

Board looks at plans for 2 fields, school a/c

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DALLAS - The Dallas School Board reviewed site plans at its Aug. 4 meeting for two new PIAA approved sports fields to be built on the 100-acre campus this year.

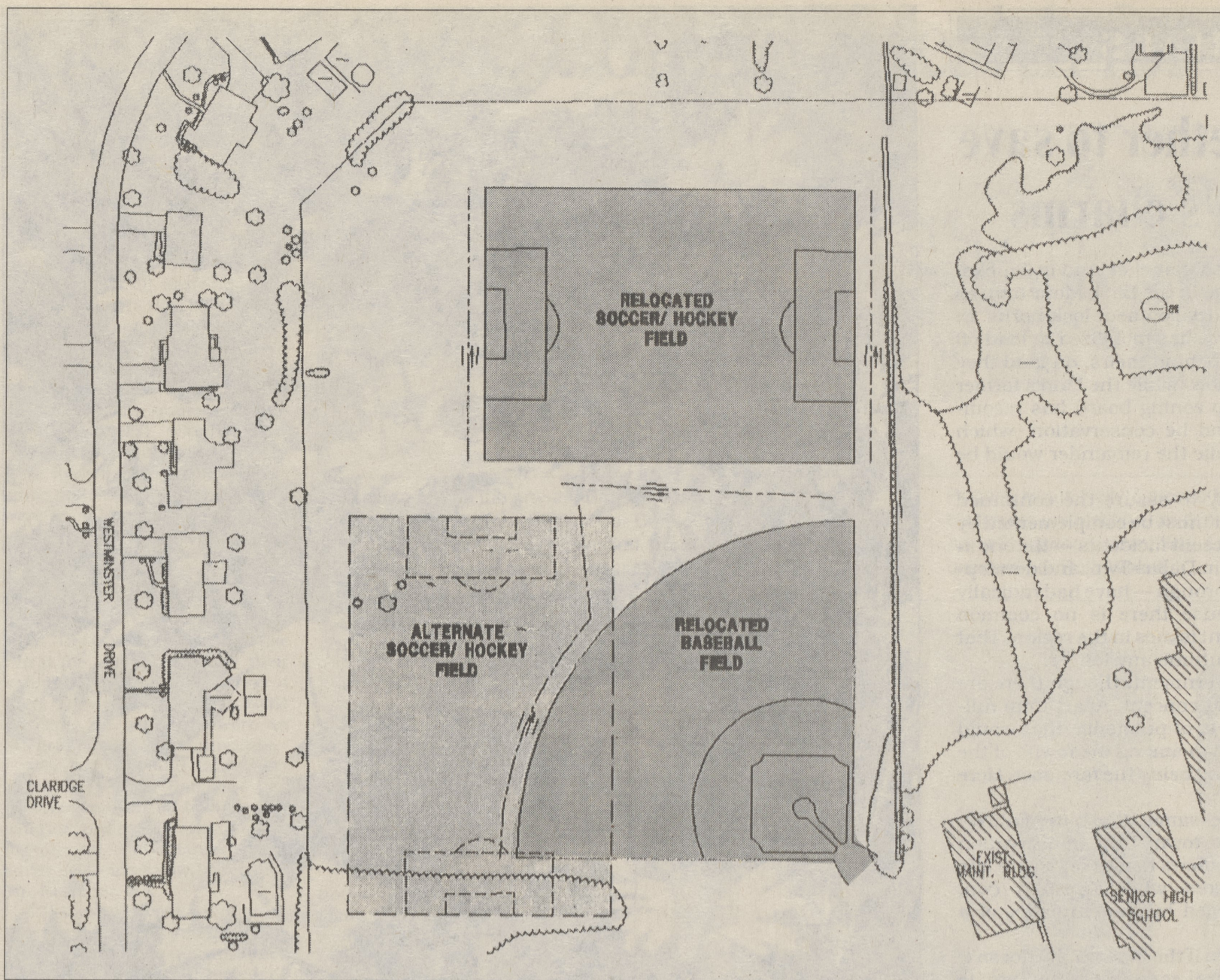
Architect Paul Degillio of Quad Three Group held center stage as he explained the proposed placement for both a baseball field and soccer/hockey field behind the high school. The fields must be relocated to make room for the new Gerald J. Wycallis Elementary School. The fields will cost \$107,000 including construction, contingency and fees.

