

Board of Ed awards contracts; appoints subs

by Pat DiMaggio
Contracts were awarded for custodial supplies for elementary schools in Clark and substitute staff were appointed at a Board of Education meeting held last week. Bids were reviewed and contracts awarded for custodial supplies as follows:

Jonah Service Co., Metuchen -- \$10,909.08; Paper Plus Inc., Carteret -- \$6,435.75; State Chemical Mfg. Co., Cleveland, OH -- \$2,380.35; Thorsen Distributors, Irvington -- \$6,489.60; and Spruce Industries, Garwood -- \$3,620.40. The lowest bid received

for the removal of the underground storage tank at Valley Road School was from American Environment Technologies Corp., Norwood. A contract was awarded in the amount of \$6,955. The following substitute

teachers were appointed by the board: Carol Applebaum, Kay Albrecht, Bonnie Ashley, Matthew Barbosa, Suzanne Beron, Gene Berry, Donna Bilella, John Bowen, Phyllis Carney, Margaret Chabnik, Mary Ann Chopey, Patricia Costa, Joanne D'Addona,

JoAnne DiPaola, Emily D'Urgano, Ilene Fischer, Adrienne Flisser, Paul Friedberg, Janet Girzyb, MaryLou Gagger, Barbara Heifman, Patricia Jadro, Diane Jordan, Mary Kraemer, Anne Krov, Carole Kusner, Rhonda Linken, Elaine Mariano,

Frances Musso, Donna Perrello, Janice Petrusko, Beverly Fosky, Diane Pressman, Mildred Priammore, Mary Puljanowicz, Lillian Roesch, Carol Rosner, Barbara Roth, Deborah Russell, Dominique Russomanno, Sophie Scheidt and Diane Sommer.

Substitute cafeteria/playground, library and preschool aides include Barbara Basile, Virginia Cospito, Dolores Latawiec, Antoinette McCluskey, Catherine O'Flynn and Suzanne Zawosky. Substitute custodians appointed were Samuel Basile,

Andrew Christel, Edward Estok, Thomas Finn, Fred Rahmen, Philip McDonald and Russell Roe. Rosalind Achelt, Pamela Blejwas, Arlene Kaych and Andrea Twombly were appointed as substitute nurses. The following will serve as substitute secretaries/clerks:

Virginia Brown, Maria Chimento, Catherine Fenick, Adrienne Flisser, Anne Grande, Rose G. Marino, Pat Hannin, Terry Herbster, Diane MacAvoy, Thelma Pitchford, Joan Sabath, Diane Seeburg Jr., Sandra Yelenovsky, Suzanne Zawosky and Hazel Howie.



AND THE WINNER IS... The Clark Knights of Columbus #5503 softball team won the Rahway-Clark Men's Slow Pitch League Championship recently. The Knights defeated Laminare in the annual game played at Rahway River Park field. Tom Ameen, right, manager of

the Clark team, accepted the Mayor's Trophy. Tony Garay, Laminare manager, is pictured at left, and Richard Gritschke, Rahway Recreation Department Director, is shown center. Laminare was presented with the Walter "Pop" Cios Memorial Trophy.

Board of Ed cites staffers for good attendance

Also approves guide for 'early k' program

by Pat DiMaggio
Clark's Board of Education honored staff members for achieving perfect attendance and approved the curriculum guide for the early kindergarten program at their regular meeting last week.

The board "recognized the importance of good staff attendance by approving a resolution honoring the following staff members for perfect attendance during the 1987-88 school year: Jeane Bucholz, Patricia Camera, Virginia Conklin, Marie Davey, Patricia

Joel Joyce Furness, Robert Henderson, Rita Katchen, Remo Maisto, Betty Marker, E. Edward Muzik, Diane Rizzo, Eileen Sanchez, Kay Schroeder, Alfred Smith, Karen Wall, Carl Young, Charles Cerniglia, Thomas Long, James Loprete, Mary Ann O'Halloran, Diane Seeburger, Evelyn Wadenpolb and Barry Weaver. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortensio asked the board's Policy Committee to consider granting \$200 savings bonds to those staff members achieving

perfect attendance next year as an incentive. He said many other school districts reward their staffs in this way. The board also approved the curriculum guide for the early kindergarten program. "The program is an attempt to give the child who is developmentally younger the opportunity to spend one or two years in kindergarten," said Ortensio. "If we do our job correctly, we hope to see fewer students in first and second grade having those difficulties for which we refer a child."

