



Little people graduate

Little People Day School and Kindergarten of Dallas held graduation ceremonies last Sunday at Walsh Auditorium, College Misericordia. Attired in caps and gowns, the graduates lined up on the auditorium stage. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Dallas district gets 8.5 mill tax increase

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The Dallas School Board approved the 1990-1991 budget at a meeting Monday night in the administration building. The directors by a 6-1 vote passed a \$13.5 million budget with an 8.5 mill increase by a 6-1 vote, the negative vote by director Ernest Ashbridge.

The 8.5 mill increase will make

the property tax 141 mills.

Board president Clarence Michael and board member Thomas Stritzer did not attend the meeting.

\$9.1 million — 68 percent of the total — is for staff including salaries and fringe benefits. Maintenance costs are \$1.3 million or 9.7 percent; \$1 million or 7.7 percent is earmarked for decreasing the debt on buildings and equipment; \$683,000 or 5 percent for trans-

portation and \$540,000 or 4 percent for the district's share of the West Side Vo-Tech School operational costs.

Linda Shrader, a part-time business teacher was furloughed due to decrease in enrollment in business education. The board approved Shrader's suspension with the understanding if enrollment increases, Shrader will be rehired.

Borchetta makes resignation official

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Dr. Charles J. Borchetta, superintendent of Lake-Lehman School District, submitted his letter of resignation to the school board at the regular June meeting, June 12, in the high school auditorium. The resignation was accepted by the board members.

"My wife Laura and I have enjoyed our stay in this area and leave with a feeling of sadness. Lake-Lehman will always hold a special place in our hearts," Borchetta told the Board. "It has been a challenging three years, and I extend my best wishes on the selection of a new superintendent for your school. If I can be of any help, I will be glad to do what I can."

Borchetta also reported that the end of the year school closing was successful and went smoothly. "The teachers closed out Monday," Borchetta said, "I see eight or ten of them in the audience tonight so maybe they would like to work all year," he concluded jokingly.

In a report on the high school project, Dr. Borchetta stated that the contractors expected to begin construction this week and hope to have the new roof and the health suite completed this summer, as well as the new oil tank.

He also told the board that the new additions will be closed in before September, but since there is extensive work to be done in the

cafeteria it may not be finished before the first week of school. Arrangements have been made to get through the first week.

In other business, the board:

- Approved contracts and salaries for extra-curricular activities and athletics.
- Approved salaries for the 1990-1991 year as follows: Dr. Stephen Boston, supervisor of curriculum and instruction, \$44,280; Charles James, elementary principal, \$48,899; Robert Kunkle, elementary principal, \$48,200; Joyce Coolbaugh, food service director, \$16,588; and Karl Search, supervisor of buildings and grounds, \$27,873.

• It is anticipated that Dr. Boston will be transferred to the assistant high school principal position during the last week in August. John Oliver, high school principal-elect, was approved at a salary of \$54,717 previously, and Robert O. Roberts, junior high school principal-elect, was approved previously

at a salary of \$52,126.

- Transportation coordinator/accountant Barbara Ross's salary was approved at \$24,133.
- The board approved the appointment of J. H. Williams & Co. as auditors for the 1990-1991 fiscal year at a fee of \$11,500.
- Peter J. Savage was appointed solicitor to the Lake-Lehman School Board of Directors for the 1990-1991 school year at an established salary of \$12,500 with dental and vision health plans included. This came despite statements made by board member Marc Elgaway that he saw no need for a solicitor to sit in on board meetings and that he believed it more economical to pay a solicitor by the hour when needed. Board member Mildred Dobash agreed with Elgaway's statement. Savage was appointed by a 6-2 vote with Elgaway and Dobash voting in the negative and Elizabeth Sichler absent.

County Dental Auxiliary holds installation

The Luzerne County Dental Auxiliary recently held its annual Installation Tea at the home of Lisa Miller. Outgoing president of the Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Dental Association, Ruth Aqua, installed the new officers and presented them each with a bouquet of flowers. Attending were, Ruth Aqua, installing officer; Cheryl Hine, treasurer; Ann Marie Lawrence, corresponding secretary; Margaret Bednarek, advisor; Bonnie Dombroski, outgoing president; Tammy McMahon, incoming president; Jan Goeringer, vice president and Debi Zielinski, recording secretary.

Police report

DALLAS BOROUGH CAR ROOFS SLASHED

Dallas Police Chief John Fowler investigated a report at Orchard West, Newberry Estates where investigation revealed two cases of criminal mischief. Mrs. Samuel Bannon said she found the top of the car had been cut. The car next to the Bannon car was also discovered to have had its convertible top cut.

