

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Before/after care program discussed

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Members of the Dallas School Board voted Monday evening to put out a request for proposal (RFP) for a district before and after-school childcare program.

Hildebrandt Learning Centers, LLC, was contracted to provide childcare service for the district during the 2008-09 school year and the summer. Thirty-five students were signed up for the program at the beginning of last school year.

Donna Wren, of Trucksville, asked the board to consider having the childcare program again this school year. Wren, who has a child entering the first-grade in the district, says the program is beneficial to her because of her work hours.

"Not knowing, that's the issue right now," Wren said. "You don't know whether or not you're going to have daycare for your child."

District solicitor Ben Jones prepared an RFP for childcare providers to bid on the service

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Dallas School Board will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10, in the administration building.

for the coming school year. Board members had to vote on the RFP at the July 13 meeting because the bid is required to be out for 30 days and classes resume on August 24.

Grant Palfe, district business manager, says the district made about \$2,388 in net profit from

the program during the past year, not including expenses for extra lighting, water, etc. Palfe recommended that the board do away with the program because he feels the cost of time, advertising and a late start to arrangements this year will cause profit to be negligible.

**Construction update**

Rick LeBlanc of Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates, provided an update on the new high school construction project. LeBlanc says trucks are removing unsuitable soil and materials and that excavation for an access road is underway. Lobar Construction Inc. will begin Section A, or the gymnasium section, of the school this week. The board passed a resolution to pay Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates \$21,439.06 out of the capital projects fund for professional services rendered for the new high school facility. The board passed a separate resolution to pay the following contractors for services specified in the high school project: Lobar, Inc., general construction, \$267,876; Charles H. Corby & Sons Excavating Inc., site work

construction, \$58,500; A.J. Demor & Sons, Inc., HVAC construction, \$44,195.40.

Board members also approved a resolution to pay UGI Utilities, Inc. for temporary electric service dealing with the new high school project at a cost of \$5,050 out of the capital projects fund.

**Personnel**

The following people were hired in the district: Kim Natitus, long-term substitute elementary teacher (replacing Crystal Seidel), at Dallas Elementary School, at the second step bachelors level on the salary scale, \$35,000, prorated, effective August 20, 2009 through January 18, 2010; Jennifer Perch, ACCESS billing program coordinator, a contracted position, at a rate of \$18 per hour; and Melanie Harry, senior high school housekeeper No. 4, at a rate of \$11.68 per hour, effective August 13.

The school board accepted the following resignations: Lisa A. Ciampi, an English teacher at the middle school; and Margaret Kaplanski, housekeeper No. 2 at the high school.

Board members approved the

transfer of Tom Pealer from housekeeper No. 2 to housekeeper No. 4 at the middle school.

A leave of absence was extended for Angela Pacini, an English teacher at the high school, from August 20, 2009 through January 15, 2010.

**WVIA programming**

The board approved an agreement with WVIA-TV for the 2009-10 WVIA V-Media Member School Resources, Level III, an inventory of high-quality curriculum-based programming, at a cost of \$1,500.

**VLINC**

A resolution was also adopted to approve the payment of the Virtually Linking Instruction and Curriculum (VLINC) membership fee of \$4,500 for the 2009-10 school year through NEIU 19.

**District policy book**

Board members adopted a resolution to approve the review of the Dallas School District policy book by the Pennsylvania State School Boards Association at a cost of \$4,500.

LAKE TOWNSHIP

# Misdirected tax money is repaid

By EILEEN GODIN

Dallas Post Correspondent

Misdirected tax money and renewing insurance policies headlined the July 9 Lake Township supervisors meeting.

Supervisors approved a motion to pay Harveys Lake Borough about \$20,000 for misdirected funds from Berkheimer Tax Administrator.

Township Secretary Carlene Price said the problem occurred when a Harveys Lake resident paid his taxes to Berkheimer Tax Administrator and the money was mistakenly credited to Lake Township. The oversight occurred over a two-year period, Price said.

