

New president presides at peaceful meeting

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Although conditions outside the Dallas Administration building Monday night were stormy, such was not the case inside as newly-elected Dallas School Board president James Richardson presided over a peaceful session at the Board's monthly meeting.

Clarence J. Michael, of Dallas, questioned why the Board held a secret ballot in electing Richardson as president at a reorganizational meeting a few weeks back. Superintendent Gerald Wycallis explained that is the method the board has been using for years. Richardson was

elected by a 5-4 vote and replaced former president Donald Jones who still remains as a member of the board.

Bill Bachman, another Back Mountain resident, also thanked Wycallis for his cooperation as well as that of elementary principal Samuel Barbose, in meeting with parents to discuss the conditions existing at the Westmoreland Elementary School. Wycallis and Barbose plan to meet again with parents in the near future.

Because of the overcrowding issue that has been a main topic at board meetings and some of the possible solutions accompanying it, Bachman asked for reassurance that the Westmoreland Elementary School would not be closed.

Wycallis and other board members said there are absolutely no plans to close down that facility, and that if spacing conditions ever became a problem at the school, the district could always add classrooms onto the building, a point Wycallis also made at last month's meeting.

"We just put three quarters of a million dollars into that school a few years ago," Wycallis said. "There are no plans to close it down."

In other business the Board:
— Approved the resignation of Henry Hill as custodian, effective October 29, 1986 with regrets. Hill will be on a disability retirement

leave.

— Approved a request from Nancy Campbell, elementary music teacher, for a sabbatical leave of absence for the second semester of the 1987-88 year for travel purposes.

— Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Julia Conologue as a member of the Citizens' Advisory Council, with regrets.

— Appointed Mrs. Karen Miller, 21 Circle Drive, College Manor, Dallas, as a member of the Citizens' Advisory Council.

— Recommended that a resolution be adopted to permit Robyn Jones to attend the U.S. All-Star Field Hockey Clinic on January 23 and 24, 1987 in Atlantic City, N.J.

Richardson looks toward harmony among members

James Richardson, newly-elected president of the Dallas School board, says he doesn't have any particular plans for the Board, but does hope to bring about harmony among its members.

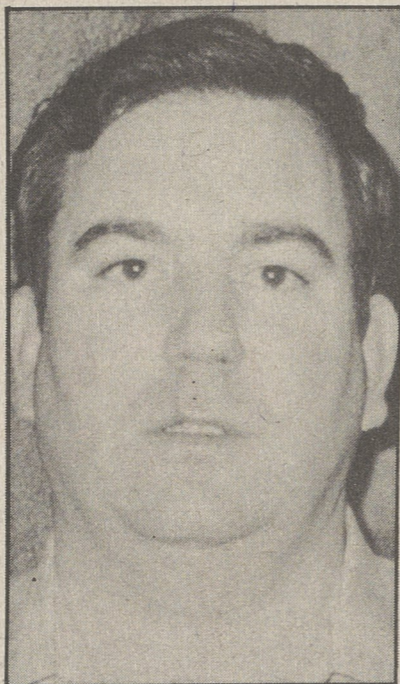
"We have been getting away, somewhat, from items that we, as a Board, should be involved in," Richardson said. "It's our job to make school policy and to look out for things the district will need sometime down the road, not necessarily to get involved in daily happenings. We have been getting away from that a little and I would like to see more harmony

among the members to benefit the kids," the new director added.

Richardson was elected president at a reorganizational meeting last week, receiving five votes for the position.

The operator of the L.L. Richardson car dealership in Dallas, Richardson, 40, who also served as chairman of the cafeteria committee, resides in Pheasant Run with his wife Cheryl, and children, Tracy, 16; and William, 12.

Tex Wilson was also elected as vice-president of the Board and Harry Sickler was elected to a three-year term on the West Side Vo-Tech board.



