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Board transfers almost \$553,900 for salaries

A total of \$553,900 was transferred by the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education, which governs Arthur L. Johnson Clark, on Oct. 16 from a variety of accounts to provide for salaries for clerical workers, health aides and administrative personnel and for special education placements.

Most of the salaries are the result of recent contract settlements.

Of the transfers \$300,000 was moved from current expense surplus, \$130,000 from the account for regular transportation contracts, \$30,000 from property insurance, \$50,000 from an account for salaries of special education teachers, \$8,000 from the account for custodial salaries and \$5,900 from the account for the salaries of speech therapists and physical therapists.

The following amounts were put in the listed accounts: Personnel office salaries, \$4,500; supervisors' salaries, \$23,000; teachers' salaries, \$144,000; vocational teachers' salaries, \$12,500; librarians' salaries, \$3,700; guidance personnel salaries, \$18,000; Basic Child Team salaries, \$9,500; principals' secretaries' salaries, \$6,000; other instructional staff secretaries' salaries, \$16,000; attendance personnel salaries, \$1,400; nurses' salaries, \$1,700; health office secretaries' salaries, \$900; care-of-grounds salaries, \$2,000; repair-of-equipment salaries, \$2,500; special education tuition placements, \$60,000; and student body activity salaries, \$18,000.

The Board also approved the submission of a Chapter No. 2 Elementary and Secondary Education Block Grant application for 1984-1985.

The \$11,226 available will be used to supplement district funding for the purchase of health education materials, especially in the areas of chemical abuse and suicide prevention, and video cassette equipment.

School body members also approved two workshops in vocational education to account members of the teaching staff with new equipment which is to be used in drafting and machine shop classes.

Alex Kiselaw of Valcour Engineering in Springfield will be the workshop group leader for the machine shop workshop. He will be employed for 25 hours at \$9 per hour for a total of \$225 per hour for three teachers, including George Gergulas of Johnson, in the new computerized machine equipment.

This workshop will be held on successive Saturdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, and several evenings during the week.

Also approved under the workshop program was the hiring of Frank Blinn, a

teacher at Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, to serve as group leader for a drafting workshop at a fee of \$9 per hour for nine hours for a total of \$81.

In addition, five teachers will participate in the workshop, including Edward Bitens of the Clark school.

Also approved was a student field trip for students in the aviation class at the Aerospace Museum in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Nov. 6. Fifty students will participate with three staff members and the wife of one as chaperones.

Russell Clarke, Bernard Thomassen and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Foster.

The education body members okayed the employment of Rita Strochak as a teacher of English for the Foreign Born to replace Nancy Fisher. Mrs. Strochak will receive \$8.50 per hour for a total stipend not to exceed \$846.

Richard Esandrio was named to replace Arthur Krupp in teaching a course in computer programming in the Johnson adult school at a full stipend of \$405.50.

Board approval was also given for the submission of an English as a Second Language plan update to the county superintendent of school. Once this plan is approved by the school board the district will become eligible for \$8,711 in English as a Second Language funding.

Hired as student custodial assistants at Johnson at \$3.35 per hour for a maximum of three hours per day, effective on Oct. 17, were Louis Mezzo of 98 Coldwin Rd., John Notchey of 84 Armstrong Dr. and David Hampton of 63 Acron Dr., all of Clark.

School body members also gave their permission for the payment of \$81.50 per day to William Rose, effective on Oct. 3, for completing 10 consecutive days as a substitute teacher for Arlene Blatniewer in the township school's health department.

The members of the board of education also granted Mrs. Paula Burkhardt a maternity leave of absence to become effective on Wednesday, Jan. 2, of next year, to be followed by a child-rearing leave of absence for the remainder of the 1984-1985 school year, with Sunday, Sept. 1, 1985 as her official date of return.

Mrs. Burkhardt is a teacher of special education at the Clark school.

