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School board sets new objectives for students

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Board of Education approved District Objectives for 1986-87 for submission to the County Superintendent at their first regular meeting of the school year held on August 26.

The objectives, for students in Grades 1 through 8, include the following: By June 1987, 85 percent of the students in grades 1 and 2 will attain a score of at least 85 percent on a teacher-made (district) spelling test; by June of 1987, 85 percent of the students in grades 3 and 4 will attain a score of at least 80 percent on a teacher-made (district) test for Work Study Skills; by June 1987, 85 percent of the students in grades 5-8 respectively, will attain at least an 8.0 on a registered holistically-scored grade level essay.

The board also approved a resolution closing lunch periods in the elementary schools. Any student wishing to leave the school grounds during the lunch hour will only be dismissed to a parent or designee. No child will walk from the school to the home. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio said he expects this action to amount to a sizeable savings to the township in crossing guard salaries. Ortenzio said there would be full notification before the absence of guards takes place.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a contract for occupational therapy between the Johnson Rehabilitation Center and the Board of Education for 1986-87.
- Approved reimbursements for attendance at conference to Claire Lyons, in the amount of \$42 and to Patricia Finzel, in the amount of \$381.
- Approved a resolution on Student Expectations that directs the administration to examine and consider the application of statements of expectations for student behavior and to develop and adopt a set of statements in accordance with the educational goals of the school district.
- Assigned Walter Boright, Claire Lyons and Paul Westerfield as Administrative Aides at a stipend of \$1,630 each.
- Recalled, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Jane Murray to a tenured teaching position at a salary of \$20,020.
- Approved the renewal for provisional certification for school nurse to be submitted to the County Superintendent for the continued employment of Karen Hudgins.
- Accepted the resignation of Gayle Conlin.
- Approved the appointment of Dr. R.G. Alvarez as the district psychiatrist at a fee of \$80 per evaluation.
- Appointed Miss Carolyn C. Zidiak as Resource Room teacher at a salary of \$19,480.
- Appointed Delia McCarthy as a teacher of the handicapped at a salary of \$19,180.
- Approved a list of substitute teachers, clerks and aides for 1986-87.
- Approved Ruth Carrea, Karen Hudgins and Rosalind Achet to assist in the annual sports physicals at a compensation rate of \$15 per hour for six hours.
- Approved Dr. Nito Santiago to conduct annual sports physicals at a rate of \$10 per examination.
- Approved Mrs. Jeanne Decker as Treasurer of School Monies at a stipend of \$1,800.
- Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Joanne Baglieri, Cafeteria/Playground Aide at Hehny School.
- Appointed, retroactively, the following individuals to changed positions for 1986 summer employment: Daniel Blazovic and Chris Gonczlik, from custodial aide (\$3.75) to painter (\$5.25); John Duch, Scott Latwicz and Lori Karamus for employment as custodial aides (\$3.75).
- Approved the following for the Kumpf School Co-Curricular Staff: Boys Soccer, Mr. Henderson, \$1,465; Girls Soccer, Mr. Young, \$1,465; Boys Basketball, Mr. Chinchar, \$1,465; Girls Basketball, Mrs. Powers, \$1,465; Lacrosse, Mr. Carovillano, \$1,465; Softball, Mr. Henderson, \$1,465; Drama, Mr. Lighthipe, \$870; Cheerleader, Mrs. Fischer, \$345; Yearbook Advisor, Miss Zidiak, \$545; Student Council Advisor, Mr. Carovillano, \$870.
- Awarded a contract for repaving Hehny School to R. Jones, Scotch Plains, in the amount of \$9,425.
- Awarded a contract for asbestos removal from Valley Road School and the Administration Building in the amount of \$18,528.
- Amended the rental agreement between the Board of Education and Edward Wray to read \$675/month for 24 months of the life of the contract.
- Approved an addendum contract to the C-9 Special Education Transportation Route in the total amount of \$10,516.50 for submission to the County Superintendent.
- Authorized the Board Secretary/Administrator and President to enter into a contractual agreement with the Union County Educational Services Commission to provide transportation for Special Education Students with the cost to be prorated by all users.



