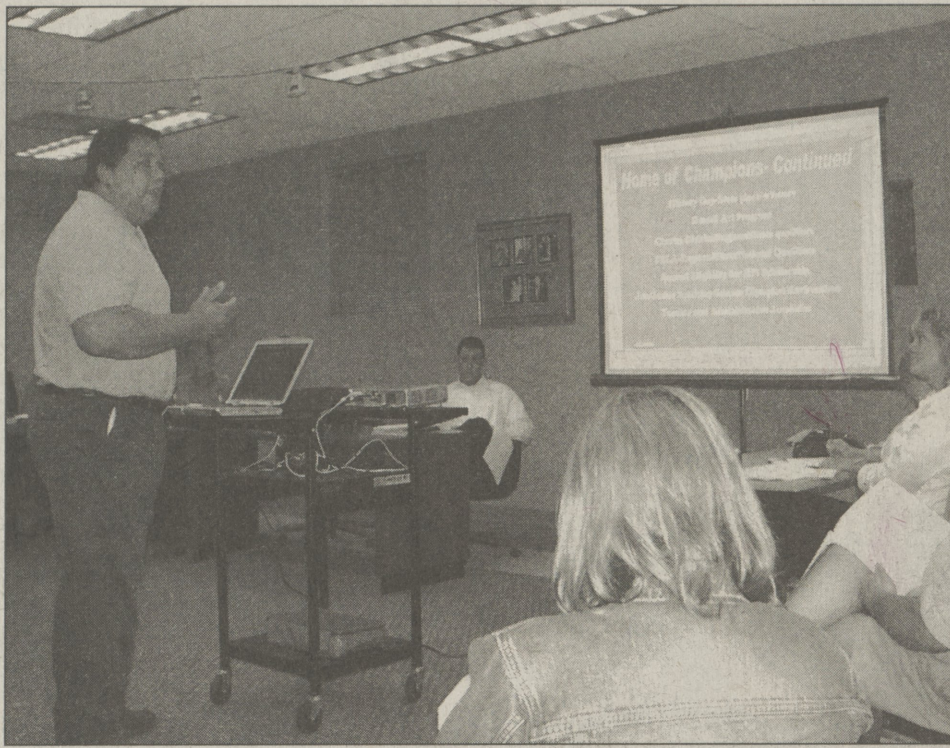


## Schedule

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James McGovern, Assistant Principal at Dallas High School, explained one of the slides during a presentation he and Principal Frank Galicki made at the July 12 meeting of the school board.



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block offers the utmost flexibility," said McGovern, in that the flex periods can be used for clubs, working on college applications, test preparation and other activities that would otherwise have to be done outside the school day.

Because of the schedule, "Students can get involved in academic competitions, performing arts, the fine arts" and other activities, Galicki said.

He feels test preparation is one of the best uses of the flex period. Using individual student records, department chairpersons set up tutoring sessions aimed at specific weaknesses and structure tutoring to address them in small groups of similar students.

"This is what makes Dallas

provide less opportunity for trouble," Galicki said. In the most recent round of state testing, he said Dallas ranked first among high schools in Luzerne and Wyoming counties in reading scores and second in math.

The administrators also emphasized that the longer classroom periods prepare students for life after high school, whether in college, the military or at work. Galicki said one other benefit of the schedule is that students graduate with an average of 30.8 credits, about eight more than they would earn under a traditional schedule.

McGovern said the block schedule also helps reduce discipline problems, most of which occur between classes, or at the beginning or end of a class period. Fewer transitions

provide less opportunity for trouble, he said.

While pleased with the present results, Galicki said the schedule must be flexible and subject to change if necessary. One possible change would be to an "A/B Alternative Block Schedule," in which students continue to have four classes daily, but the classes are different on alternating days.

That would mean students would carry eight subjects over a full year, rather than the present four subjects each half year. Galicki said Tuesday the alternative schedule is not being considered because weekend breaks and snow days would cause too long a gap in the continuity of instruction. Next year's schedule will be the same as the past year.

## New Superintendent sworn in at Lake-Lehman

Staff report

LEHMAN TWP. — The new Superintendent of the Lake-Lehman School District arrives with years of experience, strong recommendations and high hopes.

School board President Jim Mahon said he found out who Healey was by talking to the people who knew him in the Lackawanna Trail School District, where Healey had been the high school principal.

"They called him friend, they said he was no-nonsense, always around, tough, demanding ... a family man ... he holds faculty and students accountable. He not only expects you to do but inspects what you do," Mahon recalled faculty, staff and parents saying of Healey. "There's no better man we could have found to lead this district for the next five years — or longer."

