

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote on care program postponed

Board agrees not to vote on issue because no contract has been drafted.

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The Dallas School Board decided Monday night to postpone a vote to approve a before-and-after-school district child care provider.

According to Superintendent Frank Galicki, a response to a request for a proposal to provide the service was submitted by Little People Daycare and the Child Development Council, or CDC. Little People, however, did not comply with all specifications of the request because it did not supply a detailed list of costs.

Hildebrandt Learning Centers LLC, which operated the before-and-after-care program at the district last year, did not submit a proposal.

Galicki says the CDC already runs a day care program at the former district administration building and pays monthly rent to the district. If approved, the organization would have a separate program for before-and-after-school care at one of the district's elementary schools.

The school board agreed not to vote on a before-and-after-care provider Monday night because no contract has been drafted.

According to Galicki, district officials hope to sit down with the CDC as soon as possible to develop a contract. In order for the contract to be approved, the board will either have to hold a special meeting that is advertised or it will have to wait until the next board meeting in September. Classes resume in the district on Monday, Aug. 24.

Food service provider

The board passed a resolution to approve a contract be-

NEXT MEETING

The school board's September work session will be held on Monday, Sept. 14, and the regular meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 21. The meetings have been pushed back one week due to the Labor Day holiday.

tween the district and Metz & Associates LTD for cafeteria services for the 2009-10 school year at a cost of \$64,087.50. This cost includes \$42,000 in equipment for the high school that the district will own.

Under the contract, there will be no increase in student lunch prices this school year. Lunches will cost \$1.90 at the senior high, \$1.75 at the middle school and \$1.65 at the elementary schools. The cost of a reduced price lunch is \$.40.

The contract was a concern for board member Richard Orłowski because food services equipment has already been bid on for the new high school.

Other bidders for the food services contract include Ara-

mark and the Nutrition Group.

High school construction

Craig Zimmerman, of Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates, told the board that the construction of a new high school is on schedule despite a month setback on the construction of a new maintenance building.

Crews have started pouring footers in parts of buildings A and B, which are the gym and auditorium sections of the school. Zimmerman says there is talk that the core sections will be enclosed by the fall so work can be completed on the inside during the winter.

The board approved the following payments out of the capital projects fund for work relat-

ed to the high school construction project: Charles H. Corby & Sons Excavating Inc. for site construction, \$198,000; Dallas Township Planning Commission, \$910; and Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates, \$28,835.84.

Personnel

The following people were hired as in-school suspension monitors: Meredith Ohl, half-day a.m., \$50 per day; Joyce Hourigan, half-day p.m., \$50 per day.

A leave of absence was approved for Stephanie Schlude, a speech teacher, from August 20, 2009 through October 30, 2009. No replacement has been named.

A professional development leave was approved for Kerry Speziale from January 15, 2010 through May 31, 2010. Kim Natitus was hired as a long-term substitute elementary teacher replacing Speziale at Dallas Ele-

mentary School at the second step bachelor's level on the salary scale, \$35,000. Natitus was previously hired as a substitute for the first half of the school year, replacing Crystal King-Seidel, a teacher at Dallas Elementary School.

The following part-time teachers were hired: Linda Doughton, gifted education, Dallas Elementary School, 16.5 hours per week at a rate of \$39.50 per hour; Caprice Ryman, art, Wycallis Elementary School, three and a half hours per day at \$33.95 per hour; Julie Schaub, special education, Dallas Elementary School, three hours per day at \$33.95 per hour.

Leslie Plank was hired as a Title I reading at Dallas Elementary School at a rate of \$8.10 per hour.

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KINGSTON TOWNSHIP

Shavertown Fire Co. supports merger

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Shavertown Volunteer Fire Co. Chief Gary Beisel told the board of supervisors Wednesday evening that his company is in favor of a township-wide consolidation of fire and ambulance services.

Beisel says his company took a vote on Tuesday and is in unanimous support of consolidating with Kingston Township Ambulance and Rescue Association and Trucksville Volunteer Fire Co.

Tom Nalbene, president of the ambulance association, informed the supervisors at a special meeting about the state of the association in July that it is considering merging with Trucksville Volunteer Fire Co.

Shavertown Volunteer Fire Co., however, feels it has been left out of the decision-making process, says Beisel.

"We haven't been invited to the table," Beisel said. "Apparently, decisions are being made that we haven't been a part of. We have always been in favor of consolidation."

Beisel suggested forming a committee to share ideas between the two fire companies and the ambulance association. Supervisor chairman Jeffrey Box supported the idea.

"Nobody here ever felt in any way, shape or form that you were being excluded," Box said.

Zoning hearing board

Rosaria Shaver, of West Mount Airy Road, complained that \$13,921.50 was spent on zoning board hearings regarding a landscaping business run by her neighbor, Billy Sprau. Shaver alleges the proceedings came about because supervisor James Reino was mad at Sprau. Shaver also feels it was unethical for Reino to testify at the hearings because he is a supervisor.