JAMES RICHARDSON

Lehman board expected to discuss staff negotiations

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Edward Mark, newly-elected president of the Lake-Lehman School Board, was expected to discuss the process of negotiations with employees of the district at last night's regularly scheduled meeting of the Lake-Lehman Board of Directors held in the music room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

Athletics committee chairman Martin Noon was expected to present a motion to hire Cheryl Travis as an additional assistant girls' basketball coach as

requested by junior high basketball coach Susan James.

Charles Nafus, building and grounds committee chairman, was expected to present a request that the board acknowledge receipt of approval for insulation of piping and breeching. This approval would have to be made by the Department of Education - Bureau of Management Support Services; Division of Physical Plant and Construction for the Application for Exception to the Bidding Procedures, Section 751, School Laws of Pennsylvania.

Education committee chairman Bing Wolfe was expected

to request a resolution of commendation for Byron Race.

Race was recently named "Teacher of the Year" by the Industrial Arts Association of the Pennsylvania-Technology Education Association of Pennsylvania.

It was also anticipated that Wolfe would request the board to revise the school calendar so that early dismissal scheduled for November 19 would be rescheduled for April 7 and the November 19 snow day be made up on April 22.

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riculum of those participating school districts and determined what courses would be taught by teleteaching.

The project sites will send only one course and receive only one course. The Senior High will be receiving a course called Computer Aided Drafting.

"It's a state-of-the-art hi-tech course," said Dan Williams, Industrial Arts teacher. "We teach communication and architectural drafting. This course will involve the technical area that is being used today."

Williams says the school

already offers 15 different courses in industrial arts and that the teleteaching course, which will also be taught in January to six to 10 students, will be of real benefit.

"It will help those students who are thinking of going into engineering," Williams said.

The School district will also receive \$10,000 to \$12,000 in equipment, including IBM and Apple II computers, printers, phones and other special material.

The project will be funded by a \$500,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, believed to be the largest sum ever issued by the PDE.

New Lehman president sees new Sunshine Law making difference

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Newly-elected president of the Lake-Lehman School Board Edward Mark foresees the new Sunshine Law as making a difference in the way meetings will be conducted and in the amount of input the school board receives.

Mark, of Chase, was named president of the board during a special reorganization meeting held December 2. He is in his third year as a member of the Lake-Lehman School Board and served as vice-president last year.

Martin Noon was elected first vice-president and Robert Emory was named second vice-president.

Mark believes the Sunshine Law, which mandates all meetings open to the public with the exception of discussions of employee negotiations, real estate and attorneys, will

be an improvement for school districts.

The new president would also like to see suggestion boxes established in the district's schools so that faculty and students can make recommendations on cost-saving means.

"We are a decision-making, problem-solving body of elected officials and should adhere to that," Mark said. "During my tenure, I plan to adhere to the democratic process."

A psychologist employed by the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, Mark is the father of four children, all honor graduates.



ED MARK

Births

(The following Back Mountain couples have announced births in the past week:)

GIONTA, LYNN and JOSEPH, 79 Lake St., Dallas, a son, Sunday, Nov. 30.

REINERT, CAROLE and WILLIAM, RD 4, Box 394, Dallas, a daughter, Saturday, Nov. 29.

ROGERS, MARION and DAVID, RD 3, Box 164, Dallas, a daughter, Sunday, Nov. 30.

MILLO, PATRICIA and GERALD, Box 211-1, RD 2, Dallas, a daughter, Sunday, Nov. 30.

BURRELL, WENDY and WILLIAM, RD 3, Box 233, Dallas, a daughter, Friday, Nov. 28.

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past and that there is really nothing to lose by forming a COG.

"It depends on what you want to make of it," Williams noted. "It's really a tool, a vehicle, that you can use to your advantage. But it has to be utilized to be of any benefit. If there isn't much cooperation, then you could just let it go by the wayside until it eventually goes dormant."

Williams said the concept was particularly popular in the early 70s, but has slowed down considerably since.

"We have helped some towns by giving them a little guidance," he said. "But it can be

organized in any manner depending on what you want."

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Davis honored

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