

Lake-Lehman moves to lower costs

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Post Staff

The Lake-Lehman school board voted to transfer the special speech services program from Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 to the district, starting in the 1993-94 school year, at its regular meeting Tuesday, December 8.

According to superintendent Nancy Davis, the move, expected to affect 52 students, will save the district approximately \$5,200.

The speech teacher will be paid by the district. The speech class is open to any student needing speech therapy for any reason.

The board also approved early retirement incentives for professional and support staff. According to business manager Ray Bowersox, teachers must be at least 50 years old; their incentive payments will be based on their ages and years of service.

"We won't know until February 15 at the earliest how much money

we'll save," Bowersox said. "We may not need to replace some retiring teachers; others could be replaced with teachers who would start at a lower position on the salary scale."

Support staff taking early retirement would receive a flat \$1,000, Bowersox said.

Although board members unanimously approved the early retirement incentive for professional staff, Jeff Fritzen, Ed Kern and Dr. John Presper voted against the incentive for support staff.

"To begin with, there has never been any precedent for this with the support staff. We don't see any significant savings to the district," Kern and Fritzen said.

In other business, the board unanimously passed a non-partisan resolution urging President-elect Clinton and Congress to set new federal budget priorities in education because "our nation's success in the post-Cold War world

will depend on the ability of the public schools to educate each and every child."

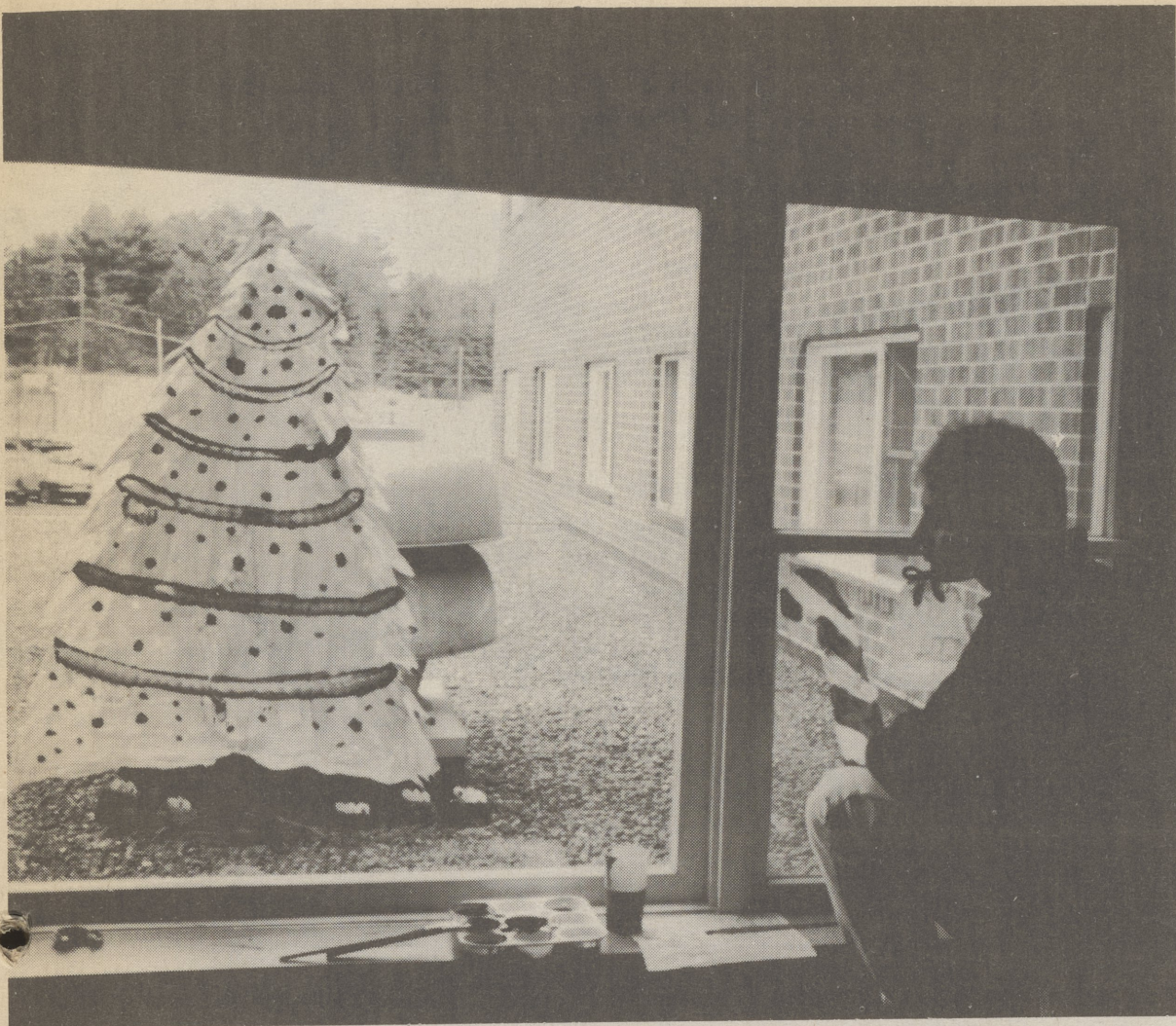
Copies of this resolution will be forwarded to state and federal legislators and President-elect Clinton.

