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Clark Board of Education candidates



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by Pat DiMaggio
Voters will go to the polls to choose candidates for Clark's Board of Education in the schools election to be held on April 5.

Candidates for an unexpired two-year seat on the board include James L. Pressman and former Board Member James E. Kehoe. Seeking three, three-year terms on the board, which governs policy in Clark's elementary schools, are Laurie Runyon, Anita W. Altman, William P. Brittain, Toby D'Ambola, Jr., Michael J. Dudek and John Schroeck.

James L. Pressman is a graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a Masters degree in business administration. He has been a resident of Clark since 1976 and is married with two sons. Pressman is employed as the manager of the Rahway Rubber Company in Rahway. He is also a much-decorated veteran of the First Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam and currently serves as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves. He has been involved with the Clark Soccer Club, the Clark Little League and Clark Youth Basketball.

James E. Kehoe left the board in 1986 after serving six years as a member. He is a retired Air Force Colonel, spending 32 years in the service. He is also retired from Exxon Corporation where he was employed in the engineering department. He is a member of the American Legion, the Clark Taxpayers Coalition, Clark Senior Citizens, and the A.A.R.P. Kehoe is a former president of the Reserve Officers Association, Elizabeth, and is a trustee of the Empire Squadron of the Air Force Association.

Laurie Runyon has been a Clark resident for 15 years. She is currently a merchandiser for a major greeting card company and has six years of work experience in accounting and purchasing. Runyon is a volunteer aide at the Summit Speech School and at the Scotch Plains Pre-

School Shape-Up Program. She is a member of The Summit Speech School Parent Support Group and of the John Tracy Clinic Alumni. Runyon has been active with the Clark Girls Softball League, Clark Little League, Clark Youth Athletic Association, Girl Scouts, the Regional High School Swim Team and the Westfield YMCA swim team.

Anita W. Altman is the mother of five children and is employed as a substitute teacher at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School. She attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Brooklyn College and has taught at the elementary level in Brooklyn and Linden. Altman has been involved with Girl Scouts and the Girls Softball League of Clark and has been active in the Frank Hehly and Carl Kumpf Schools P.T.A. for 15 years. She is currently the president of the Arthur L. Johnson High School P.T.A. and is a member of the Athletic Booster Club.

William P. Brittain has lived in Clark for three years. He graduated from Wichita State University with a Bachelor and Masters degree and attained a Ph.D. from Texas Christian University. He is a psychologist and has worked as a college professor for 10 years and as a business consultant for 10 years. He is self-employed in his own firm as a human resources consultant.

Incumbent Toby D'Ambola, Jr. is seeking his second term on the board. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Masters degree from Montclair State College and is employed as a math and computer teacher at Nutley High School. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Bloomfield and Essex County Colleges.

Incumbent John A. Fitzpatrick has been a board member for over 20 years. A graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science degree in management, Fitzpatrick also attended Kean College

and Montclair State College. Retired from Exxon, he presently works as a substitute teacher on the secondary level. Fitzpatrick served as a representative to the Union County School Boards Association. He has been involved with Clark Little League and the Clark Babe Ruth League.

Incumbent Michael J. Dudek has been a member of the Board of Education for 12 years. He attended Seton Hall University, St. Peter's College, Seton Hall University Graduate School, Fordham University Graduate School and New York University Graduate School. He received degrees in accounting, education and labor relations. He was employed as a senior accountant at Exxon for 34 years. Dudek has served as a New Jersey School Boards Association delegate and as a Union County Education Service Commission delegate. John Schroeck has lived in Clark for 38 years and is a graduate of the Newark Conservatory of Music. He

is a World War II veteran and is employed by the sales division of Food Enterprises. He currently serves as the president of the Clark Civic and Taxpayers Committee. Schroeck is a past president of the Irvington Chapter of the Society for the Preservation of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated.

Voters will also be asked to approve the 1988-89 elementary school budget. Total current expense equals \$7,587,112 and capital outlay equals \$70,600. Residents will vote on a local tax levy of \$6,294,327.

If approved, the budget will result in a six-point tax increase for schools purposes. In 1988, the average home in Clark was valued at \$114,000. The proposed tax increase would result in an additional \$5.66 per month.

Monies are included in the budget for a continuing language arts series with the addition of textbooks for grammatical construction

and spelling, continued library growth, materials and supplies for curriculum changes, computers at Kumpf School, continued progress in district writing skills on all levels and the purchase of instructional materials for the staff.

Voters must also decide on the Regional Board of Education budget governing policy at Arthur L. Johnson High School. The budget, which includes programs for three other regional high schools, totals \$30.2 million. The total budget of \$30,202,074 includes a current expense portion of \$29,551,502 and a debt service portion of \$650,572. There is no capital outlay.

The 1988-89 budget increased by 4.9 percent over last year's budget. Clark's increase totals \$421,835.84. The regional budget governs 2,400 students in four regional high schools serving residents of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield.

Robinson Plantation to re-open

The historic Dr. William Robinson Plantation and Museum, closed for the winter, will reopen for guided tours on Sunday, April 10, 1-4 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed at Open House the first Sunday of each month for the remainder of the year. There is no admission charge.

Mrs. Anne Flood, a collector of buttons for 20 years, and a member of local, state and national button societies, will exhibit her collection of antique animal buttons in the gallery of the house.

