.

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## Regional Adult School has menu for you

A spokesman for The Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, announced the fall term offerings for the Union County Regional Adult School schedule to begin the week of Oct. 1 at all four regional high schools.

Area residents may register in person at the regional high school offering the course they desire on Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Because some courses have limited enrollment registration early by mail is advisable if you wish to gain a spot in the class.

Because of the heavy demand, five classes are being offered in "Basic Word Processing." With the aid of dictetres, texts and hands-on experiences with the school's IBM displaywriters.

The "Amateur Radio" course will prepare the student to gain a "Ham License." Basic radio theory and Morse Code will be covered. The Federal Communications Commission novice examination will be given at the completion of the course.

The "Assertive Training" course is based on the principle people can learn how to be assertive and confident. Do you feel anxious when you must speak in front of people? Do you neglect to "tell someone off" when it is necessary and then feel miserable for not having done so? These are only a few of the many points to be discussed in this course.

A new course being offered is "Midlife Assessment." It will present special issues of change, growth and loss. Students will discover new parts of themselves as they open up options for the "best" of their life. Family, marriage, work, parents, health, aging—all of these topics will be explored with the help of a psychotherapist.

A course in "Tax-Advantaged Investments" will cover many ways of minimizing taxes and maximizing after-tax returns.

"Money Management for Women" will cover many topics including how to determine long-and-short-term financial goals, what are the different ways (and what are the benefits and risks) of investing and what steps students should take now to organize and resolve their investing dollar needs and problems.

A course brought back by popular demand is Speechcraft. This is a program module of the Toastmasters International Success Leadership Series.

Each session will move students forward toward the understanding of successful speech communication. The course is designed to help develop their self-confidence, thereby making them a much more effective speaker before any-size group, large or small.

Brochures outlining all courses may be procured at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark and at all the libraries. At the surrounding areas as well as all shopping centers.

For further information please telephone Harry Linkin at 376-6300, extension 99 or William Miskowitz at 388-6817.

adjustments and maintenance of other components, such as brakes and transmission. "Advanced Auto Mechanics II" will place emphasis on the electrical system and its operation. It will cover the maintenance, repair and overhauling of parts such as the distributor, the alternator, the generator and regulators. The "Auto Emissions" course is also being offered during the day at the Clark Library and evenings in the high school. Q.1010 is also being offered during the day at the Clark Library and evenings at the high school.

"Cardio Pulmonary Rehabilitation" and "Helping Smokers Quit." A round-table course includes "Beginning Sewing," "Knitting" and "Crocheting" offered during the day at the Clark Library and evenings at the high school.

Students will receive helpful hints on cake decorating techniques they learn by completely decorating a cake to take home to their family.

In the "French Cooking class" they will learn how to prepare a variety of French foods: appetizers, hors d'oeuvres, soups, entrées, vegetables, and desserts.

After some basic instruction they will prepare their own dishes with the instructor guiding them throughout the entire operation.

Arts-and-crafts courses include "Oil Painting," which will offer an introduction to all phases of oil-painting techniques and methods. "Tat Piercing" will offer instructions on fabricating and assembling pierced jewelry, candle holders and wall sconces.

Just for fun courses include "Dancing I and II" and "Beginning Photography."

In the "Beginning Astrology" course students will learn the basic concepts and interpretations of natal astrology. They will be taught how to calculate, set up and interpret their very own natal chart.

The "Numerology" course will show how numbers play a role in life.

Language courses being offered include "Pulch I and II," "Spanish I and II," "Italian I and II" and "German I and II."

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## Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, NOV. 5, GENERAL ELECTION.

The Railway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish their pre-election advance issues on Thursday, Nov. 1.

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. 25.

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. 18, FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OCT. 25 EDITION.

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

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## Hikers to cycle northeast Morris

The members of the Union County Hiking Club and their guests who wish to bicycle in the Northeast Morris Bike Ride should meet at the Joseph Lurker Memorial Park on Ridge-dale Ave. in East Hanover on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m.

Bicycles of five or more speeds are suggested. Participants should bring lunch.

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## Clark Dem viers to sponsor breakfast

The Clark Democratic candidates for mayor and council-at-large will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Broadway, Clark.

For ticket information please telephone George at 382-1977 or Fred 499-0972.



## Merck, union aides ok proposed pact

Negotiators for Merck & Co., Inc., which is headquartered in Rahway, and the Merck Inter-Union Council today agreed on terms of a new master contract proposed by the council. It will be submitted to union members for a ratification vote, and the Inter-Union Council has indicated it will recommend approval, reports a Merck spokesman.

Following is a statement by Merck's chief negotiator, Donald Brooks:

"We are happy to join the Inter-Union Council in urging union members to ratify this proposal. Specific points in the new contract will be made known to union members by their leaders. The company does not plan any public statement of details of the proposal at this time.

"Local contracts at several sites remain to be settled, and negotiators are expected to meet for that purpose in the near future.

"We are hoping for an early end to this long labor dispute, with all its hardships for both sides. We are looking forward to getting our people back on the job as soon as possible."