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Clark Board adjusts budget

by Pat DiMaggio
A resolution reducing the Current Expense portion of the tentative budget was approved at the Clark Board of Education meeting held on Feb. 25.
A tentative budget totaling \$6,558,395.50 was approved by the board on Jan. 14 and included a Current Expense account of \$6,294,859. The new Current Expense portion is \$6,292,322, bringing the total budget to \$6,555,858.50.
Business Administrator Board Secretary Edward Flanagan explained that the Commissioner of Education had put forth a plan to reduce the number of children served by Compensatory Education by offering a monetary incentive. These funds held back by

the state are earmarked for remedial programs in preparation of the impending High School Proficiency Test (HSPT).
The board has decided that the anticipated \$29,490 held back by the state will be made up by increasing revenues. The amount to be raised by taxes will increase from \$5,151,522 to \$5,181,012, but the tax rate will stay the same.
Mr. Flanagan explained that in developing the tax rate for the tentative budget he "acted like any other homeowner and rounded up" to 4 cents, so we had some "room left." The \$29,490 increase will not be reflected in a higher tax rate.
If approved by voters on April 15, the budget would

result in a \$44.80 increase per year, on a house evaluated at \$112,000. For the school's portion of taxes the base would rise from \$2.20 per \$100 of assessed value to \$2.24.
Also approved by the board was a resolution accepting the resignation of librarian Mrs. Shirley Ducatman. In speaking of Mrs. Ducatman, Board member Mrs. Thelma Purdy said, "Mrs. Ducatman has always had the pupils and students of Clark at heart. We've all gained by having her with us. I am very sorry she's leaving the system, it will be a great loss."
Resolutions approving various conferences and workshops were adopted by the board on a vote of 7 in favor, with Board member

James Kehoe opposed. "All we are doing here is establishing a travel club," said Mr. Kehoe in voting against the resolutions.
Board President Thomas Faria said that the conferences and workshops were necessary "to gain knowledge that will benefit the school system of Clark."
The resolutions approved the attendance of Mr. Philip Foster at the National Principals' Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 14-18; the attendance of Mr. David Van Soest at the Northeast Conference of Teachers of Foreign Languages in Washington, D.C. on April 17-18; the attendance of Mr. William Norris at the Northeast Regional Conference on Social Studies in Boston,

Mass. on March 5-8; the attendance of Mr. H. Edward Flanagan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary at the National Association of School Business Officials in San Francisco, California on Oct. 18-22; the attendance of Mr. Flanagan at the 24th Annual New Jersey Association of School Business Officials' Conference in Atlantic City on May 14-16.
In other business the board:
—Adopted a resolution approving student observers and student teachers for the 1986 Spring Term.
—Approved the School Calendar for the 1986-87 school year.
—Approved Karen Dunn as a substitute teacher for 1985-86.

—Approved and authorized payment for a List of Bills in the amount of \$137,155.63.
—Approved a list of election workers for the annual school election to be held on April 15.
—Approved the following budget transfers: From account 1103111-Math to 1102101-part time Kindergarten Teacher at Valley Road School, \$10,000; 1103118-part time Computer Instructor, \$8,000; 1201225-new Resource Room expenditures to be reimbursed by the state, \$3,000; 1213295-Resource Room Teacher moved up on the salary guide, \$3,500; 1403867-Non Public Support Instruction, \$11,000; 1405650-Remedial Basic Skills Teacher moved up on the salary guide, \$2,000.

Gloria Havens nominated for Educator Award



MUSIC IN THE AIR — Mrs. Gloria Havens with some of her music students, left to right, Brian Arnold, Tara Clarke, Brian Fisher, April Abonilla, Michael Gollor and Robert Moskowitz (front).

Gloria Havens, Music Teacher at Frank K. Hehnyly School in Clark has been nominated by the Hehnyly PTA for consideration as the 1986 National PTA Phoebe Apperson Hearst Outstanding Educator of the Year, the school spokesman reported.
This annual award honors an outstanding educator whose achievements inspire excellence in students and other educators and who carries on the work of Phoebe Ap-

person Hearst, co-founder of the National PTA, on behalf of children and youth. This award is made possible by a grant from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.
Mrs. Havens was nominated on the basis of her accomplishments on both a personal and professional level.
Gloria Haven's name will be submitted to the National PTA, along with those of others nominated by PTA local units

throughout the country, for consideration as Outstanding Educator of the Year. Should Mrs. Havens be selected as the honoree, she will receive a cash award of \$2500 and an expense-paid trip to the National PTA convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, June 20-23, 1986. The PTA unit that nominates the selected educator will also receive a cash award of \$2500 to use in a school project of interest to the honoree.

Ortenzio introduces school staff

by Pat DiMaggio
Clark Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio would like to remind Township residents that the Internal Revenue Service has furnished the library with a variety of materials to help in the preparation of federal income taxes. Tax forms are available that can be easily photocopied for a small fee, he noted at the Board of Education meeting held Feb. 25.
Dr. Ortenzio also continued his introduction of various staff members of the public school system. Walter Cymansky is a resident of Clark and began his teaching career in 1958. He is a graduate of Newark State College and holds a Master of Arts degree with continued education. A veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Cymansky has taught a variety of subjects and treats each task with gusto.