School body members agreed to adjust the payment of Mrs. JoAnn Ramundo to \$81.50 per day, effective on Oct. 11, for completing 10 consecutive days as a substitute teacher for Mrs. Emylaine Williams in the township school's health department.

The resignation of Susan Chiviale, the district's administrative assistant for public information, was accepted, effective at the conclusion of the workday on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Three Guys Restaurant was awarded a \$7,800 contract for the replacement of

the boiler room ceiling at Johnson.

The following Johnson staff members were approved as proctors for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests administered on Oct. 20: Lynn Margolis, Stephen Signa, Wendy Grambo, Linda Voros, Joseph Strait, John Aragona, Erika Broderick, John Maikos, Barbara Ruttenberg, Donna Lenahan, Lorraine Oliszewski, Richard Esandrio, Barbara Sutherland and Edward SanFilippo.

Douglas Feter was named as the Clark school's advisor for students attending the Columbia University Scholastic Press Conference on Monday, Nov. 5, and the following students were given permission to attend: Nancy Madden, Carol Deshly, Ellen Schisler, Bonnie Kartzman and Joyce Lim.

The representative said, "I think it's ludicrous for us to hand our billions of dollars in foreign aid to give the defense department billions to waste on over-priced spare parts and then to scrap a relatively inexpensive program that would save lives and protect the property of our citizens."

Failure of the Congress to authorize the water projects before adjourning for the elections will delay further consideration of the water-resources legislation until after the 99th Congress convenes in January.

Rep. Rinaldo said he has been assured by New Jersey Democratic Rep. Robert Roe, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Water Resources, which has jurisdiction over the legislation, the measure will be introduced possibly as early as next February.

Rep. Rinaldo added he will work for early authorization of the projects in the new Congress.

The Green Brook project would provide flood protection to the upper-basic municipalities of Berkeley Heights, Plainfield, North Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Warren and Watchung in addition to the lower-basin communities of Bound Brook, Green Brook, Dunellen and Middlesex.

As proposed by the Corps of Engineers, the project would include two dams and dry detention reservoirs in the upper basin as well as bridge replacements, channel modifications, flood-walks and levees along portions of the Stony, Green, Bongyuti, Cedar, Middle, Amrbosc and Bound Brook and the Raritan River.

The representative added the Rahway River and Van Winkles Brook flood control plan would be designed to provide protection against a 200-year frequency flood in the residential area of Springfield. In addition it would provide 160-year flood protection along the Rahway River in Union and 100-year protection between the mouth of Van Winkles Brook and Rte. No. 22.

The legislator noted the proposed improvements on the Rahway River would entail work along the water in Clark, Scotch Plains and Rahway. The Corps of Engineers has called for channel modifications, levees and concrete flumes for both the upper and lower portions of Robinson's Branch and the creation of a stop-log structure and swing flood gates in Rahway.

"If and when Congress approves the authorization bill and provides the necessary funding work on all three projects could commence in a matter of months," Rep. Rinaldo said, calling the Green Brook project "possibly the most important flood-control project in the state."



WATCH THE BIRDIE - Mike Kostelnik, a Rahway Hospital audio-visual volunteer from Clark, focuses in on a check presentation by Jim Stanton, right, an audio-visual checker for \$2,000 was a grant from the Exxon Co. to the audio-visual department at the hospital for the purchase of portable video equipment. A VCR with a built-in monitor, Exxon has a special grant program to aid non-profit groups whose retirees work as volunteers. Mr. Kostelnik worked for Exxon for 45 years and Mr. Stanton worked there for 31 years. The new equipment will be useful in taking presentations to health fairs, presenting information for volunteer recruitment and showing casualties in various areas of the hospital.

RAHWAY HOSPITAL



FOR ALL NATIONS... Finalizing the essay contest rules for the observance of United Nations Day in Clark, left to right, are: Chairman, Barry Gleitman, and Mayor Bernard Yarusavage.

