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Clark business administrator resigns Cites inequities in township

by Pat DiMaggio

Clark's business administrator has submitted his resignation to the mayor and has been employed in the Boro of Bound Brook.

Joseph Monaco, business administrator in Mayor George Nucera's administration for four years, has

submitted his resignation to the mayor and has been employed as the Bound Brook business administrator for the past week.

When asked if Monaco was still employed by the Township of Clark, Nucera said he was on vacation and

that he had not yet seen a formal resignation.

Monaco, reached at his office in Bound Brook, said he submitted his resignation to the mayor in the presence of Councilman Fred Eckel and William Caruso, but the mayor refused to accept it.

"It is on file in my office," said Monaco.

Monaco said the reasons for seeking employment elsewhere had to do with the inequities of the Township of Clark. He said his vacation and sick day schedule was different from

other employees and his raises were less than others.

In 1987, Monaco was offered a six percent raise while other employees were granted seven percent.

In 1988, when he was again offered the lesser amount of six percent, he

asked to be equal with other employees. "I never wanted more, I just wanted what other employees were receiving," he said. "There are ordinances in this town that divide people and positions into those with benefits and those without benefits."

Monaco said he approached members of the Township Council about the difference in pay raises and was told it was "a mistake." But the council failed to take any action to correct the mistake, he said.

During the four years of his tenure, Monaco said he never utilized vacation or

sick days. He was later advised that his allotted vacation and sick days could not be carried over. "Being an administrator confronts too many inequities," said Monaco. "This system works against the guy who works the hardest."

Mayor Nucera said it would be difficult to replace

Monaco one month before the election to be held on November 8.

"I love my job in Clark," said Monaco. "I don't want to leave. But I feel that I have been treated unfairly. All I wanted was to be equal to others."

Board of Ed makes appointments; probes asbestos incident

by Pat DiMaggio

Clark's Board of Education appointed personnel at their September 27 meeting and discussed the implications of an incident at Kumpf School involving asbestos.

The board approved the appointment of Richard F. Oposso as a school psychologist at a salary of \$36,016. William Gulliford, William Schaefer and Kenneth Bennett were appointed as custodians at salaries of \$18,816 each and Theresa Olsen and Nancy Vogel were appointed as cafeteria / playground aides at \$6.50 per hour.

The board also approved Rosemarie Raymond as a substitute clerk at \$7 per hour, Shirley Ducatman as a substitute teacher at \$50 per diem and Lillian Miller as a library aide at \$6.50 per hour.

An application for licensure of the School Strep Program was approved, as was district participation in the Department of Education Provisional Teacher Program Development Program.

The board also voted to submit a Chapter 2 Block Grant in the amount of \$6,802 with the breakdown as follows: Mother Seton, \$1,302; St. Agnes, \$574; St. John, \$1,148; Clark Public Schools, \$3,718.

Approval was granted to the superintendent to attend the American Association of School Administrators annual convention to be held March 2 to 6 in Orlando, Florida.

The board also discussed an incident that occurred during the end of August at the Kumpf School in which custodians working on a valve in a hallway ceiling of the school were dusted with a substance they believed to be asbestos.

Business Administrator H. Edward Flanagan said Princeton Testing Labs, hired to perform air quality studies of school buildings in the past, were called in to monitor the air.

The lab personnel found no trace of asbestos when

they tested the hallway area. Flanagan said Carl Young, a teacher at Kumpf School, said the test was incomplete and that the ceiling tiles should have been removed to test for asbestos.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Paul Ortenzio said the board would follow up on the two custodians involved in the incident. "We will take appropriate actions to see that the individuals involved receive a medical exam," he said.

Clark BPW to meet October 11

The Clark Business and Professional Women will get tips on how to "Dress for Success" at their monthly dinner meeting on October 11 at the Ramada Inn in Clark. Marge Voynick, a member of the executive committee and a wardrobe consultant at Abbott and Andrews in Short Hills, will present the program.

The Clark group will host the BPW District II Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 15 also at the Ramada Inn. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 9. Chairwoman Pat Kostick promises an interesting program: BPW and You - Your Opinion Counts. For

information and registration, contact Pat at 382-0805. The week of October 10-16 has been designated "National Business Women's Week." Vice President Winnie Canavan suggests this is an especially good time to become a member of BPW; contact her at 382-2500.

The Business Professional Women, founded in 1919, is an international organization dedicated to improving the status of working women.

