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## Teacher's transfer draws opposition

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Clark Board of Education's intention to transfer a teacher was met with opposition from over 30 parents and teachers who attended the board's last regular meeting of the school year on June 9.

### Hehny losing Goldstein after fourteen years

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio recommended to the board the transfer of teacher Alyce Goldstein from Hehny School to Kumpf School effective in September.

Goldstein has been employed as a fifth grade teacher in a self-contained classroom at Hehny for the past 14 years. Ortenzio informed Goldstein of her transfer to Kumpf for the 1987-88 academic year with a teaching assignment of math and science by letter dated May 27.

Goldstein said she had two brief conversations with Ortenzio in which she did not agree to the transfer and in which the teaching of science was not discussed.

"I want to go on record as stating that I never sought nor do I desire this transfer," said Goldstein to the board. "I believe it would be a disservice to the children of Clark and to me if I were forced to take a position in which I have no interest. I have conveyed these concerns to Dr. Ortenzio, yet he contends I am the best qualified teacher for the position, even though he selected me only one day after another teacher turned down the assignment."

The board planned to transfer Jane Murray from teaching science and math at Kumpf School to fill a third grade position at Hehny School. Goldstein from Hehny to Kumpf and to hire another staff member to fill Goldstein's fifth grade position, said Goldstein.

"Mrs. Goldstein is very comfortable teaching fifth grade," said Henry Varrano, a parent attending the board meeting. "Why transfer her to an area in which she chooses not to teach?"

"Mrs. Murray has been at Kumpf for a year," said parent Marietta Schott. "She said she is learning right along with her class. She's doing a good job."

Why take her away now?" The board then went into a closed executive session to discuss the transfer. On their return to the meeting they took a vote with Board Members Toby D'Ambola, Jr., John Dolinaj, Michael Dudek and Lori-Ann Kazanowski voting against the transfer.

"Clark is a small community," said Dolinaj. "Hehny School is a small community. I really think that as we put a teacher into an area like Kumpf we should be aware that teachers have strengths and limitations. We should look toward the strengths."

"I firmly believe that Murray should stay at Kumpf and Goldstein should stay at Hehny," said Dudek.

"We need a strong teacher to teach science at Kumpf. A teacher who has taught a self-contained class for 14 years, no matter how good, might not have the strength necessary," said Kazanowski.

"No teacher has any right to one particular school or particular grade," said D'Ambola. "But any move should have some value to it."

The transfers were approved on a vote of 5 in

favor with 4 opposed. "The issue before the board is a sensitive one," said Board President F. Donald Paris. "It is hard for the board members to make a decision that is appropriate. We hired the superintendent of schools, he is our educational leader. The role of the board is not to get involved with the day-to-day operation, it's to hire the best people."

After the meeting, a dejected Goldstein said she would pursue other avenues. "I might have to take additional action to question this transfer," she said.



**PBA HONORS...** Frank J. Ginesi, left, a resident of Clark, and president of the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association, was honored with a plaque by the Hudson County Central Labor Council last month. Mr. Ginesi was recognized for his many years of service to the state's labor movement, serving

the past ten years as president of the N.J. State PBA. Presenting the award to Mr. Ginesi, from left, are Edward Pulver, president, Hudson County Central Labor Council; U.S. Congressman Frank Guarini; and State Senator Chris Jackman.

## Graduation time moved up for Kumpf students

by Pat DiMaggio  
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio announced a change in the graduation ceremonies for Kumpf School at the Clark Board of Education meeting held Tuesday night.

Originally scheduled for 5 p.m. on June 17, the ceremonies will instead be held at 3:30 p.m. Parents had complained that the time was too close to the 7 p.m. graduation ceremonies for Arthur L. Johnson High School.

Ortenzio explained that graduation could not be held before completion of the 180th day of school which, due to snow days, falls on the 17th. The only

other alternative, he said, was to hold graduation on the following day, June 18. The board also authorized the superintendent to submit an application for the Basic Skills Improvement Program to the State Department of Education and authorized the president and board secretary/business administrator to enter into a contract with the Union County Educational Services Commission for the provision of Chapter 192 and 193 services to non public schools for the 1987-88 school year.

Policies on substitute teachers and homework were approved for first reading and the board secretary/business administrator was authorized to submit bids for janitorial supplies and bus routes.

Advanced study grants were approved for Carl Young, Kean College in the amount of \$450 and for Elsa Dreyfus, Kean College, in the amount of \$216.

A resolution reappointing H. Edward Flanagan as board secretary/business administrator was approved by the board. "This is Mr. Flanagan's third year with us and he has served the board well," said Board President F. Donald Paris. "We look forward to a long, mutually beneficial relationship."

## Summer vocal workshop will begin June 15

The Third Annual Summer Vocal Workshop, offered by the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, will get underway on Monday, June 15, with an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Vocal Music Room of the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

This year, the course will be team-taught by Al Pendleton and Brenda Kay, both Regional District staff members. Mr. Pendleton, a graduate of Westminster Choir College, taught the class during its first two years of existence. This summer, he will be joined by Ms. Kay, a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Essentially, instruction will be tailored to fit the needs of members of the class. To that end, students will be asked to complete a questionnaire concerning their musical goals.

In response to requests, a wide variety of instruction in vocal music will be available to students in this class. Students have, in the past, requested the formation of a choir, private and group voice lessons, music theory and harmony instruction, ear training and vocal coaching. Those same people have included many beginning singers as well as singers with experience in barber shop groups, church and temple choirs, university and high school choruses, rock bands and community theatre.

Classes are offered free of tuition to bona fide residents of the Regional District communities of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield. Interested musicians from outside the Regional District may attend the Summer Vocal Workshop for a fee.

