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Proposed school budget close to cap

by Pat DiMaggio
Residents are being asked to support Rahway's Board of Education budget, when they go to the polls in the school election on April 30. The \$26.9 million spending plan includes a current expense portion of \$26,151,759, a capital outlay account of \$26,699 and debt service of \$749,529. The amount to be raised by taxes totals \$17,643,622.

The budget remains \$31 under cap, the increase allowed by the state, and includes funds for the reinstatement of two elementary librarians and two elementary aides positions, but eliminates a substance abuse coordinator and a Project ACE guidance counselor.

The 1991-92 spending plan for the district includes an administration account of \$381,825, a decrease of \$45,935 from the current year's budget. Administration costs include salaries of administrators and secretaries in the central office, the Treasurer of School Monies, election officials and fees for all legal and accounting services. Also included are board member expenses, office expenses, election expenses, printing

and publishing costs, and Right-to-Know expenses. The instruction account includes salaries for principals, supervisors, teachers, librarians, Child Study Team personnel, school aides, secretaries and school aides. Totaling \$11,378,289, with an increase of \$444,604 over the present year's instruction budget, this account also sets aside funds for textbooks, library books, audio-visual materials, travel expenses, teaching materials and miscellaneous supplies.

The attendance and health services portion of the budget totals \$372,840, with an increase of \$29,415, for the salaries of attendance personnel, doctor, dentist and nursing services, as well as all health supplies and other expenses.

The operation of plant account covers the costs of custodial salaries, heat, water, electricity, gas, telephone, custodial supplies and maintenance supplies for district-owned vehicles. The total of \$1,462,391 includes an increase of \$37,736.

At a cost of \$306,802, the maintenance of plant account includes salaries of maintenance personnel, as

well as contracted services for the upkeep of grounds, repairs of buildings and equipment, replacement of equipment, and cost of materials used by district employees to repair and maintain all school grounds. For the 1991-92 school year, this account increased by \$288,272.

The district's fixed charges account includes the state's share of the State

Pension Plan for employees, Social Security payments and Unemployment Compensation Insurance, along with the costs of all insurance carried by the board such as property, liability, fidelity bonds and medical coverage. It also includes tuition for Vocational Education students and handicapped pupils attending out-of-district schools. The total of \$7,432,549 in-

cludes an increase of \$888,643.

"Rahway's Board of Education budget also shows a student body activities' account of \$371,571, a special projects, special education, remediation and bilingual account of \$2,170,894, a federal and state projects account of \$570,423, and a special schools account of \$107,865.

Board clears deck for reorganization

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway's Board of Education accepted retirement resignations and appointed coaches at its last regular meeting held on April 16. June 13 was also designated as the High School graduation date and the 18th day of school for all students.

The retirement resignations of Paul Corcoran, Madison School teacher and Robert Folbman, area supervisor, and the resignation of Marjorie Burns, Madison School special education teacher, were accepted by the board.

The board also appointed Fred Stueber as head football coach at \$4,617 and R. Candeloro, at \$3,982, and G. DeSavino, at \$3,463, as assistant football coaches. M. Fernandez was appointed as the head tennis coach at \$3,186.

Exxon Corporation donated 15 Word Perfect Software packages - IBM compatible - to the district at a net worth of \$495 to be used in the Business and Industrial Arts Programs.

The board voted to approve an application to the Union County Department of Human Services in cooperation with the Union County Private Industry Council for an Alternative Center of Education Employment Training Program under the Jobs Partnership Training Act in the amount of \$79,700 for the 1991-92 school year. Funds in the amount of \$21,941 from the state Department of Education for an Adult Basic

Education Grant Program were also accepted.

Payments in the amount of \$24,990 to Morton, Russo and Maggio, architects, for services rendered on the school renovations project, and in the amount of \$9,894.08 to R.D. Architectural Products Inc. for Intermediate School window work completed, were also approved.

The board will advertise for bids on structural renovations to Franklin School's auditorium, heating ventilating and temperature control work at Cleveland School, for sidewalk replacements at the High School and Roosevelt School, resurfacing of the

High School driveway and Roosevelt School's playground, gymnasium floor refinishing at Roosevelt School, and partial roof replacement at the Intermediate School.