Damage to the Bannon car was estimated at \$500.

The second car, owned by Richard Rosenthal, had two slashes each about 18 inches in length in the top.

FENDER BENDER

Dallas Borough police stated that June 2, John R. Bamberger,

Jr., RD 4, Tunkhannock told them he was traveling north on Route 309 in the area of the exit to Dallas Shopping Center near Kern Brothers when he saw a car driven by Voula Tsoutsoplides, Deer Hill Road, Shavertown, pull out in front of him onto the highway. Bamberger tried to avoid the accident, but struck the Honda in the driver's side in the front area.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP BIDDING CITED FOR DUI AFTER ACCIDENT

Ernest Bidding, Harveys Lake, June 14, was charged by Patrolman Wayman Miers with driving under the influence and with his license under suspension follow-

ing an accident in which police say he was traveling north on Route 309 and rounded a slight curve in the roadway. Skid marks indicated he was in the southbound lane and went back into the northbound and back to the southbound to the point of impact, skidded counterclockwise, to the point of impact with a tree. The car struck the tree while airborne, then bounced back in the southbound lane and came to rest in a westerly direction. When police arrived bidding was lying on the road but said he exited from the car himself.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM CAR

On June 14, Robert Wagner, Lower Demunds Road, Dallas, reported to police that sometime



Graduating — it's hard work

Laura Fauerbach, age 5, of Dallas had a hard time staying awake at the Little People Day School graduation ceremony last Sunday. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Lake-Lehman board votes 18 mill hike

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In a special meeting Monday night, the Lake-Lehman School Board agreed by a 5-2 vote to keep the 1990-91 tax increase at 18 mills and to keep the positions of supervisor of curriculum and also an assistant high school principal. The 18-mill increase will also keep the end of the year fund balance of \$53,579 intact.

Superintendent Dr. Charles Borchetta explained that even at the 18-mill increase for the 1990-91 year, it would be a tight budget and would have to be scrutinized closely.

"I'm not presenting a rosy picture," Borchetta told the board. "Remember you are going to have to live with what you approve."

Board members Joseph 'Red' Jones and Marc Elgaway did not attend the meeting.

Members Dr. John Presper, Thomas Williams, Dr. Martin McMahon and Jeffrey Fritzen approved the 18 mills on the first vote. Elizabeth Sichler said she was not comfortable with cutting the fund balance but would approve transferring the supervisor of curriculum to assistant high school principal and reducing the budget to a 16-mill increase.

Mildred Dobash said she had no problem with reducing the fund balance and reducing the budget to a 15-mill increase and Kenneth Williams said he had no problem moving the supervisor of curriculum to assistant high school principal and reducing the fund balance by three mills and reduce the proposed budget to a 13 mill increase.

When it appeared the proposed budget vote was at a stalemate, Sichler said she would vote for the 18-mill to break it.

The meeting to pass the 1990-1991 budget will be held at the Lake-Lehman High School, June 28, at 8 p.m.

Jackson Twp. Ambulance seeks funds

The Jackson Township Ambulance Association is beginning its annual fund drive and this year's chairperson is hoping the community will get involved.

The ambulance association is sending letters to residents in the township asking them to become members of the the ambulance by paying a small fee.

Fundraising Chairperson John Wilkes, Jr., said that the ambulance association needs as much support from the community as possible. "We rely totally on fund drive donations to operate during the year," said Wilkes.

He noted that anyone who becomes a member of the association benefits in two ways. "A contribution helps provide better ambulance service for the area, and those families who join receive ambulance treatment for free," said Wilkes.

According to the association, family membership dues are \$20 per year for a husband, wife and children under 18. Those children over 18 will pay a yearly fee of \$10 whether they live alone or with family.

This fee entitles members to free emergency care from the ambulance association along with transportation to all local hospitals. Non-members are assessed a \$75 fee for the service.

Wilkes said that the fund drive has been a success in the past. "We usually get between 55 and 60 percent of the residents in the township to become members," said Wilkes. "This year we want to raise that figure."

The fund drive will go on through the month of July.

Subdivision approved at Harveys Lake

The Harveys Lake planning commission approved one subdivision and tabled another at its meeting on Monday.

The board approved a subdivision of property owned by Robert Gardner along Carpenter Road. The 1.73 acres will be subdivided into two lots for finance reasons.

The board also tabled a decision on a request of a subdivision for property owned by David Schiller. The owner requested a subdivision of two acres along Beech St. He wanted the subdivision so his brother could build a home on one of the lots.

The board tabled the motion until the county planning office reviews the plans and the borough sewer authority could check the area to see if the new building would have to hook to the sewer line.

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