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\$37,196 in state aid cut

\$7 million school budget approved

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Board of Education approved a tentative budget for the 1987-88 school year at a special meeting held on Monday.

The total budget of \$7,110,888 includes a Current Expense portion of \$6,929,441, a Capital Outlay of \$70,000 and a Debt Service of \$111,447. The Debt Service has remained the same for the past two years.

On a home assessed at \$100,000, taxes for school purposes would raise by \$40.

Included in the budget are funds for a summer school for remedial education and enrichment programs. Included in the funds for Capital Projects are plans to refurbish the school system's ball fields and the continuation of asbestos removal from the boiler room of Kumpf School.

Flanagan explained that Clark was notified by the State Department of Education that they will receive \$37,196 less in anticipated state aid. Cut were equalization aid, \$4,194, special education, \$17,863 and compensatory education, \$2,989.

Last night the board made cuts in the transportation account totalling \$20,176, the building and grounds account for

\$15,000 and in special education by \$2,020. Flanagan said this year's budget is \$70,000 under the state allowed CAP of 11,9365 percent.

Also at the meeting, the unexpired term of Board Member John Dillon, who died last week, was filled by Lori Kazanowski. Ms. Kazanowski is a parent and a registered nurse and will serve until the school board elections in April.

Board seats open in Clark

The Union County Regional High School District No. 1 announced that Board of Education seats in Clark are to be filled at the April Elections.

Residents desiring a nominating petition to be considered for a vacancy may contact Harold R. Burdge, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Education, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Petitions must be completed and returned to Mr. Burdge by 4 p.m. Thursday, February 12.

Requirements to serve on a Board of Education in New Jersey include: Citizenship, ability to read and write, and residency

within the school district for a one year period. Voting by the residents of Clark on the Budget and for Board Membership will take place on April 7, from 2-9 p.m. in the following schools:

Ward I, Districts 1-3: Frank H. Heltnly School, Raritan Ave.
Ward I, District 4 and Ward IV, Districts 2, 3 and 4: Carl H. Kumpf School, Mildred Terrace.

Ward II, Districts 1-4: Charles H. Brewer School, Westfield Avenue.
Ward III, Districts 1-4 and Ward IV, District 1: Valley Road School, Valley Road.

Clark BPW plan dinner

The Clark Business and Professional Women's Club will meet at the Ramada Inn in Clark at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

After a short "getting acquainted" period, dinner will be served.

An audience participation program, "How Well Do You Know Yourself?"

follows. Debbi Sornstein of Elizabeth, director of BPW, District 2, will lead it. The cost is \$14.50.

All interested business women are invited to attend. Call Winnie Caravan at 382-2500 by Friday, Feb. 6 for reservations and further information.

Clark board sets back Kindergarten entry age

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Board of Education last week changed dates of admission to kindergarten. The new policy requires children to be five at an earlier date than heretofore.

Under the new policy, youngsters have to be five by Nov. 15, 1987 to be admitted for the 1987-1988 school year. For the 1988-89 school year, children must be five by Oct. 1, 1988. The old policy required that a child must be five by Dec. 31 to enter school.

The vote was seven to one for the new regulation. Only board member John Schneider was opposed. In another matter, Board Member Toby D'Amboia clarified a statement he had made at the Dec. 16 meet-

ing about advanced study payments. At that time, payment was approved for Mrs. Barbara Delnero, a staff member, for \$864. Saying he wished to "clarify the situation," D'Amboia explained he was increasing the amount of study hours allowed under Board of Education policy, not Mrs. Delnero's capabilities. "I questioned the fact that a faculty member had taken four courses," said D'Amboia. "And I asked Dr. Ortenzio to check the policy on the amount of hours allowed each staff member."

That is almost a full load. It would be strenuous for any person, and may impede performance in the classroom. I felt there should be a limit of two courses. My impression of Barbara Delnero is that she is an enthusiastic, very good teacher. She is well admired in the community. I never intended to make any judgement.

A resolution honoring James Carovillano was also approved by the board. Carovillano, who initiated the Clark Public Schools Interscholastic Lacrosse Pro-

gram, resigned to accept a position with Arthur L. Johnson High School. "James Carovillano has consistently brought to this sport a high level of professionalism and student interest in the real intent of extra curricular activity," the resolution said. "The Board of Education recognizes him as a teacher and coach and gives public recognition to his invaluable service and high standards as a coach and teacher."

The board approved a school calendar for 1987-88 which sets June 23 as the last day of school for students and teachers. School will resume on Sept. 8 for teachers, and on Sept. 9 for students, with a four-day presidents' weekend holiday scheduled in February.