The board approved a contract with the architectural firm of Morton, Russo and Maggio, North Brunswick, to provide professional services for the heating, ventilating and temperature control work, gym floor refinishing and roof replacement work at a fee of 9.33 percent. The firm will also provide services for structural renovations to the Franklin School auditorium at a fee of \$19,000.

Rahway man returning

Navy petty Officer 2nd Class Karl H. Gatzke, son of Susan Gatzke of Tehama Street, Rahway, recently returned from deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Storm while serving aboard the combat store ship USS Sylvania, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Operation Desert Storm was the largest deployment of U.S. military forces since Vietnam. The operation was in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and threat to Saudi Arabia. A 1987 graduate of Colonia Senior High School, Gatzke joined the Navy in August 1987.

by Pat DiMaggio
Two incumbents and three challengers will vie for votes on Tuesday, April 30, when residents go to the polls in the school election. Rahway's Board of Education has three seats up for grabs, all for three-year terms.

Incumbents Antonio Garay and Lillie Henderson will try to retain their positions, and will face-off against candidates Steven Okaty, Charles Laskowski Jr. and Samson Steinman.

Antonio Garay was first elected to the board in 1988. He is a graduate of the Rahway School system, and attained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Hofstra University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration specializing in finance from the State University of New York. He is employed as a sales and marketing manager at Laminare Corporation in Rahway. Garay has directed the Rahway Recreation Department Kids' wrestling team for the past 12 years.

"My interests are in protecting and developing the best possible education for our students in the Rahway School District," said Garay. "I am equally concerned about spending tax money needlessly and foolishly, so I watch over the district's spending with a careful and cautious eye. I would like to continue my service to Rahway by being re-elected for a second term."

Lillie Henderson has been a board member for the past nine years. Upon graduation from Woodbridge Senior High School, Mrs. Henderson completed studies as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

She has been employed as the head supervisor at the Woodbridge Developmental Center for the past 27 years, and was chosen "Outstanding Employee of the Year" by the New Jersey Association for Retarded Citizens. Active in community affairs, she is a member of the Friendship Baptist Church and serves on the Nurses Unit, Gospel Chorus, and is the advisor of the former Youth Choir. Mrs. Henderson also serves on the Board of Directors for the Rahway Community Action Organization and, in 1985, received a Community Service Award from the Rahway Branch of the NAACP.

"I bring organizational skills, training and education experience, deep concern and personal commitment to my candidacy," said Mrs. Henderson who also served as vice president of the board in 1985-86 and 1987-88 and as president in 1988-89. "I will continue to devote myself in the areas which have given me such joy - my family, my career and my community. Striving for excellence is my goal."

Steven Okaty is a life-long resident of Rahway and attended district schools. A graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology and Chemistry, he is presently employed as a salesman for Kahl & Madden Printing Ink Company. He has assisted coaching in soccer and currently coaches CYRC baseball. He is an active member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Rahway.

"With the recent passage of the Quality Education Act, along with the significant increase in state aid that our district will see this year, this is an excellent opportunity for Rahway to pass its budget and not have it hit us in the pocket as it would have if our state aid had been much lower," said Okaty. "I feel this year Rahway has come to a crossroads in its choice for our children's education. We have been at this crossroad many times in the past and we have always defeated the budget, which had led to many reductions in vital areas, and for this the children have suffered. This year I hope all the voting citizens of Rahway will go to the polls and think of the children's future of getting a chance at a quality education."

Charles Laskowski Jr. holds an Associate Degree in Engineering from Union County College and presently attends Kean College, pursuing a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Technology. Upon graduation in December, he will attend Montclair State College to continue his education in pursuit of a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He is employed as a stationary engineer for General Motors in Linden and is a member of the United Auto Workers, Rahway Elks Lodge 1175, Linden Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1397, and is a parishioner of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Laskowski is active with the Rahway CYRC and serves as a Democratic Committeeman. He is also a United States Navy submarine veteran.

"I want to take the budget to the people," said Laskowski. "I want to know why the budget has passed only six times in the last 34 years."

I would like to find out why people are dissatisfied with the budget and work toward getting one that can pass. I love Rahway. When outsiders see our budgets fail, they do not get a good feeling about the City. Whatever we can get one that passes, we will see a greater influx of people into the City. Social citizens are dissatisfied with rising costs. I want to move toward having a budget that is acceptable to the people."

