

## Teachers

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may keep in contact with mediator James Paley. If both sides accept the fact finder's report, his recommendations become the settlement. If one or the other side does not accept the report, DiLauro's report will be published. If this happens, the teachers could not strike for another 10 days, until October 30, or if they desire, both

sides could continue to negotiate with the assistance of Paley.

While representatives of the district and the teachers say they hoped negotiations could continue if a settlement is not reached, one teacher is not so optimistic and believes that if the district stands firm on the time length, it could mean the first teachers strike in

the Lake-Lehman School District.

"I never thought I would see a strike in the Lake-Lehman District," said the teacher who asked to remain anonymous, "But the teachers can be pushed only so far. I hope a settlement can be reached because a strike will hurt our students."

### COMPARATIVE SALARIES LAKE-LEHMAN, DALLAS, WYOMING VALLEY WEST

Lake-Lehman 1988-1989			Dallas District 1989-1990			Valley West 1989-1990		
Degree	Sal. Step	Salary	Degree	Sal. Step	Salary	Degree	Sal. Step	Salary
B+27	10	\$23,740	B+24	10	\$25,100	B+24	10	\$32,253
B+24	5	\$19,640	B+24	6	\$20,675	B+24	6	\$28,048
M+6	14	\$28,240	M+6	14	\$38,425	M+6	14	\$39,374
M+30	15	\$33,784	M+24	14	\$40,285	M+24	14	\$40,574
M+24	17	\$34,384	M+24	14	\$40,205	M+24	14	\$40,294

## Lake-Lehman salaries lag behind others

In order to give readers a general idea how Lake-Lehman teachers salaries compare to those of other districts the above chart shows the annual salaries of five levels in Lake-Lehman as compared to Dallas and Wyoming Valley West School Districts.

Since the Lake-Lehman teachers contract has not been settled the latest salaries available were those of 1988-1989 while Dallas and Wyoming Valley West have their 1989-1990 salary schedules. Dallas Education is in the final year of their five-year contract while Valley West recently settled a new contract.

In order to make Lake-Lehman's more comparable, if eight percent increase is added to those salaries above, the total salary for each degree and salary step would be B+27 \$25,639; M+6 \$30,499; M+24 \$37,134; B+24 \$21,211; and M+30 \$36,486.

It should be noted that in the Lake-Lehman salary schedule, there is no salary increase between salary step 15 and 20 for those holding bachelors degrees plus credits, and no increase between salary step 16 and 20 for those holding a master's degree plus additional credits. After the 20th salary step in either, an increase in

salary is given every 10 years under the present contract.

According to the figures, if the teachers accepted the eight percent increase reportedly offered to them during negotiations, with the exception of their bachelor degrees listed above, their salaries would still be several thousand dollars below Dallas, and in each of the five examples on the chart. Salaries would be much lower than Wyoming Valley West.

Readers may note a few slight differences in the salary chart above but that is due to the fact that it is almost impossible to find exact degree plus credits on identical salary levels within a district.

## Ross school parents pleased with bus changes

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Dr. Charles Borchetta, superintendent of Lake-Lehman Schools, reported to the board at the September 12 meeting that various changes made in transporting students for the 1989-1990 school year is providing better service to the student body.

Borchetta said the changes made in the starting and ending time for Ross Elementary has been particularly beneficial to the students at that school, allowing them more time in the mornings before they have to board buses.

Parents in the audience from the Ross Elementary School expressed their appreciation to the district for the change in the scheduling, explaining that the later starting time gave their children more opportunity to eat a good breakfast and be better prepared in the morning.

Dr. Borchetta also reported that the overall enrollment in the district had decreased by 20 students. Lehman-Jackson Elementary has 635 students this year, an increase of two over 1988-1989; Ross Ele-

mentary 131, a decrease of three students; Lake-Noxen Elementary 431, an increase of five; Junior High 332, a decrease of seven, and Senior High 618 students, a decrease of 17. He said the enrollment figures are constantly changing and will not stabilize for at least another week.

By a 6-2 vote, the board approved schematic drawings pertaining to the Lake-Lehman Senior High School in concept for review by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Directors Bing Wolfe and Robert Emery voted against approval of the drawings, which will be considered for formal approval at a later date.

The tentative plans include a media center, mathematics computer room, new home economics and English rooms, a new guidance suite, a fine arts area, additional storage space, biology labs and additional locker space.

In a 7-1 vote, the board also approved accepting and placing in the capital improvement file the concerns of parents of children attending Ross Elementary School

regarding the physical plant needs of that school, with director Emery voting no.

A group of Ross Township parents again expressed their concerns about what they consider deficiencies at Ross Elementary such as lack of proper gym, music and art facilities. Board president Marc Elgaway told them that these concerns would be in the file and taken under consideration according to priorities within the district.

Joseph DeCesaris was named as Junior High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach by a 7-1 vote, with Emery voting no. The board also approved unanimously a list of 43 bus drivers for the 1989-1990 school year.

Michael Kmetz submitted his resignation as Junior High Assistant Soccer Coach and the board appointed Joseph Kernag as the Junior High Assistant Soccer coach pending receipt of the Act 34 certification by a 7-1 vote, with Emery voting no.

The next regular monthly meeting of the board will be Tuesday, October 10, at 8 p.m., in the multipurpose room of the Ross Elementary School.

## Hunlock Creek man charged after car chase

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
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A Hunlock Creek man was charged with several offenses after allegedly interfering with the Fish Commission at Harveys Lake last Monday, then leading police on a car chase.