TEE MARKERS... Tee markers have recently been installed at each of the 63 golf holes found on the three Union County golf courses, according to Thomas Nolan, pictured at right, Director of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation. The tee markers, 18 by 20 inches and made from all-heart redwood, depict a detailed layout of the hole, indicating traps, trees and water hazards, along with the hole number, par and yardage information. The markers are supported by live-foot posts. Each marker also has sponsorship space available for sale to businesses and industry. The company name and/or logo will be shown in full color. The county entered into an agreement with a Virginia-based company, WoodGraphics, to produce the tee markers. Anyone interested in acquiring space should call WoodGraphics at (919) 772-8800. "Over 60,000 rounds of golf are played on each county-operated golf course each year," said Edward J. Slomkowski, at left, Union County Freeholder and Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "They will be a tremendous help to all golfers." Pictured center is Jerry Goldman, board member.

Strike averted at Johnson Teacher contract approved

by Pat DiMaggio
The Board of Education, Union County Regional High School District No. 1, covering Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, approved a contract with teachers on a vote of 8-0 at a meeting held on September 2. Members of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 3417, ratified the contract last week.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Merachnik said the two year contract calls for a 9.0 percent increase the first year and a 9.0 percent increase in the salary package for the second year. "I am very happy that the contract was ratified by both sides," said Dr. Merachnik. "It means that school will open on time. I believe it is a fair contract."

The contract covers 320 teaching staff members at the four Regional High Schools servicing the district.

Students from Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield attend Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, David Brearley Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, or Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

The board also approved the sale of athletic discount tickets during 1986-87. Prices will be the same as last year, \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets may be used for all home football, basketball and wrestling activities.

Arlene Blaumeiser, a health teacher at Johnson, was transferred to David Brearley, effective September 1.

Board Secretary/Business Administrator Harold Burdge, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Merachnik and Arthur L. Johnson Principal Louis De Rosa were awarded \$100 savings bonds in recognition of perfect attendance during 1985-86.

Clark AARP begins new season Sept. 12

Clark Chapter #3733 of the American Association of Retired Persons commences activities for the fall season on Friday, September 12, at 12:30 p.m. at the Brewer Senior Citizen Center, Westfield Avenue. Coffee hour is followed by a meeting at 1 p.m. The insurance programs of the American Association of Retired Persons will be discussed.

President Edith Leibowitz has issued a call for "the lending of a helping hand" to those who can no longer do for themselves. Service to others is an important aspect of the AARP program, she stated.

Monetary contributions have been made to the Clark Public Library, the Clark First Aid Squad, Mobile Meals of Westfield and Clark Scholarship Fund. Gift packages have been prepared for new mothers; lap robes have been made for nursing home and hospital patients; and volunteers have served at the Rahway Hospital, Westlake School, Clark Library, to a Newark soup kitchen delivering meals to shut-ins.

Members of the Standing Committees for the 1986-1987 season are: Program Gerry Coffey and John Regan; Newsletter, Dorothy Flynn and William Maguire; Mobile Meals, Rosealice Alex; Membership, Sally Cistaro; Public Relations, Grace Driesen; Nominating, Maude Stadlander; Legislative, Herman Tjaden; Refreshments, Virginia and Bill Abrams; Holiday Season Community Project, Mary and Bill Langstaff; Sunshine, Eleanor Hall; House, John Regan; 50/50, Edward Mefee and William Langstaff; Attendance, Joseph Szumolohoky; and Tours, Doris and Bill Maguire.

Openings are still available on the 8-day cruise out of Miami on the MS Starward, on November 1.

Membership in the Clark Chapter is open to persons over 55 years of age from surrounding communities.

Conlin, staff members honored for service

Resolutions honoring retiring Hehny School principal John E. Conlin and staff members who have achieved perfect attendance were approved by the Clark Board of Education last week.

Mr. Conlin, who began his tenure in the Clark school system in 1951, was honored by a resolution which stated, "John E. Conlin has never failed to live up to his professional civic responsibilities in the community by his participation as a distinguished member of the Union County Regional High School District adding to the stature of educational reform and has provided friendship, loyalty and great warmth to administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and above all, the children of the district."

Mr. Conlin retired on August 31 after serving 35 years as an educator.