District Justice James Tupper administered the oath of office to Healey at a ceremony held July 13 at the junior/senior high school.

After Healey took the oath, he thanked the board and guests. He began by acknowledging his parents, and credited them with "instilling in me that first and foremost is education."

Healey said the job of superintendent is "a complex task."

"I look forward to providing opportunities for the students both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities," he said, and he acknowledged "the rich and deep tradition" those activities have in the district.

He said district students can expect to get to know him well. "I can't spend my days behind a desk. I have to be out, be visible and available."

The evening was also a chance to showcase some of the musical talent in the district. Chelsea MacDougall, a senior and Miss Teen Pennsylvania, sang the national anthem. Recent graduate Steven Patla performed a medley of Irish songs on the bagpipe. Senior Joe DeCesaris sang, and the district's new instrumental music director, Greg Reilly, led a saxophone quartet that also included Shea Reilly, Doug Piazza and Joe Rosser.

## Correction

An article in the July 4 issue of The Post stated that Richards' Economy Store was located in the brick building on Main Street, Dallas, that now houses White's Appliance store. Kathleen Richards called to say that the Economy Store was next door to White's, where the Bufalino Law Office is now located. She also said that prior to White's taking over the brick building, it was France's grocery store and then Tittman's.



FOR THE POST/S. JOHN WILKIN

Dallas Township zoning officer Leonard Kozick is questioned by Attorney Patrick Aregood, representing Pulverman Enterprises, during a hearing on the company's appeal of a noise violation at the Dallas Township Municipal Building July 12. Neighbors of the plant have complained for months about constant, excessive noise, particularly at night.

## Noise

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with the dosimeter.

The second set of readings found noise levels that exceeded the ordinance. An enforcement notice was sent to Pulverman's owner, Randy Mark, on May 21 ordering him to reduce the noise to acceptable levels within 15 days.

Pulverman's attorney, Patrick Aregood, asked Kozick if he recalled receiving a letter dated June 7 with an attached list of activities that had been undertaken by Pulverman to reduce the noise.

"Why don't we say alleged activities?" interjected Solicitor Michael Melnick. "I don't know if they're true or not."

Kozick indicated that he received the list but that he was already aware of the modifications that were made.

"Assuming the enforcement notice was not appealed, how would you have proceeded to verify that my client was in compliance with the ordinance?" Aregood asked.

Kozick replied "We were down there with the supervisors on April 29. Randy Mark showed us around the place." He explained that Mark pointed out various measures he took to muffle the sounds such as placing eggshell curtains around the presses

and padding under them. He put padding under the overhead doors, insulated the windows and shut off two exhaust fans.

"Mark told us he spent close to \$24,000 implementing measures before the enforcement notice was issued."

Aregood questioned why additional testing wasn't done after the June 7 deadline and asked Kozick what penalties Pulverman would incur for continuing to violate the ordinance.

"Not more than \$500 and all court costs and attorney's fees," Kozick replied. He indicated the next step would be to file an action with the district magistrate. "I've only had to go to the magistrate several times in the 32 years I've been here," Kozick said.

Aregood asked if the enforcement notice would be lifted if the violation was corrected. "I believe so," Kozick replied.

Later in the week, Kozick said the township ordinance calls for a fine of up to \$500 per day, but that in his experience, the fine would be limited to \$500 if the violation was corrected.

The second half of the hearing is scheduled for Monday August 2 at 7 p.m. at the township building on Route 309.

## Yanovich

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"He hasn't changed a bit, he's still the same old 'Stevie.'"

Yanovich will be going back for an undetermined remaining tour that could be as long as two more years. He will leave behind his wife of five years, Linda, daughter Hannah, who is 3, and a 15-year-old son, Nick. He'll miss his fifth wedding anniversary, August 1, and his daughter's birthday, August 31. Yet he is committed and says, "We need to be there; if not, it would be complete unrest."

"We never thought they would take him," says Linda.

"Look at how green those trees are, and everybody speaks the same language here."

Steve Yanovich  
Army Reservist home on leave

"We never thought his unit would be called."

But once he was, she made sure he was welcomed back on leave with large, beautiful yellow bows tied to trees all along both sides of East Center Street and on up to their house on Layou Avenue.



FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Steve Yanovich and fellow Reservist Ed Straub show off Iraqi currency. They said the wad of bills could have bought a house in previous times.

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