Call Winnie Canavan to reserve a place at the October 11 meeting. All working women are invited to attend.

Art association slates demo, classes

Today, (October 6) the Clark Art Association will conduct a Portrait Demonstration by Artist Annette Adrian Hanna of Convent Station. Her paintings are in the collections of the U.S. Navy, Hilton Hotels, American Broadcasting Co., U.S. Coast Guard, among others.

Ms. Hanna studied with Daniel Greene and Burton Silverman, N.A. She has demonstrated her talents throughout the state and also at the International Platform Assn., Washington, D.C. She has won numerous awards and has given eight one-woman shows in New York and New Jersey.

The new meeting place for the Clark Art Association is at the Clark Town Hall/

Brewer School on Westfield Avenue. Tonight's meeting will begin at 8 p.m. The model for the demo will be someone selected from among the attendees.

Other scheduled offerings of the association include portrait classes. Dorothy Wilkinson, instructor, starting Friday morning, 10 a.m. to noon, October 7, a six-week session at the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Avenue. The fee is \$30

plus \$2 membership. Call 388-0926 for information. Children's classes, Janice DiGiorgio, instructor, are offered Saturday mornings, 10:30 to noon, at the Clark Public Library, Westfield Avenue. Advance registration is required. The 6-week fee is \$18 plus \$2 membership. Call Mrs. DiGiorgio 388-3488, or send a check payable to Clark Art Association, c/o 1177 Old Raritan Rd., Clark, NJ 07066.

Elections set for Clark Girls' Softball

Nominations for the board of directors of the Girls' Softball League of Clark have been accepted. Three positions are available this year. The following have accepted the nomination for election to the

board: Joe Chimento, John Kolmos, Donna Ciccone, Diane Triola, and Pat Rubino.

Elections will be held on October 24, at 8 p.m. at the Brewer School.



SCIENCE WIZ... Theresa Loong (right), a junior at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, receives congratulations from Johnson Regional Principal David Carl for being selected to participate in the 1988-89 Science Honors Program at Columbia University in New York City. She is one of just 200 students (out of 800) who performed well enough on the highly-competitive exam to gain acceptance into the Science Honors Program at Columbia. The Clark resident will be attending college-level classes in various science-related fields at Columbia during the course of the 1988-89 school year.

Regional board accepts funds for ALJ special programs

by Pat DiMaggio

The Regional Board of Education, governing policy for Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, voted to accept funds for basic skills and adult education programs at their regular meeting held on September 19.

The Regional Board accepts funding to be divided among four Regional High Schools, including Arthur L. Johnson. Accepted by the board were a Basic Skills Improvement Grant composed of \$102,473 of Chapter 1 funds and \$92,683 of State Compensatory Education Funds. The board also accepted \$18,871 from the N.J. State

Department of Education to provide Adult Basic Skills programming and \$22,505 for High School Equivalency programming.

In other business the board:

Approved Barbara Roth as a lay advisory board member of the Clark Regional Adult District.

Approved the following staff members as proctors for the PSAT testing to be administered October 5:

Peter Fabricio, John Arango, Ericka Broderick, Jack Malico, Edward SanFillippo, Steve Sigma, Linda Voros, Lorraine Olczewski, Joseph Streri, Richard Esandrio, Paula Burkhardt.

Clark slates flu shots for seniors

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced that Flu Shots for Senior Citizens and Retired persons will take place on Wednesday, October 12, at the Senior Citizen Cafeteria, Municipal Building (Brewer School), 430 Westfield Avenue from

2-3 p.m. and from 7-8 p.m. Anyone allergic to eggs, chicken, chicken feathers, or under the treatment for active tuberculosis or any acute infectious diseases should consult a physician before receiving a flu shot.

District objectives set for Clark's schools

by Pat DiMaggio

District objectives, approved by Clark's Board of Education at a meeting held last month, stress the importance of library skills, language arts and mathematics for the 1988-89 school year.

District objectives are mandated by the State Department of Education and allow the district to target areas for continued growth.

Objective number 1 states that by June of 1989, students in the 5th grade will demonstrate an improvement of 10 percent in library skills as measured by a pre-post test.

To accomplish this, the following action plan was suggested: skills to be assessed; test to be developed; pre-test to be given; develop and teach a series of skill lessons; assign a series of application assignments; post-test to be given; test analysis to be completed; final report to be given to the Superintendent of Schools.