The restored farmhouse, located at 593 Madison Hill Rd., Clark, was built by Dr. William Robinson, physician and surgeon who emigrated with his family from Scotland to this area in 1686.

The Museum Shop will offer a variety of articles handcrafted by members and friends of the Society.

Board of Ed pledges \$\$ for Hehly playground, acts on other matters

by Pat DiMaggio
At their regular meeting held last week, Clark's Board of Education approved a resolution pledging up to \$4,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing new playground equipment at Hehly School.

The Hehly School P.T.A. recently approved the construction of a new playground area for the school. Construction is expected to begin in June with completion scheduled for September.

The board also approved a resolution fixing the payment rate for pre-sport event monitoring and event chaperoning at \$25 per game. Sports officials for baseball, lacrosse and softball approved by the board

include John Bowen, Chuck Davis, John Tozzi, William Lord, Wes Meltzer, George Morschauser, George Nucera, Arthur O'Leary, Nick Tropeano and John Wukovets.

The Organization Meeting of the board will take place on April 12 at 8 p.m., following the schools election of April 5.

In other business the board:

- Approved 20 additional sick days at partial pay for Patrick Doberty, the difference between the employee's salary and the amount paid to a substitute.

- Approved as substitutes the following: Teachers, Mary-Lou Gugger, Beverly Posky, Mary Ann Kraemer;

Custodian, Mark Basile; Bus Driver, Paul Friedberg.

- Added the following to the list of election workers: Ann Schaeffer, Mildred Carello, Joseph Readeiro, Aida Yasta, Andrew Boytos, Delores Boytos.

- Approved the attendance of Business Administration Board Secretary H. Edward Flanagan at the NJ Association of School Business Officials Conference in Atlantic City on May 4, 5 and 6.

- Approved the attendance of Barbara Polackoff and Nora Provenzano at the NJ Speech/Language/Hearing Association Conference in Cherry Hill on May 5, 6 and 7.

- Approved an advanced study grant for Florence Shukla, Union County College, Elementary Functions, in the amount of \$94.50 - Appointed Janice Lamers as a teacher of the handicapped at a salary of \$20,700.

- Approved the 1988-89 Minnesota Educational Computing Corporation Member Service Provider NAME agreement.

- Approved two \$300 incentive grants to augment the Health Program of the district in the areas of digestion, respiration, circulation and the immune system and awarded those grants to Ruth Correa and Rosalind Achel.

- Approved application for the CAP (Children Assault Prevention) Program.

- Added the following concepts to the district Family Living Curriculum at the Middle School: Grade 6, The Immune System; Grade 7, What Do I Know About AIDS? and AIDS Information for Young People.

- Awarded a contract for asbestos removal for Kumpf School to F. Grisez and Sons, Inc., Leonia, in the amount of \$10,490.



PROUD PARENT ... Anthony P. Dorio proudly shows his 95-year-old father Mr. Ralph Dorio of Jersey City a plaque awarded to Anthony upon his retirement from the Clark Volunteer Fire Company #1. Anthony was an active member of the fire company for thirty years. Retiring firemen were honored at an Installation Dinner at the Ramada Inn Hotel in Clark, where Anthony received the plaque and a gold watch for his years of service to Clark. This family tradition is being carried on by Anthony's son, Ralph Dorio II, who is now a volunteer fireman in Washington, N.J. Anthony worked for thirty years as a maintenance machinist for American Can Co.

Ownership question delays monument move

by Pat DiMaggio

A resolution granting approval for the moving of Clark's veterans memorial monument was tabled by the Township Council at a meeting held last week until ownership of the monument can be determined.

Members of the Central Veterans Committee of Clark, representing veterans organizations in the township, have been working to move the monument, located at Broadway, to a location at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School. David Carl, Principal of Johnson High School, has received approval from the Regional Board of Education, to locate the monument on school property.

Financing for this project would be provided to the veterans committee by American Legion Post 828 who hope to complete the move by Veterans Day in November of this year.

Officials in Clark, however, have been reluctant to grant approval to the move until they find out who owns the monument.

"The township owns the land on which the monument stands," said Township Attorney Stanley Fink. "But ownership of the land and the monument are two different things. If it belongs to the veterans, they can move it. They don't need council approval."

The monument is located on a parcel of land designated Veterans Memorial Park.

James Kehoe, vice com-

mander of the American Legion, said it was important to remove the monument to a better, "high visibility" location. "The present location is terrible, dangerous and an eyesore," he said. "Nobody knows it's there. Our intent is to bring it to the forefront for the youth in town so they can

develop their Americanism studies. It would give us an opportunity to provide the children in high school an education on what happened during World War II." The monument is dedicated to 15 township residents who died while in service to their country during war.



TO BE MOVED ... Veteran's memorial monument on Broadway in Clark will be moved to the property of the A.L. Johnson High School as soon as the monument's ownership can be determined. It was installed after World War II by an organization called the "American Victory Club of Clark N.J."

Sgt. Zavatsky graduates AF officer academy

Tech. Sgt. Xavier P. Zavatsky has graduated from the Air Force major command non-commissioned officer academy.

The sergeant received advanced military leadership and management training. He is a tactical aircraft maintenance technician with the 26th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in West Germany.

His wife, Gina, is the daughter of James J. and Dorothy E. Burke of Corvina, Calif.

Zavatsky is the son of Adam J. and Mary J. Zavatsky of 560 Valley Road, Clark.

The sergeant is a 1972 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School.

