

Middle school

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tiles, a job that will cost an estimated \$700,000 and replacement of aging and damaged ceiling tiles costing approximately \$150,000. Electrical renovations estimated at \$800,000 are also recommended in the report. Improvements designed to comply with standards outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act would cost an additional \$180,000.

Quandel representatives told the board they would be available to make recommendations about which projects need the most immediate attention. "The roof and windows or the windows and the HVAC system makes sense," said Lipsett. "I'd hesitate to suggest that you replace HVAC system if you're not going to take care of the windows - that's like throwing money away."

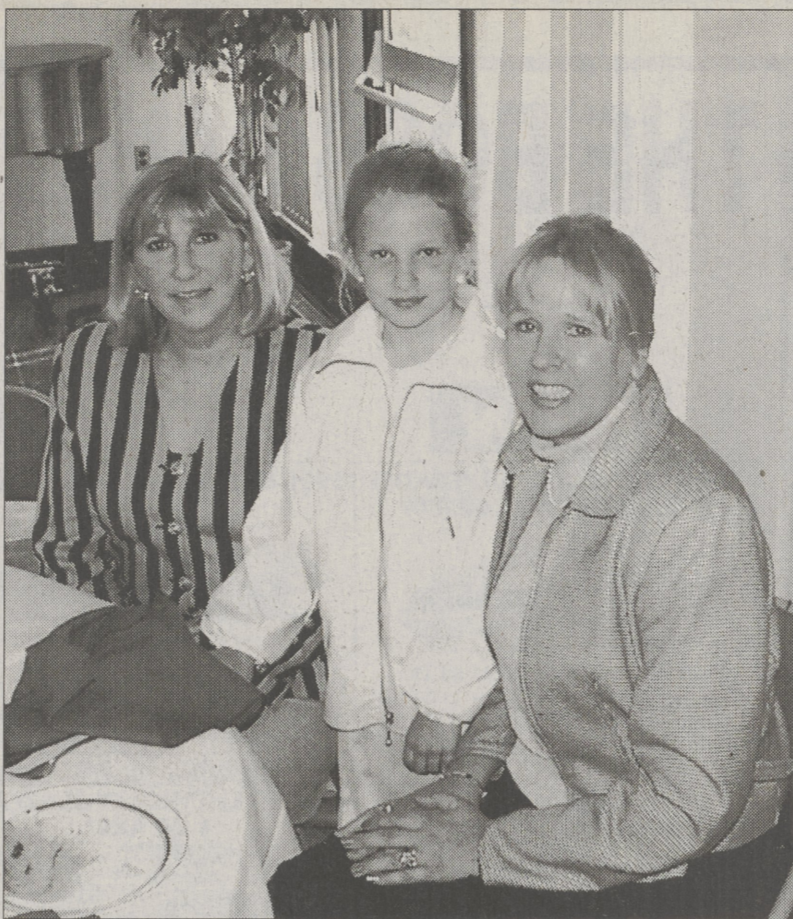
Several board members expressed concern that renovating portions of the middle school but not the whole structure would be penny wise but pound foolish. "If we piece-meal this project we are

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School board president

going to lose our opportunity for reimbursement," said Karen Kyle. The school district is eligible to receive a reimbursement from the State Department of Education estimated at 15 to 17 percent of the total construction costs. The price tag for all the recommended repairs totals \$43.50 per square foot.

John Litz, School Board president, suggested the board review the Quandel report carefully before deciding to go ahead with any of the projects. "Our job will be to weed through all of this and determine wants from needs," he said.



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Natural business

Candice Bittner, center, accompanied her mom Patti, right, to tell members of the Back Mountain Business & Professional Association about the "Backyard Habitat" project at Dallas Elementary School. Students, parents and teachers are creating a natural area behind the school, in part to protect a stream band from erosion. They sat with Debbie Kirkwood, a BMBPA member, after the presentation.

Coaches

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coach, but he said the team is getting organized for summer competition and will be ready for tournament play.

Dick Morgan, the head coach of the girls' varsity basketball team, also submitted a letter of resignation to the board, but he could not be reached for comment. At last week's school board meeting, a member of the girls' basketball team booster club expressed the group's hope that the district consider hiring one of the assistant coaches to fill the coaching vacancy.

The superintendent assured the parents that the district would do everything possible to find qualified replacements quickly. "We are going to advertise these positions immediately and we will make our decisions as soon as possible so that these resignations don't serve as a disruption to the kids," said Dr. William Price.

"I would really like to thank the kids and their parents for their commitment and dedication."

Tom Williams
Former wrestling coach

School safety

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boring lots," said Ron Payne, school board director. "This is the first I've heard of this, but I think it's something we should look in to."

Douglas Ide, a Lehman Township supervisor, said he hadn't heard about the alleged leak. "There's been nothing at all brought to the attention of the supervisors," he said, Tuesday.

Douglas Trumbower, architect, offered a presentation on the district's plans for renovations at Ross Elementary and sketches of a new middle level wing to be added to the high school.

The middle level plans include a new gymnasium, changes to the administration and guidance departments, and renovation of the library. "The guidance suite is currently located in an isolated part of the high school, but plans are to move it to a central location near the administrative offices so that the area is more accessible to our students," said Dr. William Price, Superintendent of Schools.

The superintendent expressed the district's commitment to upgrading security at all Lake-Lehman schools in the wake of the violence in Littleton, Colorado. The district plans a two-fold approach to combating such incidents. "The first measure includes the drafting and distribution of a document which clarifies courses of action and identifies certain individuals who will be responsible for specific duties in the event of an in school emergency," said Price. "The second phase of our action plan includes discussions with the state police and district attorney's office and a comprehensive review of each building to determine its accessibility for increased electronic surveillance."

In other news, the board approved the purchase of insurance policies to be provided by the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA). A Commercial Package costing \$24,600, a Commer-

cial Umbrella priced at \$6,950, a Workers' Compensation Package totaling \$48,510, and a SDELL policy costing \$5,945 were approved.

The board also voted to extend the Wee Care contract for an additional three years. Wee Care provides child care at a reduced cost to families with children enrolled at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. The school district charges Wee Care \$50 per month for use of its facilities.

The extension received much support from parents in the audience who expressed their appreciation for the quality of childcare provided by Wee Care. Members of the Lake-Lehman Taxpayers' Association were less enthusiastic about the decision to renew the contract, which they felt should be advertised to attract competitive bids. "Last month, several of you (board members) stated that we should put this matter out for bid and now you've all rolled over and voted to extend their contract," said Ed Chesnovitch.

The school board also voted to approve a contract for cellular phones with Alltel in the amount of \$299 per month. The contract allows for 1,200 minutes of local air time per month for the district's 20 cell phones. Most of the phones are used by transportation personnel while the remaining phones have been distributed to school principals to use in the event of a crisis which disables the main phone line.

The contract was approved despite concerns that the absence of an itemized account of local calls allows phone abuse occur. "We have not had a problem in the past and if we have a reason to be suspicious about phone use in the future, we can request a detailed list of calls made from any of the district's cellular phones," said Kathleen Williams, business manager.

Proposed Renovations

to the Dallas Middle School and their costs:

Replace Roof	\$800,000
Replace Windows	1,000,000
Asbestos Abatement	700,000
Replace Ceilings	150,000
Ceramic Tile repairs	10,000
A.D.A. Improvements	180,000
Restroom/Locker Room Renovations	200,000
HVAC Renovations	1,200,000
Electrical Renovations	800,000
Stage Equipment	150,000
Plumbing Renovations	210,000
Contingency	600,000
Total Proposed Budget	\$6,000,000

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