Degillio explained that the fields will be separate to facilitate simultaneous use. There is a three to one slope between the fields. Degillio said it is not a dramatic slope and the fields can be easily maintained. The board must decide on the fields' location by Aug. 11 in order to stay on the school's building schedule.

The board unanimously voted to hire Paul Reinert to the position of high school vice-principal at \$56,000 a year. Reinert, who will be leaving his position as a Lake-Lehman Junior High guidance counselor, will start soon, said Gil Griffiths, superintendent of the Dallas district.

"He brings foresight, energy and a perception of children that makes him an excellent candidate for our high school," Griffiths said.

Degillio also discussed additional items the district requested for the new elementary school. Degillio presented a blueprint of the school showing all the areas that would be air conditioned, including the administration offices, cafeteria, computer room, faculty room, special education



A drawing by Quad Three Group shows the location of new sports fields on the Dallas school campus.

and library. To air condition the entire school, excluding the gym, would cost \$265,000.

Locker and toilet rooms were discussed and estimated to cost \$70,000. The locker area would result in an increased square footage in the building.

Degillio told the board that test results showed there was nothing deep in the ground to interfere with building the school. "We found some rock down 15 ft., but it's nothing that will affect the building," he said.

Gas for the school will come from a line on Pear Tree Lane, electric will come from UGI and DAMA is prepared to hook up the sanitary sewer.

The board will meet Aug. 11 at p.m. to further discuss the fields and additional requested items.

Board plans to keep closer eye on schools

Dallas School Board president Ernest Ashbridge announced the board was launching a new program with a mission to solve minor problems before they grow.

To achieve this, the board assigned members to serve as representatives of the board to

each of the schools in the district.

"It's a new idea from the Pennsylvania State Board of Education," said Ashbridge. "At least once a month, preferably twice, the board members will meet with teachers to bring back more information to the board.

It will help stop problems before they start."

John Litz was assigned to Dallas Elementary, Joseph Kuncic to Westmoreland Elementary, Thom Russ to Dallas Middle School and Maureen Banks to Dallas Senior High School.

Childbirth Refresher class Aug. 19

Wyoming Valley Health Care System will present a Childbirth Refresher Class on Tues., Aug. 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Nesbitt Memorial Arts Building auditorium, 534 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

This complimentary class is available to all women and their support persons who have had previous birth experience and/or have attended childbirth education classes.

This one-evening review session features an overview of labor and delivery, positioning exercises and breathing and relaxation techniques. Participants should bring a pillow, blanket and tennis ball to class.

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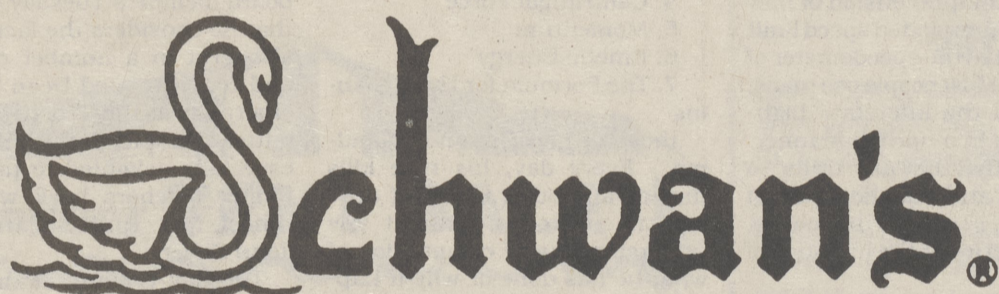
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