The early kindergarten program currently numbers 11 students who were screened in June for acceptance. These students are chronologically eligible for kindergarten but tested as developmentally younger than their peers. "The children were chosen to enter this program because they have developmental skills that need improvement," said Ortensio. Board Member Dennis Linken complimented the staff members who put the curriculum guide together and praised the program. "It is one of the most positive steps this district has taken in quite a while," he said.

In other business the board: --Approved an Advanced Study Grant for Lacc Cassidy in the amount of \$704.70. --Approved a contract with the Robert Woods Johnson Rehabilitation Center for 1-1/2 days of occupational therapy services at the rate of \$255 per diem and \$148 per half diem. --Approved a contract with Children's Specialized Hospital Pre-School at the rate of \$59.14 per diem. --Amended the school calendar to close school on November 8 for elections and resolved that October 5 be a shortened day for an elementary teacher workshop on child abuse. --Approved Helen Brandt, Sherri D'Amico, Carol Iden, Barbara Notchey, Donna Sykes and Patricia Turner as home instructors. --Approved "Artwee Kynch as a school nurse at Hehny School at \$22,350. --Approved the emergency certificate for Catherine DePaola. Appointed Judith O'Connell as a foreign language teacher at \$18,310. Ms. O'Connell was employed in the Millburn school district for six years. --Appointed Marie Woznicki as a preschool teachers aide at \$6.50 per hour. --Appointed Jacklyn Hanson as a teacher of the handicapped at \$29,151.

--Approved Mary Norris, Barbara Russ and Robert Sinkewitz as HSPT work study writers at \$800 each. --Accepted the retirement of William Makowski, teacher and educator for over 18 years. --Accepted the resignation of Thomas Long, custodian. --Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Eileen Sanchez, teacher. --Accepted the resignation of Don Stasi, maintenance man. --Adjusted the salary of Carl Young to \$38,590. --Appointed Paul Westfield, Walter Dorigth and Claire Lyons as administrative aides at a stipend of \$1,937 each. --Appointed the following cafeteria/playground aides: Catherine Fenick, Sophie Ponek and Evelyn Wade; Kumpf School - Doris Archinico and Joanne Voskwa; Valley Road School - Mary Crasella, Virginia Cospito, Evelyn Peddic and Barbara Basile. --Approved participation in the Right-to-Know Program through the Union County Educational Services Commission at a cost of \$2,488.50. --Appointed Stephanie Pandolfo as a school secretary at the Hehny School.

School opens at Johnson Regional on Tuesday, September 6

The 1988-89 school year at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark will get under way on Tuesday, September 6, when Freshman Orientation is conducted from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bus transportation to and from the school will be available to eligible students on that day. The first day of classes for all students at Arthur L. Johnson, grades 9 through 12, will be Wednesday, September 7, starting at 8:20 a.m. Regular cafeteria and bus transportation services will be provided. After classes are dismissed at 1:30 p.m. on September 7, the entire instructional staff of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 will convene at the David Brewster Regional High School in Keelworth for the annual Superintendent's General Meeting. Dr. Joel Bloom, New Jersey State Assistant Commissioner of Education, will be the featured speaker. The initial District Wide Department Meetings of the 1988-89 school year will follow the General Meeting.