Thomas Lee Campbell, 42, Hunlock Creek was charged with interference with a Pennsylvania Fish Commission Waterways Enforcement Officer. He was also charged with fleeing or attempting to elude police officers, driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, driving on the wrong side of the road, harassment, public drunkenness, and disorderly conduct.

According to an incident report,

Waterways Enforcement Officer Claude Neifert was radioing boating violations to other officers in the parking lot of the Harveys Lake Hotel when Campbell confronted him Monday afternoon. Campbell told Neifert to get off the property because his father owned it.

Neifert said in his report that he "could see (Campbell) was obviously under the influence of alcohol and whatever else. I told him to leave and stop interfering with my surveillance activity or I would arrest him."

When Campbell refused to leave, Neifert requested arrest assistance from the Harveys Lake Police Department. Campbell left the area before the police arrived.

According to reports, Campbell

traveled along Route 415 and onto West Point Avenue. Campbell evaded a road block set up by Lake Township police.

At one point, Campbell was apprehended at the Lake-Noxen School parking lot. Here he failed a field sobriety test, according to police.

The defendant then ran across West Point Avenue claiming he was going to a friend's house. Police and Neifert pursued Campbell to the home. Police said Campbell then ran into woods nearby. The police could not locate Campbell.

Harveys Lake Police impounded Campbell's car and sent him a summons. He is required to appear before District Justice Earl Gregory, Shavertown.



PRECIOUS COMMODITY - Jean Eley, a Registered Nurse with the Wyoming Valley Blood Council, draws blood from a Back Mountain donor who gives regularly of the precious blood to save a life. (C.M. Denmon photo)

## Shavertown blood drive nets 146 pints

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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The blood drive held last Thursday at Shavertown United Methodist Church, Thursday collected 146 pints of blood, 34 short of its goal.

Bill Palchanis, bloodmobile scheduler for Red Cross chapters in the Northeastern Region said, however, that the collection was not bad for the community collections.

The Wyoming Valley Chapter has been scheduling blood collections at the Shavertown United

Methodist Church since 1983.

"The industrial collections are usually more successful, since the donors are brought to and from the collection site," said one of the bloodmobile representatives Thursday.

The next blood collection will be an industrial one September 26 at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas, by appointment only. A blood collection for students and school employees will be Thursday, October 5 at Dallas High School, Dallas, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a similar one will be October 11 at Lake-Lehman High School from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m.

A community blood collection will be held Monday, October 23, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, from 1 to 6 p.m. A collection for students and staff only will be at College Misericordia, November 2, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and one at Penn State, Lehman, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A collection will also be at Gate of Heaven School, Machel Avenue, Dallas, November 24 from noon to 6 p.m.

There is an urgent need for blood and all who are able are asked to donate.

## Sewer

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presentation," Mann said Thursday. He said the authority members would not take an interest in what he had to say. "I worked long and hard. I have done much research on testing techniques, possible causes, and so forth. When I tried to offer this information to the authority, they would not pay attention."

Several other residents also said the authority allowed Mann to talk, but would not listen to what he had to say. One 49-year resident of the lake who does not have a contaminated well said Saturday, "The president kept trying to shut (Mann) up. One board member fell asleep, and another kept his head down."

Eight other residents contacted by The Post who said they attended the meeting similarly describing the meeting, including saying one board member slept through the meeting.

Richard Boice, executive director of the sewer authority, defended the actions of the board Monday. "I thought it was a good meeting," Boice said. "I gave input as to what I have done and what I expect to do. Mr. Mann gave a good, detailed report."

Boice would not comment on the accusations of a member sleeping through the meeting.

During his presentation, Mann questioned the use of dye-testing to detect the contamination source. Mann claims that environmental scientists he has spoken with, including Wilkes College's Bruce Oram, told him there were several other testing options that would be much more efficient.

Oram could not be reached at the college for comment Monday.

"Dye-testing works," Boice insisted Monday. "It is a good test." Boice has been dye-testing all the sewer main lines at Warden Place. "The dye-testing I have done so far shows nothing except the two homes that were not connected," he said. Early in August, two residents were found not to be hooked on to the sewer system. They were connected within days.

However, Boice admitted the dye-tests were not as efficient as some other tests. "If the pipes are not full of water, no problems above the water level will show on the test," Boice explained. "The pipes right now are not full."

Although difficult, Mann said, he managed to complete his presentation; but at one point had to turn to the residents to speak.

"The board was not listening to me," Mann explained. When he turned to face the crowd, Mann

said McManus told him "to turn around and face the board." Mann says he responded, "I would sir, if you could wake your people up."

President George McManus could not be reached for comment.

Mann received a loud applause after the meeting, according to the several witnesses.

Mann said Borough Tax Collector Terry Jones approached him following the meeting to ask if Mann thought it would be a good idea to bring miniature television cameras in as a way to attempt to solve the problem. Mann said the cameras would be better than the dye-testing presently being done.

Mann said Friday that he was unsure why or how Jones had the authority to look into the possibility of using cameras. "At the meeting, the president of the sewer authority indicated that they would proceed with the dye-testing. When those tests are over, they said they would consider television cameras," Mann explained. he said he is not sure why Jones agreed to look into the cameras only after everyone had left the meeting. "How can they do this, or are they just jerking me around?" Mann said.

Monday, the authority announced they are looking into using cameras to test the sewer system.

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