In other business, the board:
—Amended the annual Basic Skills Improvement Budget to read as follows: Chapter 1, \$38,914; State Compensatory Education, \$36,671; ISPT, \$23,132.
—Entered into an agreement with the Union County Educational Services

Commission for Non-Public School textbooks for the 1987-88 school year.

—Approved the Pre-School Curriculum Guide.

—Approved reimbursement for conference attendance for Robert Norris, Elaine Zemeckis, Robert Sinkewitz, and Walter Borjg.

—Approved a tuition reimbursement of \$167.40 for Florence Shukis.

—Agreed to join the Wayne Computer Purchasing Consortium at no cost to the district for a united buying opportunity.

—Approved continued membership in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Services Consortium.

—Approved attendance of Susan Miksza and Philip Foster at the National Association of Elementary School Principals Annual Convention in Orlando, Fla.

—Appointed Barbara Roth and Carolyn Zidiak as Home Instructors at \$15 an hour.

—Accepted the resignation of Anthony Abela of the maintenance department.



John Hutchinson

Assistant Principal appointed at ALJ

The Union County Regional High School District Board of Education appointed John Hutchinson, District Director of Adult Education, to the position of Assistant Principal at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School.

Prior to his service as Director of Adult Education, Mr. Hutchinson served as a social studies teacher and department supervisor at the David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth.

In his new position he will handle student activities, discipline, transportation, and serve as chairperson of several departments of the school. Mr. Hutchinson is married to the former Arleen

Lunz of Union and is the father of four sons ages 6-13. He resides in Roselle Park where he is active in community affairs. This includes membership on the Superintendent of School's "Key Communicators for Excellence in the Public Schools Committee," the Dads Club, the Youth Baseball League, and the Recreation Basketball Program, as well as serving as coach for the CYO 5th and 6th grade basketball team. He also is interested in boating and fishing, and of figures at local area high school basketball games.

Mr. Hutchinson is a 1967 cum laude graduate of St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He holds a B.A. in history and a Master's Degree in education from Seton Hall University. He has received additional training and certification as a principal in courses at Kean College.

In his new role as Assistant Principal, Mr. Hutchinson states that he will "attempt to maintain the consistency and excellence in the school and in school programs that were established by his predecessor, David Carl."

He noted he believes "in academic development coupled with strong discipline and character development for each student."

As a teacher, department supervisor and now Assistant Principal, he states he enjoys the reputation of being a "student oriented person."

ALJ Booster Club honors lettermen

The Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Athletic Booster Club honored all lettering athletes involved in fall sports at an awards program held Dec. 8.

Mrs. Anne Marie Raymond, Chairperson, welcomed the athletes, parents, guests, coaches and school officials. They included Dr. Donald Merachnik, Superintendent of Schools; David Carl, Principal; Board of Education members Mrs. Virginia Muskus and Melvin Altman; and Louis Peragallo, Athletic Director.

Most Valuable Player Awards were presented by the coaches to:

Dana DeSanto, Girls Cross Country.
Kathy Curtis, Gymnastics.

Debra Heller, Girls Soccer.
Jayne Heinze, Girls Tennis.

Russell Black, Boys Cross Country.
Stephen Washington, Boys Soccer.

Alan Salowe, Football.
Alan Salowe, Outstanding Back.

Robert Gallo, Outstanding Lineman.
Andrejes Delle, Coaches Award.

Mrs. Carole Hayden, President, spelled out details on the upcoming Super 50-50 Raffle being conducted by the Athletic Booster Club. Two hundred tickets are being sold for \$10 each. At the Winter Awards Program in March, two winning tickets will be drawn. For further information, call 388-7916.

AARP slates meeting Feb. 13

Clark Chapter No. 3733 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at the Brewer Senior Citizen Center, Westfield Ave., Clark. Social hour will be held at 12:30 p.m.

Phillip Capellupo, Regional AARP Secretary will speak on "Your Rights."

The Clark AARP distributed holiday gift packages to mobile meals recipients, residents of Cranford Hall Nursing Home and the Rahway Hospice.

Tours are scheduled for Mar. 26 to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater; Apr. 8 to Boscobel Mansion, Bear Mountain Inn and Winery; June 8th to 12 to Nova Scotia, trip to Hawaii Sept. 15.

Applications for new memberships are now open.

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ALJ Lady Grizzlies are pictured during a recent hoop game.



UCUA BOSS . . . Joseph E. Kazar, center, is congratulated on his appointment as Executive Director of the Union County Utilities Authority by Chairman James J. Fulcomer and Vice Chairman Blanche Benasiak. Kazar is from South Plainfield. The authority is the nine-member panel that will oversee Union County's solid waste management. Kazar assumed his post in mid-month. Formerly, he was director of the county Environmental Affairs Division. He is a Rutgers graduate.