The course will end with a public performance at Jonathan Dayton Regional

## McArdle elected president of Clark American Legion

Members of Clark Post 328 of the American Legion have elected Donald McArdle of Skylark Place, Clark to a second term as Commander of the organization for the 1987-88 program year.

Officers elected to serve with Commander McArdle are John Specht, Sr. Vice Commander; James Kehoe

Jr., Vice Commander; Ray Grimes, Adjutant; William Cox, Finance Officer; Joe (Mike) Mikus, Service Officer; Michael Totin, Chaplain; Nicholas Adamski, Sgt. at Arms; Nelson Metchikowski, Judge Advocate; Theodore Lambach, Historian.

Trustees elected are Peter Messler, George Torroth, Joseph Rybak, and James Kehoe.

Appointed as house chairman was Joseph Rybak. Peter Messler will serve as bar chairman. Commander McArdle applauded all Past Commanders, officers and members for their work and dedication through the 40 years of the Post's growth and their ability to make Clark Post 328 a leader in Union County. He stated the highlight of the year was Clark being chosen by the National Organization as Post of the Month in May.

The officers elect will be installed on Saturday, June 13 by the Union County officers. The festivities will open at 8 p.m. at the post home on Westfield Ave.



## ALJ graduation set for Wednesday

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Union County Regional Board of Education has announced that Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark will hold its graduation ceremonies on June 17 at 7 p.m. at Nolan Field, adjacent to the school.

The board, at its regular meeting held last week, also terminated the temporary appointment of William Miskowitz as Acting Director of the Adult School effective June 30. Miskowitz is Assistant Director of the Adult School. Nancy Koop has been appointed to the position of Director of Adult and Continuing Education and will assume her duties on July 1.

The appointment of Donna Lenthain as Senior Class Advisor was rescinded by the board due to her absence on a child-rearing leave during the 1987-88 school year. Thomas Long was granted an adjustment to his salary by the board, from \$23,000 annually to \$25,000 for the 1987-88 school year. Long is Assistant to the Superintendent for Public Relations for all four of the Regional High Schools governed by the board.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the participation of the following staff members in an in-service workshop on the use of the calculator in science and mathematics for two hours each at a payment rate of \$11 per hour; Erika Brodenck, Richard Esandrio, Roland Marioni, Judith Rothwell, Herman Simmeth, Carmen Vitolo and Dorothy Ries.
- Approved the employment of the following

guidance counselors during the summer months: L. Olszewski, \$1,445.50; E. SanFilippo, \$1,858.50; J. Streit, \$1,351; R. Weinfeld, \$1,351.

Approved the following appointments: Assistant Football Coach, James Carovillano, \$3,954; Head Gymnastics Coach, Victoria McCullough, \$2,813; Cheerleading Coach (Fall), Kathleen Mahon, \$1,043; Cheerleading Coach (Winter), Kathleen Mahon, \$1,325.

Approved the employment of the following students as clerical or custodial assistants for a maximum of eight weeks during the summer at a payment rate of \$4 per hour: Brian Gackstatter, Robert Gilbert, Vincent Gulbin, Eric Markowitz, Robert Petersen, Richard Regan and Steven Ting. Alternates approved were John Joe, Mark Maxemon, Glen Proctor, Ed Santa Barbara, Michael Wozniak.

### Library lists summer hours, video rentals

Summer hours begin June 15 at Clark Public Library as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The library will be closed Saturdays.

Video circuit releases for the month of June are: Cocoon; Diamonds are Forever; The King and I; The Muppet Movie; Young Frankenstein; Corduroy; The Sharks; To Kill a Mockingbird; The Way to Cook Poultry; Funny Girl; Ghostbusters; The Omen; and Extremities.

## Camp Seton to begin June 29

Union County CYO is now accepting registrations for their 34th Annual Summer Day Camp, Norbert G. Van Bergen, County Program Director, announced CYO's Camp Seton will open on June 29 and close August 21.

The camp, for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 13, consists of arts and crafts, swim instruction, sporting events, special trips and many extras. The hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Camp Seton is held at Mother Seton High School in Clark and directed by Ms. Cathy Drake.

For more information about the camp and a free brochure, call 381-1310.



**JOURNALISM STUDENTS** from the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark were among the 68 students who recently attended the 1987 Union County Regional District Journalism Conference at the Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights. The guest speaker at the conference was Marc Abrams, a member of the Board of Directors at the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C., who spoke about student press rights. Pictured here at the conference, flanking Marc Abrams (second from left) are Johnson Regional student journalists Susan Cerasa (far left), Jon-Henry Barr (second from right), and Jessica Bodniewicz (far right).

## Clark AARP slates meeting and vacations

Clark Chapter #3733 American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Friday, June 12, at 1 p.m. Brewer Senior Citizen Center, Westfield Avenue, Clark, following a social hour at 12:30 p.m.

Members are requested to contribute canned goods to be donated to a shelter for the homeless in Elizabeth.

Entertainment will be furnished by the Bell Ringers of the Scotch Plains

Presbyterian Church. Election and installation of new officers will take place.

Reservations are still being accepted for the six-day trip to Nashville, Tennessee in September and a week's cruise to the Caribbean, also in September.

There will be no meetings during the months of July and August. Monthly meetings will resume on Friday, September 11. Call 382-1295 for further information.



**BUILDING DYNAMICS...** Andrejs Dello, a senior at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, stands beside his final project from the school's Gifted and Talented class. This intricate wooden construction, entitled "Guts: What Holds Up A House," displays the dynamics of two-story construction. Andrejs, who will be attending the Rutgers University College of Engineering in September, was one of 68 held recently at Johnson Regional. Mr. John Aragon, a teacher of chemistry at ALJ, is the director of the school's G&T program.

WHAT'S NEW TO OUR GRADS