

Taking the quick way out

Students practice bus evacuation

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Students at Dallas Elementary School went out the back door of a school bus October 17. No, they weren't breaking the rules, they were learning how to get out safely in an emergency.

As part of National School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 17-21, drivers Angelo Concert and Bill Hartman met with the students to review bus riding rules and what to do in case of a bus accident.

"Can you see the driver yet? Can he see you?" Concert asked, showing second-graders the "danger zone" around a bus. "If you drop your lunch money and you can't see the driver, don't stoop down and get it. Wait until the driver knows you're here."

Later the students practiced a bus evacuation drill, jumping out of the back door into the arms of football players Joe Noon, Rob Kohli, Pat O'Neill and Aaron Gingo.

"We're surprised to see them so active this early in the morning," O'Neill and Gingo said. "One dove right out of the door and took us by surprise. They really trust us to catch them."

Jenny McPhee said she learned not to be scared if she's in a bus accident.

"Yeah, you can always call the school for help," added Meredith Davies, who also learned where the bus's ignition key is.

"The driver helped us understand what to do," said Brian Gibbons, while Chris Smith and Andrew VanLoon chorused, "Remember to get off the bus safely."

The children said they wouldn't forget what they had learned.

"It's good that they remember," said district transportation director Susan Farr. "We rarely have major problems - maybe a heater motor will overheat and start to smoke or a hose breaks. The kids know what they're supposed to do."



SAFETY CATCH - Dallas football players Pat O'Neill and Aaron Gingo catch first-grader Jackie Arnaud as she jumps from the emergency exit of a school bus during a safety drill October 17 at the Dallas Elementary School.

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The district sent a handout containing bus safety rules, accident procedures and an illustration of the "safety zone" around each school bus home with each student after the bus drills.

Some safety rules are:

- Remain calm and quiet and wait for the driver or an older student to tell you what to do.

- Know where the bus's ignition key, horn, emergency brake, first aid kit and two-way radio are and how to use them.

- Get out of the bus immediately if you see smoke, fire, danger of drowning or danger of traffic hitting the bus.

- Leave your books and belongings on the seat and go out through the safest exit - the front or back

door or windows.

- Help one another leave the bus, walk at least 100 giant steps away from the bus to a safe place and wait for help.

- If the driver can't talk or move, turn off the ignition key and pull on the parking brake.

- Ask an adult for help or use the bus's two-way radio.

Three left in race for L-L superintendent

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Three candidates are left in the running for superintendent of the Lake-Lehman School District. School directors announced at their October 11 meeting that eight of the original 24 applicants were interviewed before picking the three finalists.

The board will interview Dr. Derry Stuft, superintendent of the Huntingdon School District; Dr. Edward Watnick, superintendent of the Leechburg School District and Dr. William Price, director of curriculum services at Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, before October 25 and meet in an executive session November 1 to select a possible candidate, according to board president Joseph "Red" Jones.

Before making a final decision, the board and search committee members will visit the candidate's school district.

District residents on the search committee are Alex Covaleski and

William Mann, Region I; David Duncan and Donna Chamberlain, Region II and Gertrude Evans and David Kaufman, Region III.

The board tabled a resolution which would have authorized the development of drawings and specifications for an addition to the middle level building, to cost no more than \$135,000.

"The administration and the board didn't have enough information to vote on it tonight," Jones said after the meeting.

In other business, the board approved:

- Lists of activities advisors, substitute teachers and support staff.

- The appointment of Kim Stucker as senior high school guidance secretary at an hourly wage of \$8.00, to replace Joy Kozemchak, who resigned September 23.

The school board's next regular meeting has been changed to November 10 at 8 p.m., due to election day.

Kingston Twp. moves to force Searles to clean up

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A Kingston Township resident may have his Mount Olivet Road property declared a nuisance and be ordered by the Luzerne County court to clean it up if he doesn't comply with township ordinances.

Zoning officer Ben Gorey said he had contacted Fred Searles, Sr., five times in the past five years about accumulated trash on the property and junk vehicles along the roadway, but Searles has never replied.

At one time the Department of Environmental Resources had been involved, Gorey said.

At their October 12 meeting, the Kingston Township supervisors directed solicitor Ben R. Jones, III to take legal action against Searles to make him clean up his property.

The supervisors also approved

a subdivision, changing the property lines at the Haughwout property on Old Carverton Road, and a second subdivision at the Floti property at Woodridge II, moving a property line to a stone wall between the Floti and Bird lots.

A bid for oil and gasoline was awarded to Petroleum Service Co. of Wilkes-Barre for fuel oil at .549¢ per gallon, diesel fuel at .579¢ per gallon and unleaded gasoline at .632¢ per gallon.

The supervisors authorized the township manager to advertise for bids for the sale of a 1988 Chevrolet police cruiser and for the demolition of a dilapidated property at 63 Stafford St., Trucksville.

The supervisors approved the following ordinances:

- Final reading of an ordinance regulating discharges from industries into the public sewers.

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