In personnel matters, the board unanimously approved the following appointments:

- Robert Lipski, volunteer wrestling coach.
- Sandy Rhodes, volunteer seventh and eighth grade volunteer boys' basketball coach.

- Jonathan Pineno, Christmas and band concerts and sixth grade musical.
- Jeanne Purcell, elementary chorus concerts.

- Cindy Slocum, junior high softball coach, pending receipt of the resignation of Beth Finn.
- Christine H. Gilgallon, clerical substitute.



Dallas High students brighten windows

Art students from Dallas High School painted holiday scenes on windows at Insalaco's Market, Meadows Nursing Center and Valley Crest Nursing Center. Top photo, Chris Thomas observes the holiday tree he created at the Meadows. Above left, Bridget Zimniski shows off the reindeer she painted at the Meadows Nursing Center. Above right, Jaime Kapral's snow scene at the Meadows. Claire Morris is the art instructor at Dallas High School.

Back Mountain Business group lists prize winners

The Back Mountain Business and Professional Association has released the names of 22 winners in its first Holiday Open House promotion. They are:

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- Simply Nails: Betty Duda

Winners have been notified by the stores from which their gifts will come. If you did not receive your notification, stop into the store to inquire.

The Back Mountain Business and Professional Association was established earlier this year, and presently has more than 70 members. Dues are \$75 yearly, and all members in good standing will be listed in a membership directory to be published in the spring.

For information about the organization, call Bart Slocum at 675-1167 or Stephanie Reisch at 696-3219.

Dallas school

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- West Side Vo-Tech School: John George.
- Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18: Ernest Ashbridge, Jr.
- C.A.C.: Ronald Moran
- Negotiating committee: James L. Richardson, Ernest Ashbridge, Ellen J. Nagy and Dr. Richard G. Coslett.

James Richardson asked school board secretary Milt Lutsey to reconsider his pending resignation. Although Lutsey refused comment to the press, he said, "I guess I'm open to some discussion."

The board unaimously voted to contract with Davidson School, Elwyn, Inc., a private school for autistic children, for special education services for a student who has spent the past 10 years there and needs additional instruction.

In personnel matters, the board approved the following appointments:

- Substitute teachers: Megan Wheatley, music; Mary Ann Yurko, long-term elementary (third grade); Pamela Elenchik, elementary and Linda M. Sentiwany, elementary.

The following coaches were paid overtime for services beyond their regular seasons: Bill Kvashay, \$60; Reese Finni, Tony Chiarucci, Harry Gulich, Bill Silvi and Nancy Shaw, \$80; Ted Jackson, John McCafferty and Ron Moran, \$120.

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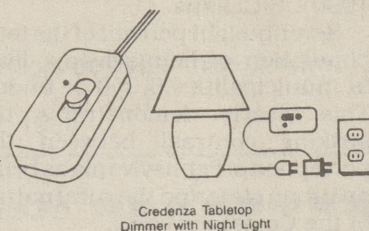
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