A total of 625 students, including 125 freshmen, are anticipated for the opening of school at Arthur L. Johnson this year. This will be approximately 75 students fewer than last year. "I'm looking forward to the start of the new school

year and the return of the students," said Johnson Regional Principal David Carl. "This year, we plan to continue to maintain an effective, well-disciplined school that has as its main goals quality instruction and high expectations for students. We are also looking for continued community involvement in the school through working with the Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) and the various booster support groups. And, the administration of our school intends to continue its open door policy." Curriculum modifications for the coming school year include the addition of one full-year course, Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science; two one-semester courses, Television Production and Television Broadcasting; and the annual availability in each Regional High School of four existing courses - World Literature, Modern Thought in the Novel, European Civilization to 1550 and Revolution. Also, effective this September, the Social Studies course entitled World Cultures and History becomes a required, full-year subject for all ninth graders. Students must pass this course in order to meet new Regional District and New Jersey State high school graduation requirements. A handful of changes were made at Arthur L. Johnson during the summer,

changes which are expected to benefit students both academically and athletically. First of all, a new computerized circulation system has been developed within the school building. And, Johnson Regional's outdoor track and field facilities have been refurbished. As last year, a continuing program of cultural awareness in the performing arts will take place at Arthur L. Johnson. There will be large and small group presentations concerning music and drama, ballet and other art forms, all designed to introduce students to the various types of cultural arts. Additional efforts will also be made to increase student participation in academic, co-curricular and athletic activities. Arthur L. Johnson students performed very well on the 1988 High School Proficiency Test (HSPT), which was administered last April. Of all the ninth graders from Johnson Regional who took the HSPT, 99.2% passed the Reading portion of the test; 95.0% passed the Mathematics section and 89.1% passed the Writing portion of the exam. Results from the 1987 HSPT, recorded in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. Students who pass all three

parts of the High School Proficiency Test satisfy one of the Regional District and New Jersey State graduation requirements. A series of new Regional District policies, as well as revisions to some other already-existing policies, were approved by the Regional Board of Education during the summer months. A total ban on smoking by students, teachers, administrators and all other staff members in the Regional District's buildings, grounds and vehicles will be implemented on January 1, 1989. Free smoking cessation programs will be offered to interested staff members and students during the fall. Other new policies, including Student Suicide Prevention Policies and Procedures, were adopted; while revisions in the District's Athletic Policy and Promotion and Remediation Policies and Procedures were also approved. The Regional Board also agreed on the implementation of a new Administrative Guideline, which permits students from all four Regional High Schools to enroll in Adult School evening classes free of charge. During the 1987-88 school year, the Regional District employed its first full-time Student Assistance Counselor, Clifford Lauterbach, who met with and counseled students from all four Regional High Schools who

may have been affected, directly or indirectly, by drug and/or alcohol abuse. Plans for the coming school year call for the appointment of a Student Assistance Counselor who, along with Lauterbach, will be responsible for helping students in two different high schools while coordinating drug and alcohol abuse prevention efforts in the middle schools which send students to those high schools. Discount Athletic Tickets, good for admission to any home regular-season football, basketball or wrestling event sponsored by the Union County Regional High Schools, will be available to students and residents starting September 7. School activities during the fall months include the Welcome Back Dance on Friday, September 16; Back to School Night on Thursday, September 29; Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Testing (PSAT) on Saturday, October 15; the Student Council Halloween Dance on Friday, October 28; Scholastic Aptitude Testing (SAT) on Saturday, November 5; the School Play on Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19; and the Student Council Homecoming Dance on Wednesday, November 23.

Booster Club sets meeting

The Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Booster Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 8, in Room 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. All parents of students involved in any sports at the high school are encouraged to attend. Items to be discussed are the fall sports program, the refreshment stand and fund-raising. A super \$0.50affle is planned for the fall. Officers for the 1988-89 year are: Joan Sabath, President; Ann Raymond, Vice President; Arlene Freas, Secretary; and Eleanor Vieira, Treasurer.



OUTSTANDING ATHLETES... The ALJ Booster Club held its Senior Athlete Awards Dinner in June at the Westwood, Trent Tucker of the N.Y. Knickerbockers, center, was the guest of honor. Outstanding athletes pictured with him, from left, are Jim Bodner, Natalie Migliaro and Todd Burger. Story and additional photos inside.