Staff members who achieved perfect attendance for the 1985-86 school year were also honored by the board.

David Chinchar, Marie Davey, Kenneth Davidson, Patricia Finzel, Claire Lyons, Remo Maisto, Fred Muraview, Karen Wall, Virginia Warnock, Paul Westerfield, Dr. Ikeda, Jeanne Good, and Modesto Navarro will each receive a copy of a resolution which states, in part, "the Board recognizes the efforts of its staff to perform at high levels in the conduct of instruction and it also recognizes the accomplishments of particular staff to exceptional duty and the Board recognizes the importance of good staff attendance and it wishes to make known its pleasure to those individuals who have contributed to their performance with a year of no personal illness days from their duties."

Rinaldo bill seeks to save oceans from plastic litter

Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo (R-N.J.) said that New Jersey and other coastal states cannot on their own prevent the oceans from turning into plastic cesspools.

In sponsoring legislation to require that plastic products self-destruct, Rinaldo said it would require global solutions to prevent the dumping of millions of pounds of plastic on the world's seas.

"There is practically no shore-line anywhere on the face of the earth that has not been littered with plastic," Rinaldo said, "and it is taking a tremendous toll on marine life."

"From the Jersey shore to the remote islands of the Pacific, and as far south as the isolated beaches of New Zealand, millions of pounds of plastic bottle caps, six-pack holders, cartons and stray fishing nets are literally strangling marine life. It is an environmental catastrophe in the making that requires nothing less than an international crusade to prevent plastic dumping."

He noted that one survey of the South Atlantic found 1,000 to 2,000 raw plastic pellets per square mile. Marine biologists blame offshore dumping by thousands of vessels and sewage outfalls for choking the oceans with plastic litter.

Rinaldo was one of the authors of the 200-mile fishing limit law that has helped to restore marine life in U.S. coastal waters. He said that dealing with the problems of plastics is even more serious and difficult since it requires the cooperation of many nations.

New Jersey, he noted, is one of ten states that enacted legislation banning the sale of non-degradable six-pack holders and other plastic beverage containers. Connecticut, Maine, Delaware, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, California and Alaska are the others.

Under the legislation Rinaldo is sponsoring, the Environmental Protection Agency would require that any regulated plastic item must be biodegradable and decompose within the shortest period of time consistent with the use of the product. The EPA also would conduct an 18-month study and make recommendations for further action to Congress.

Migliorino named to dean's list at UCC

Josephine Migliorino of Clark has been named to the dean's list at Union County College last semester, according to Dr. Leonard T. Kreisman of Westfield, vice president for academic affairs.

She is majoring in dental assistance.



BLAST OFF INTO RETIREMENT... In honor of the retirement of John Conlin, right, principal of Frank K. Hehny School in Clark, and the school librarian, Mrs. Shirley Ducatman, left, students Jamie Abrecht, Greg Gryko and Kevin Burns, "launched" two rockets, which were built in Mrs. Katchon's fourth grade class in June. The students presented the retirees with the rockets and certificates, honoring them.

Polish Foundation offers courses

Full classes begin Tuesday, September 16 at the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark.

Courses are offered in Polish language for both beginners and advanced; Polish dance for children and adults; Polish history; aerobics; and a five-week course on the Tango.

The Foundation will also have a six-week course for those preparing to become American citizens, taught by Stanley From of North Plainfield. Mr. From is the recipient of a master's degree in history from Seton Hall University, South Orange.

Brochures with course descriptions can be obtained at the Polish Cultural Foundation, or by phoning 382-7197.

Mrs. Caesar Gazza of Maplewood is coordinator of the courses.

Newsstand price now 25 cents

The Rahway News-Record/Clark Patriot announced that effective with the issue of September 4, 1986, the price for a single copy will now be 25 cents. The publishers cited increases in producing the newspapers have made this change necessary.



FILL THE FRIDGE... Nancy Clary, technical director at the North Jersey Blood Center, stands in front of storage refrigerator to urge all residents to donate blood at the Blood Center, 45 South Grove St., East Orange. For more information on donating blood, phone 878-4700. Donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110 lbs., and be between 18 and 68.