

Raises

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Fred Templin, supervisor of curriculum and instruction, received an eight percent increase, increasing his salary from \$47,259.41 to \$51,040.16.

The session at which the vote took place had been advertised as a meeting of the "committee of the whole." Small legal advertisements listing the meeting, but not its subject, were placed in the Sept. 26 issues of The Times Leader and Citizens' Voice newspapers. Local newspapers did not receive notice of the special meeting which Superintendent of Schools Gerald Wycallis explained by saying that the notice must be published in papers with daily circulation. Wycallis did call The Post later in the week to tell a reporter of the action.

Wycallis said that the increases were approved at the work session by a 5-4 vote with directors Ellen Nagy, John Litz, James Richardson and Ernest Ashbridge voting against the proposal.

According to Wycallis, discussions about the salaries began in January, but board members had been unable all year to reach the five vote majority needed in compensation issues. He said that all discussions took place during executive sessions of the board. Asked how the board knew it would pass the proposal October 1, Wycallis said he believed a telephone poll of the directors was conducted in advance of the meeting.

Dallas district administrators, especially some of the principals, were the lowest paid in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, Wycallis said. In some cases, he said, principals received lower salaries than their highest-paid teachers.

The 1990-91 school budget contained only an eight percent increase for administrative salaries, but board president Clarence Michael said after the October 8 board meeting that the district had

monies available from other positions that were vacated in the past and never filled. He cited former principal Thomas Cyphers as an example.

Michael, who voted in favor of the increases, said, "Templin was the highest paid administrator in the district with the exception of the superintendent and that eight percent increase was in line with the state median for that position. It wasn't meant to be discrimination, I hope it doesn't appear that way."

Director John George, who said he proposed the motion, stated that he had talked with Templin four or five times before the salaries were approved. "He said he would be satisfied with eight percent," George said. "But after the increases were approved I understand he is unhappy."

Neither Thomas Stitzer nor John Cleary, who voted in favor of the increases, were at Monday night's

meeting and director Tom Landon left before he could be questioned.

Director James Richardson who voted against the motion said, "I voted no because it was not my plan. It did not include criteria I favored."

Director John P. Litz said the proposal did not meet with his concerns. "I had three concerns," said Litz. "They were internal equity, external competitiveness and pay for performance. The proposal did not meet these so I voted no."

Director Ellen Nagy said she voted no because there was no real sound logic behind the proposal. "There was no rationale to it. It didn't address the concerns that I had."

There has been some speculation that the teachers in negotiating their contract may ask for a similar increase in salary. Negotiations on a new contract for the 1991-92 school year are to begin in January.

Cards asked for accident victim

Friends of 14-year-old Jeff Morris of Trucksville are asked to help with his stay in the hospital following an automobile crash last week.

Morris was injured after the car in which he was a passenger was hit head-on by another vehicle. Morris sustained hip and leg injuries and will be in the hospital for an expected six to eight weeks.

Cards and visitors are welcomed by the Dallas student. Cards can be sent to Jeff Morris, Room 66, General Hospital, River St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

Kunkle Fire Company spaghetti dinner Sat.

The Kunkle Volunteer Fire Company will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 13. It will be held at the Kunkle Community Hall, serving from 4-7 p.m. \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 years old or younger.



Wendy Vaughn finishes well

Wendy Vaughn won the First Runner-up position out of 168 participants in the PA Teen USA Pageant held in Monroeville, Pa. on Sept. 30. She thanked Payne Printery and friends from Nabisco Brands for their support and sponsorship.

Latchkey

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The Health and Welfare Committee of the Wyoming Conference of the United Methodist Church has presented the Dallas church with a grant of \$1,000 recognizing the importance of the project. This grant will be used for start-up costs and equipment. The ongoing support will be provided annually by the Council on Ministries of the Dallas church.

Flyers, posters and information for parents will soon be distributed throughout the community. It is hoped operation of the PhoneFriend line will begin in early October. The PhoneFriend number is 675-7525. An announcement will follow with the actual beginning date of operation.

Information about the program can be obtained by calling the church office at 675-0122 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Kiwanis installs new officers

Dallas Kiwanis held installation of officers for the coming year at their Sept. 26 meeting held at Irem Temple Country Club. Officers installed were, above, front row, from left, Bob Frodsham, 1st vice president; Charles Kishbaugh, president; John Tobas, Lt. Governor, District 15; Bob Bossart, past president; back row, Jim Ward, secretary; Cliff Parker, treasurer and Jim Tupper, 2nd vice president. (Post Photo/Charlot M. Denmon)

Ducks

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He contacted people at PennDOT about specifications for signs and also talked with borough council members about the situation. He was given the nod to purchase the signs and have them erected and immediately contacted the youngster with the good news.

"He (Lutsey) called us last week and asked for Stephen," said Kosisky's mother, Carol. "He told Stephen that the signs were being purchased and that the borough and the owner of Pickett's Charge wanted to present him with the signs."

Last Thursday morning borough officials and Thomas Pickett, owner of the restaurant, gathered with the Kosisky family and unveiled the two signs, which will be placed along the roadway to warn motorists of the ducks.

The devotion of young Stephen for this project was shown when he became more excited about the signs than with having breakfast with borough officials and being in front of television and newspaper cameras.

"I'm very happy to see the signs," said Kosisky. "I didn't think things would happen so fast."

He added, "I'm really glad to see that these people thought the signs were needed. I'm just very happy."

Lutsey said that the situation did a lot of good for everyone. "I think this taught the young man a little bit about local government and it also showed people that we in the borough are here to act on things as soon as possible and we do what we can for the community," said Lutsey.

Both Lutsey and Kosisky said that a story about the signs in the September 26 issue of The Dallas Post helped speed up things. "After seeing the article, I contacted PennDOT and found out they had provisions for the signs," said Lutsey. "It helped show that there is something we can do in a lot of situations."

Stephen was not the only member of the Kosisky family happy to see the signs. His mother and father were filled with pride as their son held one of the two road signs. "I am very proud of him," said his mother. "I am also thrilled that the borough and everyone else helped out with getting the signs."

His father also expressed gratitude to everyone who was present at the unveiling. "We can't thank them enough for their cooperation, this is great," he said.

Thomas Pickett congratulated Stephen on his determination in

getting the signs. "We have seen at least one duck hit by a car about every three weeks," said Pickett. "Now I hope these signs will help and we owe a lot of praise to Stephen."

Pickett said that ducks have been around his business since he opened 12 years ago. "When we first got here there was a mother, father and four little ducks," said Pickett. "Every year there seems to be more and more gathering out

there. Sometimes there have been as many as a hundred in that flock." He added, "This was a great idea and it shows that Stephen has a lot of feelings for the ducks."

There were a number of other borough officials on hand for the unveiling and a special breakfast at Pickett's Charge. They included: borough mayor Paul La Bar, council president Tim Carrol, councilman Bob Brown, and police chief Jack Fowler.

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