Samson Steinman is a 1987 graduate of Rahway Senior High School. He was the High School's scholar-athlete award-winner and president of the National Student Society. Steinman also received the Senator Bill Bradley New Jersey Young Citizens Achievement Award. He is currently a member of the Rahway Sideliners and is co-owner of the Rahway Athletic Center. He is currently a member of the Rahway Sideliners and is co-owner of the Rahway Athletic Center. He is currently a member of the Rahway Sideliners and is co-owner of the Rahway Athletic Center.

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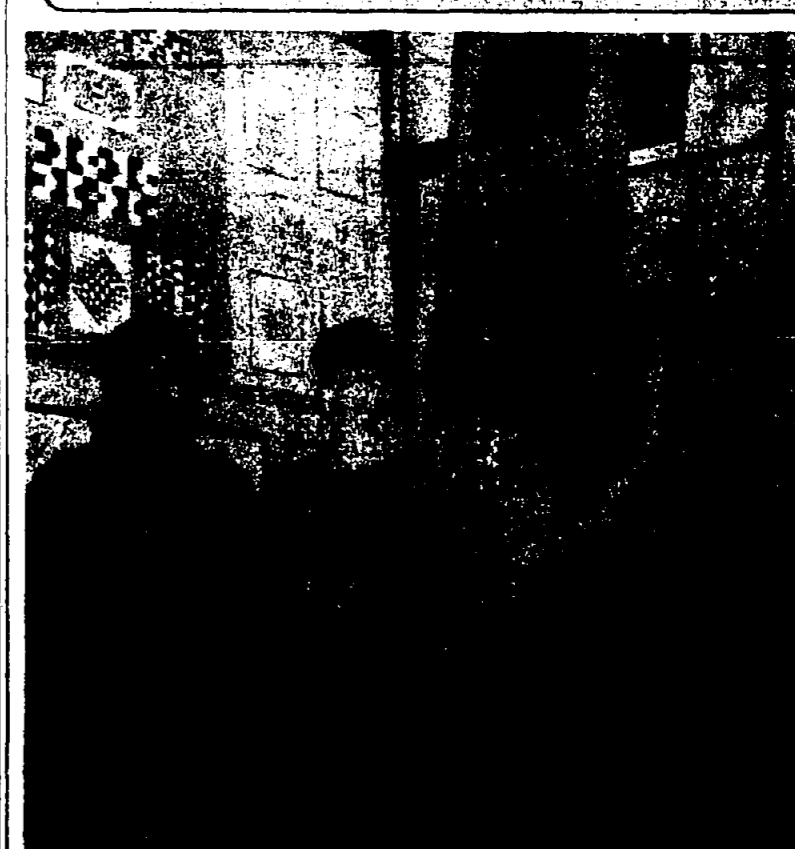
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FIRST GIFT TO WORTHY CAUSE... Rahway Mayor Jim Kennedy, left, makes first donation in support of Annual Fundraising Drive of Council 1146, Knights of Columbus, for benefit of mentally-retarded citizens and those with learning disabilities, to Deputy Grand Knight Louis Iovino, Drive, which is being conducted for 16th consecutive year by Knights of Columbus Councils throughout state, is expected to raise over \$5 million for retarded citizens and those with learning disabilities.

Proud students display artwork



TEEN ART DISPLAYED AT LIBRARY... Shown with Mrs. Hynes, center, are several of Rahway Intermediate School students on display at Rahway Public Library. From left, Anita Brown, Jennifer and Luis Torres. Artwork by Rahway High School students.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE APRIL 30th

NAACP holding candidate forum

The NAACP - Rahway Branch will hold "Candidates' Night" on Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Second Baptist Church, 378 East Milton Ave. Steven Okaty, Charles Laskowski, Antonio Garay, Lillian Henderson and Samson Steinman, all candidates in the April 30 school board elections, have been invited to participate. Marian Curry will serve as Moderator. Cars Swenden, President of the Branch, says the public is not only invited, but urged to attend.

Concerned Citizens march route change

In an effort to provide better parking facilities for the demonstration set for Saturday, April 27, at 11 a.m., the march route of the Concerned Citizens of Rahway has been changed. The march will start at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 2, and will proceed to the intersection of Route 1 and Route 2. The march will start at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 2, and will proceed to the intersection of Route 1 and Route 2.

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