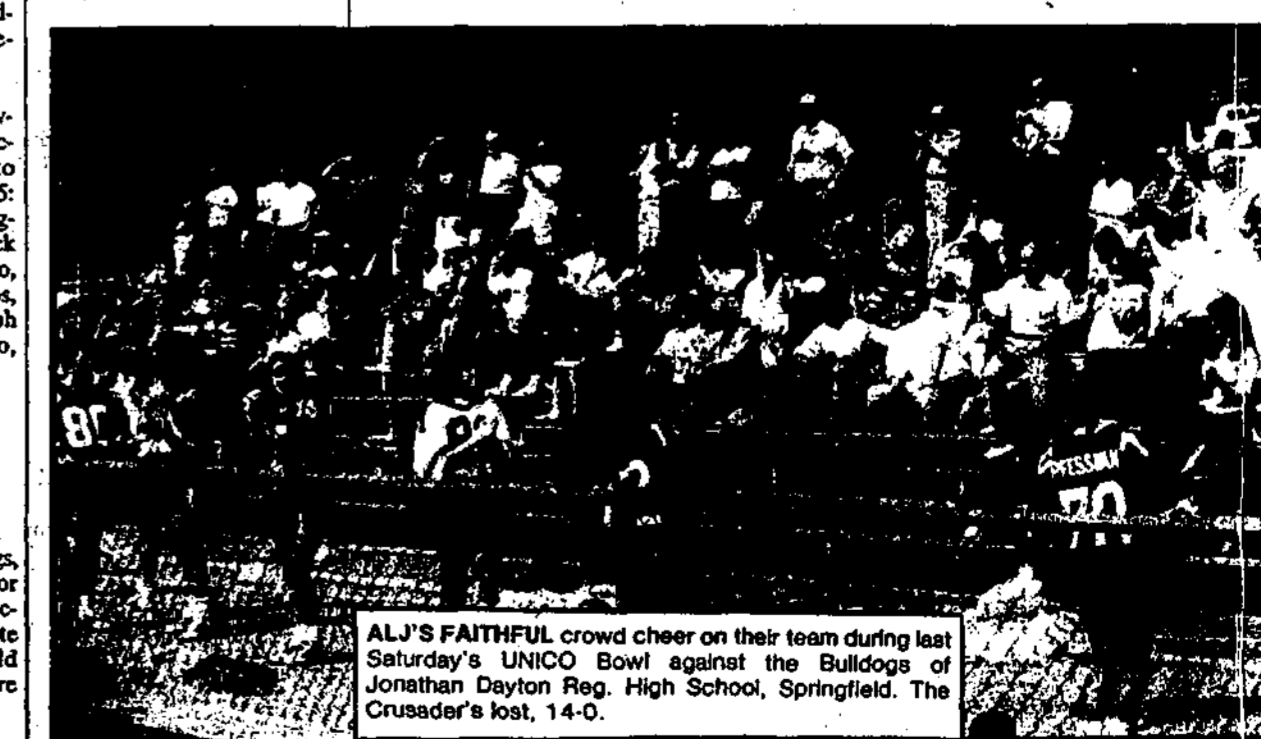
Objective number 3 states that by June 1 of 1989, 80 percent of the students in grades 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 will attain a score of 80 percent on a teacher-made test based on the units covered in the English series used. Updated guides and new texts have provided staff with resource material of the latest direction and research.

Those involved with teaching language arts have been given a copy of High School Proficiency Test skills to be put in the guide. Each staff member should mark the HSPT skills for his/her particular grade level and stress them as an important part of the curriculum.

Objective number 3 states that by June 1 of 1989, 80 percent of the 3rd and 4th graders will attain a score of 80 percent on teacher-made mathematics tests covering skills covered in the Mathematics Guide. Information from the test results will give the district valuable information concerning the curriculum in the primary grades.



CLARK PBA LOCAL 125 recently won the 1988 Union County Police Softball League Championship with an 18 and 3 record. First row, left to right, are Alan Griffen, Jim and Mike Zizza, Bob Clark and Jim Pilg; second row, Coach Chief Danco, Glen Griffen, Jerry Scaturro and Mike Green; third row, John Enling and Alan Scherb. Not shown, Bob Samecki, Wayne Smeaton and Mark Kettel.



ALJ'S FAITHFUL crowd cheer on their team during last Saturday's UNICO Bowl against the Bulldogs of Jonathan Dayton Reg. High School, Springfield. The Crusader's lost, 14-0.