Mrs. Elsa Dreyfus is a third grade teacher at Frank K. Hehnyly School and has taught at various levels since 1978. Mrs. Dreyfus attended Washington University in St. Louis and George Washington University in Washington, D.C.
A native of Greelyville, South Carolina, Mrs. Jeanne Good is a secretary in the office of Student Personnel Services. A mother and grandmother, Jeanne completed twenty years of dedicated service to the school district last fall.

Dorio is also a volunteer fireman in the Township of Clark.
Mrs. Florence Shukis has worked in the Clark public schools for ten years and is the mother of two children. She is a Payroll Clerk/Computer Operator in the Central Office and is an accomplished fly fisher. Mrs. Shukis approaches all problems with a warm smile and a friendly work.



HIGH ACHIEVER... Julia Ehrhardt, a junior at Mother Seton Regional High School Clark and a resident of Springfield has been selected to participate in the Chemistry Workshop sponsored by the Department of Chemistry at the College of Saint Elizabeth. Julia was one of 25 students from the state chosen for the program. She was selected on the basis of her high motivation and outstanding ability in the field of chemistry. Julia is a successful participant in Mother Seton's Chemistry League. In addition, she is actively involved in many curricular and extra-curricular activities at Mother Seton Regional High School.

Club planning Bockbierfest

CLARK — The Deutscher Club of Clark, Inc. will hold a Bockbierfest on Saturday, March 8, 8 p.m., at the club, 787 Featherbed Lane. Music will be featured by Norbert Lautewig.
Donation is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.

American Legion Post 328 plans special events for birthday observance

Members of Clark Post 328 of The American Legion are joining with millions of their fellow members throughout the nation in celebrating the Legion's 6th birthday this month, Mar. 15-16-17. As its part of the worldwide observance of this occasion, Clark Post is planning special festivities, Commander Specht announced.
Open house will commence at 11 a.m. and a dinner-dance at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at the post home on Westfield Ave. and Liberty Street. Commander John Specht is asking all veterans of Clark who do not belong to the American Legion to take advantage of this opportunity and visit the post. Members will be available to show visitors around and explain the purpose of the organization, all its programs and services the post provides.

The festivities of Post 328 will be part of a gigantic birthday celebration among the 16,000 American Legion Posts throughout the United States. The organization welcomes veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam Era. Commander Specht extends an invitation to all eligible war veterans of Clark and surrounding towns to become Legionnaires. Membership in The American Legion

gives the veteran an opportunity to be involved in the needs of the community, state, and nation through the many and varied programs of the Legion.
Proceeds from the St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance will benefit "The Chapel at the State Nursing Home in Paramus." This is Department Commander Sampson's Project. Commander Specht states the Legion motto is "For God and Country."

VFW Post to hold St. Pat's dance

The John L. Ruddy Post #7363 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 6 Broadway, Clark, will hold a gala St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 15, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Ladies Auxiliary will serve a choice of corned beef and cabbage, or baked Virginia ham; potato chips, pretzels, beer, and dessert.
Music will be featured by the Jimmy Day Band. Tickets are \$7.50 per person.
For reservations phone Frank Kobliska at 388-2888.



KUMPF'S OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS... Pictured are the twenty Carl Kumpf students of Clark who were named to the First Honor Roll for the second marking period. Front row (left to right): Michele Cohen, Christine Rulolo, Yolanda Urbanski, Karin Lichtman, and Eric Moraes; middle row (left to right): Kristen Isakson,

Art Association to host William Senior

The Clark Art Association will host William Senior for a watercolor demonstration at their Thursday, March 6 meeting. Mr. Senior attended Newark School of Fine Arts and Seton Hall University and is a member of the New Jersey Water Color Society. He is well known for his award-winning paintings and teaches at the Du Crest School of the Arts, at the Summit Art Center and at the Monclair Adult School. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Clark Public Library. The public is invited to attend.
On March 18 the Clark Art Association will sponsor a bus trip to Atlantic City as a scholarship fund raiser. The bus will leave at

9 a.m. from the Clark Public Library parking lot. The cost is \$7. For more information call Roso Reilly, 388-0926, or Dorothy Wilkinson at 388-8657.
A bus trip to the Brooklyn Museum is planned for April 12 where a special exhibition of impressionistic art works from Paris museums are on display. Anyone interested in attending, should contact Lorraine Itzkowitz, 381-5672.



INVOLVEMENT IN HISTORY... James Mumford, an annuitant of Exxon Research and Engineering Co. presents a check for \$1,000 to Lucia Pascale, president of the Clark Historical Society. The check is to be used toward the cost of restoring the cellar of the Dr. William Robinson Museum, 593 Madison Hill Road in Clark. This grant comes from the Involvement Fund of Exxon Company, U.S.A. in recognition of volunteer services of its employees and annuitants in community and civic affairs.