"I want the public to know why their money was spent on such shenanigans," Shaver said.

According to township solicitor Attorney Benjamin Jones, it was Sprau who asked the township for a zoning hearing. Sprau was found to be in violation of zoning code and his business had to be removed. He was, however, allowed to keep a limited amount of business vehicles on his property.

Jones says Reino did not violate any laws because the zoning hearing board is separate from the municipality's governing body. In addition, Jones says the supervisors are a legislative body and the zoning board is a judicial body.

Supervisor John Solinsky re-

mind Shaver that Reino's election to the board of supervisors does not forfeit his rights as a private citizen.

"My take is Mrs. Shaver has a personal vendetta that she's now extended to me and this board for her own personal reasons," Reino said.

Box informed Shaver that other smaller issues in the township in the past have cost more than \$14,000. He told Shaver that she has the right to file a complaint with the zoning officer if she chooses.

Rock wall

Brian Lewis, of West Mount Airy Road, followed up on a complaint he made at the July supervisors' meeting. Lewis is concerned about a rock wall at the corner of West Mount Airy Road and Pioneer Avenue. He said the wall is deteriorating and that cars and school buses hit it, causing rocks to fall into the road.

Township manager Kathleen Sebastian is trying to find out if the township owns the rock wall or if it is on private property. Sebastian says a county surveyor is looking into the issue.

Grant application

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Wyoming County American Red Cross volunteers who will be among those assisting at this weekend's fundraiser at Skyhaven Airport are, from left, Michael Markovitz, Will Phinney, Randy Phinney, Kim Marovitz, Lea Ann Phinney, Kaitlyn Markovitz and Rachel Phinney.

Skyhaven hosting Fun Day

The first Wyoming County American Red Cross summer spectacular fun day will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Aug. 16, on the grounds of Skyhaven Airport, Tunkhannock.

The special event will feature fun-games for children of all ages, prizes, bingo, craft show, great food, refreshments and vendors. In conjunction with the Red Cross event, the Skyhaven airport personnel will offer airplane rides for a nominal fee, skydivers (weather permitting), antique and classic airplanes display and much more.

Local entertainers from the ar-

ea who will perform throughout the day include McNothing, Josh Pratt, Alan Thatcher, and Inspiration Point. Robinson's Martial Arts Institute of Tunkhannock will have members with training in Tang Soo Do (A Korean Martial Art) presenting demonstrations of various Karate skill levels.

A dunk tank will give everyone the chance to dunk well-known personalities, including Brian Burke Jr. of Shamrock Auctions, Gregg Ellsworth, Tunkhannock High School principal; Wyoming County Judge-elect Russell Shurtleff and others from the area.

Donations will be accepted and all proceeds from the event will be used for the purchase and outfitting of a new disaster response trailer and ongoing support and growth of the programs offered at the Wyoming County American Red Cross.

Anyone unable to attend who wishes to make a monetary donation supporting the fundraiser should mail it to: Wyoming County American Red Cross, P.O. Box 386, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

For more information, contact Wyoming County American Red Cross in Tunkhannock at 836-2626.

'Crocodile Dock' shines at DUMC

Vacation Bible School was held at the Dallas United Methodist Church the week of July 13-17.

The theme for the program was "Crocodile Dock" where fearless kids shine God's light. The children enjoyed a supper, then programs, crafts and games.

They finished up the week with a special night of songs and fellowship. They sang some of the songs they learned in church on July 19, including "I Will Not Be Afraid," "Get Down" and "This Little Light of Mine."

The Vacation Bible School was under the direction of Bonnie Donovan, the church Sunday School teachers and members of the church, along with the Rev. Earl W. Robert III, pastor.



Vacation Bible School was held at the Dallas United Methodist Church the week of July 13-17. From left, first row, are Sarah Thompson, Skylar Marso, Emma Kryzysik, Amber Zimmerman and Caitlyn Howell. Second row, Caroline Podach, Jordan Thomas, Sidney Thomas, Leela Sorbelli, Loresa Klingner, Emily Crahall, Alexis Lanza, Katie Zimmerman, Jacob Stambaugh and Gabriel Kosierowski. Third row, Shawn Coates, Zachary Crahall, Olivia Podskoch, Nicholas Sorbelli, Jesse Kosierowski, Parker Bolesta, Taylor Bolesta, Carter Marso, Christian Goldsmith, Shawn Spencer, Austin Goldsmith, Logan Stambaugh, Andrew Stambaugh and Tommy Doran. Standing, Madison Stambaugh, Rebecca Rosser, Krista Zimmerman, Haley Zimmerman, Meghan Maccarone, Melyssa Goode and Allison Spencer.