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## Parents want fifth grade music restored

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

Fifth grade instrumental classes and the new state budget's impact on the district were the key issues at the Dallas School Board meeting, August 5.

Parents of elementary students and Dallas Elementary and secondary teachers voiced their concerns and questions to District Superintendent Gerald Wycallis and the four board members at the meeting. Board president John Litz explained that the poor showing of directors was due to their vacations.

Michael Pawlik, music and band instructor, said he was told that the instrumental music classes were being dropped from fifth grade. He said he talked to 15 districts and they all said they start their students in fifth grade.

"Mr. Hoover and Mrs. O'Connell met with the elementary principals and they were told there were to be no fifth grade instrumental music classes," Pawlik said.

Wycallis said he had talked with Dallas Elementary Principal Ruth Tetschner and it was still optional that the fifth grade instrumental classes would be continued.

Mrs. Linda Ziegler, a parent, said that Westmoreland principal Samuel Barbose had told her there would be no instrumental music classes in fifth grade, that it had been deferred to sixth grade.

Mrs. Humphrey said she had a child who was looking forward to instrumental music this year in fifth grade.

"I hope she is not disappointed. She and some of the other children have been looking forward to it."

Following the meeting, Wycallis stated that no decision had been made on dropping the fifth grade instrumental music classes.

"Mr. Hoover and Mrs. O'Connell are both certified to teach music and instrumental classes and have in the past. No decision has been made at this point," he said.

Wycallis explained that he had not yet received official word how the increase of state funding to the school districts would benefit the district.

"I have placed several calls to the Department of Education today but I didn't get any definite amount. Dallas Education Association President William Wagner

is in the audience and perhaps he may have some information," said Wycallis.

Wagner stated that he had learned that Dallas District was declared a three percent district and would receive an increase of \$109,823 without special education.

"A lot of the money for education is going to non-public and most of the small districts. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are also doing fairly well," Wagner said.

"Any amount of increase we receive cannot go into the reserve accounts," said Wycallis. "We must reopen the budget in August and may have to rebate to taxpayers unless the cost of rebating is more than the money we will be receiving. The board at its meeting Monday will have to decide what to

do with it." Kathy Wega, one of the teachers furloughed this year, asked if the district's first consideration would be instruction.

"If something happens that we receive the money will the teachers be reinstated?" she asked.

Board member Ernest Ashbridge replied, "It's not because of the budget that teachers were furloughed. It's against the law to furlough because of money."

President Litz said the board should get more information within the next few days. "No one can speak for the nine members on the board."

The regular August meeting will be August 12, in the administration building with the work session at 7 p.m., the board meeting at 8 p.m.

## Area students honored for performance at LCCC

Six hundred six students have earned recognition for outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 1991 semester at Luzerne County Community College.

In making this announcement, Thomas P. Leary, dean of admissions and student services at LCCC, notes that 129 students attained the distinction of being listed on the President's Honor Roll. To qualify, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average.

Two hundred ninety-four students have attained a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.99 for placement on the Dean's List, and 183 were listed on the Honor Roll with an average between 3.25 and 3.49. Students from the Back Mountain included:

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Also, Keith Schultz, Shavertown; Charles E. Steinhauer, Harveys Lake; Heidi Strazdus, Dallas; Carol A. Strutko, Harveys Lake; Daniel J. Thompson, Dallas; Tammy Waltermeyer, Dallas.

**HONORS LIST:** Ann Balonis, Trucksville; Ernest J. Clamar, Shavertown; Dawn K. Clark, Harveys Lake; Christine J. Crane, Dallas; Richard Hataalski, Sweet Valley; Ronny Jones, Shavertown; Wendy Kuniskas, Shavertown; Heather Moore, Dallas; Stephen Rakos, Shavertown; Thomas Salem, Dallas; David Sawicki, Shavertown; Jeremy Stash, Sweet Valley; Kathleen Zuba, Dallas.

**PRESIDENT'S LIST:** Scott Dougherty, Dallas; Randall Greene, Dallas; James Egliskis May, Dallas; James McGuire, Dallas; Deborah Radley, Harveys Lake; Colleen Sutliff, Harveys Lake.



JOHN M. VAIDA

## Vaida named advisor to international chorus festival


John M. Vaida, Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Kingston, was recently named a member of the International Artistic Advisory Committee to "Pesaro Chorus" at the International Choral Music Festival in Pesaro, Italy.

The only American representative to the committee, Vaida is also Director of the Buckingham Performing Arts Center at Seminary, and a member of the music faculty at College Misericordia. As an active member of the International Federation for Choral Music, he was a participant in the First World Symposium on Choral Music in Vienna, Austria in 1987. Vaida again was a representative to the Second World Symposium on Choral Music in Stockholm, Swe-

den and Tallinn, Estonia in the summer of 1990.

A guest concert lecturer for the Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic League of Scranton, and music director of the Catholic Choral Club of Scranton, Vaida is a member of numerous professional music organizations. His article entitled "What Music Educators and Families Should Know About International Travel, Foreign Student Exchanges, and Concert Touring" was printed in The Journal of the American Choral Directors Association, and in the journal of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Vaida resides in Shavertown with his wife, Debbie and children Aria and John Michael.



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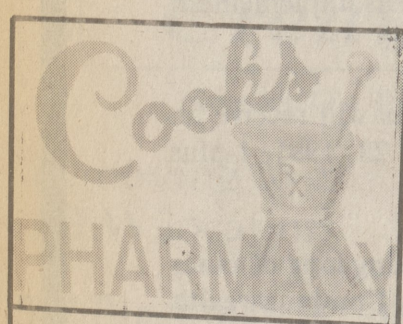
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