Clark honors United Nations

Barry Gleitman, a senior at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, recently appointed 1984 United Nations Day chairman by Bernard G. Yarusavage, the mayor of the township, announced this year's UN Day observance in Clark focused on current UN issues with important domestic implications.

The International Conference on Population, the upcoming world conference to appraise the achievements of the UN's Decade for Women, and UN Day, yesterday, commemorated the 39th anniversary of the United Nations. In the United States

more than 1,000 communities participated in the nation-wide observance under the leadership of Theodore A. Burtis, chairman of the Sun Company, Inc., appointed 1984 National UN Day chairman by President Ronald Reagan.

In announcing UN Day plans for Clark, Barry Gleitman stressed the importance of the United Nations as the best means available for the resolution of global problems. He expressed the hope the 1984 observance of UN Day would be instrumental in furthering public understanding of the UN, its accomplishments, its limitations and its potential.

Papers set holiday deadline

The Thanksgiving issues, for the week of Thursday, Nov. 22, of The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will be mailed out on Wednesday, Nov. 21, since the offices of the newspapers will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22.

In order for our staff to have a happy holiday the

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ALL COPY FOR THE NOV. 22 ISSUE WILL BE WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14, AT 5 P.M. ANY COPY RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY
Debra Fanurik gets masters

Trinity University of San Antonio, Tex., awarded 51 master's degrees on Wednesday, Aug. 1. One student from Clark, Debra Fanurik of 137 Victoria Dr., earned a master's in arts degree in clinical psychology.

Rinaldo raps inaction on flood projects

The inability of the House and Senate to reach agreement on water-resources legislation that would have provided federal funds for several New Jersey flood projects was cited today by Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo, whose district includes Clark, as "a major failing" of the just-concluded 99th Congress.

The New Jersey Republican said the legislation, which included more than \$181 million for projects affecting communities in the Seventh Congressional District, was doomed in the Senate session when the Senate rejected the continuing resolution providing funds for several water projects.

Included in the House-approved measure was \$155.9 million for the Green Brook flood-control project, \$13.5 million for work on the Robinson's Branch of the Rahway River and \$12.3 million for the Rahway River and Van Winkles Brook flood-control project.

In a 11th-hour bid on the floor of the House to preserve the funding, Rep. Rinaldo said, "These are not spur-of-the-moment, ill-conceived pork-barrel projects. They have been planned for several years, have been determined to be cost-effective and are critical to the health and welfare of my constituents who live, work and in the areas abutting these waterways."

Noting flash flooding in 1973 resulted in six deaths and extensive property damage, he warned further postponement of the improvements recommended in 1981 by the Army Corps of Engineers could not only be costly, but could also unnecessarily endanger the lives of those living in the flood-prone areas.

He pointed out at the time of the 1973 flood the Corps of Engineers had been studying flood-control measures for the Green Brook for 18 years.

In a slap at the Senate's refusal to support the proposed flood-control work,

Hopefuls told release dates

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

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

All biographies and photos of the candidates for that issue must be in the Central Ave. Rahway, N.J., 07065 NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 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 NEWSPAPER.

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MEMBERSHIP: ALL CANDIDATES WILL BE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF A MAXIMUM OF TWO ONE-AND-A-HALF PAGE NEWS RELEASES AND PICTURE CAPTIONS. TYPES AND TRAPES SPACING: THE WIDE SPACING WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE DEADLINE, except in the case of an election postponement, in which case the deadline will be extended WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE. ALL RELEASES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THURSDAY, OCT. 18, FOR PUBLICATION IN THE NEWSPAPER.



WELCOME... The Rev. Joseph Rice greets students and accepts the offertory gifts during the opening Liturgy of St. John the Apostle School in Clark-Linden.



NICE TO SEE YOU - Mrs. Mary Benedetti greets pre-schoolers on their first day of school at St. John the Apostle School in Clark-Linden. From left to right, are: Maresa Kennedy, Bryan Russell, Francis Sake, Jessica ReMay, Mrs. Sake, Mrs. ReMay and Mrs. Russell.