Supervisors passed two motions to renew insurance policies. The first, with St. Paul Insurance, had a three percent increase from last year, totaling \$9,236. Effective August 10, the insurance package covers everything from tools to vehicles.

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy covering medical insurance has an addition of a \$100

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Lake Township supervisors meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13 at the municipal building.

emergency room co-pay. This will be effective from August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

In other news, supervisors announced GeoComm will be in the township to verify that all addresses and street names are up to the 911 emergency systems requirements.

Chairman Lonnie Piatt said GeoComm employees will check to make sure all is up-to-date.

Price said residents will see the GeoComm white Toyota in

the area. Recently, GeoComm has helped Harveys Lake Borough with its 911 addressing conversion.

Tax Collector Donna Kocher announced that school tax bills were to be mailed on July 15.



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## Book fund honors former HL resident

A memorial book fund has been established in the name of Daniel Enrico Falcucci at the Hoyt Library in Kingston.

Falcucci, 50, formerly of Harveys Lake, was killed in a tragic car accident in March 2009. He was an accomplished violinist, guitarist and pianist, having studied violin under Ferdinand Liva at College Misericordia in the late 1970s.

Falcucci's love of music followed him throughout his life and, therefore, his mother, Gloria Falcucci, and his son, Daniel, have suggested that donations to this fund be used to purchase books of a musical nature.

Contribution, \$30 for young adult and older and \$15 for children's books, should be designated as being intended for the Daniel Enrico Falcucci Memorial Book Fund and may be mailed to: Memorials, c/o The Hoyt Library, 284 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

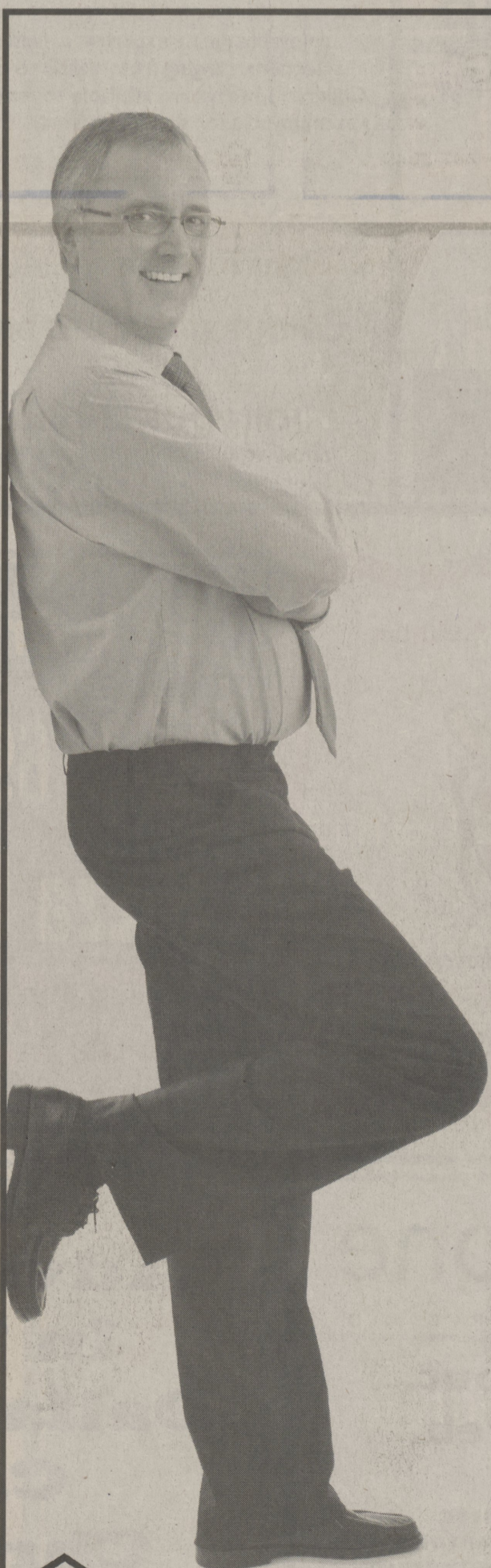
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