

Board Will Hold Public Meeting

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MAPLETOWN — The Southeastern Greene School Board Tuesday night took the unique step of scheduling a public meeting to review the early plans for upgrading the district's three elementary schools.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

A Cost Evaluation Report, prepared by Architect Robert T. Scheeren earlier this month, calls for a tentative figure of \$5.8 million to renovate and add on to the three schools. The board indicated they would contact Scheeren about the special session next week.

The board is currently working on the second stage of the building program, Step B, to send preliminary drawings to the Department of Education in Harrisburg. On the basis of those plans, they will be given an idea of what the

district will be reimbursed for renovating the schools.

By law, the board is not required to hold a public meeting until later in the planning stages. However, Robert Headley, Gary Yoskovich and Adam Novak, board members when the district was considering a \$3.5 million new elementary school five years ago, argued that the public should be made aware of what upgrading the schools will cost.

Other board members cautioned that the plans are tentative and the \$5.8 million figure is not final.

The preliminary figures, for additions and alterations, are \$2,950,000 for Bobtown as a kindergarten through sixth grade building; \$1,850,000 for grades three through six in Penn Pitt; and 1,050,000 for kindergarten through second grade in Glassworks. The bond financing on a rated pupil capacity of \$2,300 per pupil reimbursement calls for

a 31.6 millage increase. For a pupil capacity of 4,000 per pupil reimbursement, should House Bill 448 pass, the millage would be increased 22.8.

Following the meeting, board president Jim Minor said the board was "shocked" when they learned of the high cost estimate, but noted there are a number of ways to cut costs before the final plans are approved. Earlier, \$4 million was the figure put before the board to upgrade the schools.

Minor noted that when the building program is completed the district will have not one but three new schools. "The people in this district want their neighborhood schools," he said.

Yoskovich disagreed. "When my kid has to be bused from Glassworks to Penn Pitt that's not a neighborhood school."

Only one bid was received to correct the faulty sewer system at the Mapletown High

School. The bid, by Commonwealth Stone of Somerset, is for \$89,735.

Leonard J. Facciani, a consulting engineer for Commonwealth Stone, told the board even if their present system was operating properly it still wouldn't meet DER's stringent requirements. "You're in a different ballgame than what I'm sure you were thinking about," he said. "But no one would just repair the system and then put a performance bond behind it."

Noting that there were 26 requests for specifications, the board agreed to table the bid.

In another building matter, concern was voiced over cracks developing around the gymnasium area of the high school. Board solicitor John Stets noted the district has received conflicting reports from the Department of Environmental Resources if the trouble is due to mine subsidence and recommended the board hire an expert to determine the actual cause. In 1945 and 1969 the board sold the coal underlying the school to Duquesne Light with the stipulation that should mine subsidence occur it would be the coal company's responsibility to fix it.

George Messich, head football coach in the district for three years, was rehired by the board. The board delayed taking any action on assistant coaches. Board member Dave

Good Friday Services Set

CARMICHAELS - The Good Friday Services for the Carmichaels area are sponsored by the Carmichaels Ministerium and will be held in the St. Paul Lutheran Church from noon to 3 p.m.

The three hours on the cross will be outlined by the "seven last words." The first word at noon will be given by Rev. Harold O. Kelly of the Greene Valley Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The second word at approximately 12:30 p.m. will be given by Rev. Rudy Mayak, associate pastor of the Carmichaels Methodist Church and the third word at 1 p.m. by Rev. Bernard Shuey, pastor of the Carmichaels First United Methodist Church.

The fourth word at 1:20 p.m. will be given by Rev. Domenick Sgro of the Carmichaels First Christian Church, the fifth word at 1:45 p.m. will be by William Davis, Sugar Grove Baptist Church; the sixth at 2:10 p.m. by Rev. Paul Markovits, St. Paul Lutheran and the seventh word at 2:35 p.m. by Rev. Donald Gillenwater of the Glades First Baptist Church.

Maxine DeLucas will be the organist and each church will present special music during its scheduled interval.

SUNRISE SERVICES

A sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. Sunday, April 19, in the Willow Grove Independent Baptist Church with Paul A. Silva, a lay preacher, who will bring the message.

Breakfast will be served in the church basement following the service.

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. and the morning worship will begin at 11 a.m. The church choir will present an Easter program. Pastor William H. Roupe will bring the message.

Youth Safety Council Ranks Accident Sites

Bierer submitted his resignation as head of the Athletic Committee and it was accepted.

The board approved payment of \$3,500 for surveying work done by Keddal and Associates and authorized Stets to negotiate with the firm's attorney for payment on an additional seven acres surveyed.

In other business the board approved eleven field trips for students totaling over \$2,000, \$1,950 for drapes in the high school cafeteria; and \$675 to repair the weight machine.

Child ALERT Screenings

WAYNESBURG — Free screenings for Project Child ALERT, an Intermediate Unit I (IU) pre-school program for handicapped children, will be held next week in the Central Greene School District.

The free screenings will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the East Franklin Elementary School and from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Perry Elementary School.

Parents of children 3 years old to kindergarten age who think that their child may have difficulty with hearing, speech, vision, learning, behavior or physical development may make a screening appointment by calling Child ALERT at 938-3241, 222-4146 or 439-2521.

"Children are often born with problems which may not be noticed until they begin school," said Ellen Altimuc, coordinator of the Child ALERT program. "The earlier a problem is detected, the greater the chance for remediation."

WAYNESBURG — The Youth Traffic Safety Council of Intermediate Unit 1 has identified the 10 worst accident sites on Greene County highways and through media publications hopes to initiate safety improvements.

Comprised of student representatives from public high schools in Greene, Fayette and Washington counties, the council works with the Governor's Safety Council to effect changes in the present system.

The state Department of Transportation provided the Intermediate Unit 1 Youth Safety Council with detailed data concerning accident sites.

It has been determined the worst site in Greene County is located along Route 88 near the old Carmichaels Fire Hall and the second worst location is along Route 21 at Kayla's Superette market.

The third worst location for

accidents is the triangle in Morrisville, Franklin Township, near Stewart Motor Company and the fourth worst is Route 188 between Jefferson and Mather.

Fifth is the intersection of Route 21 and a township road near Bortz Chevrolet in Franklin Township. The sixth worst location is the corner of High and Morgan Streets in Waynesburg Borough and the seventh listing is the Alicia Crossroads on Route 88 in Monongahela Township.

Paisley intersection on Route 21 is rated eighth and the intersection of Routes 19 and 21 near Foodland in Franklin Township is rated ninth. Tenth place, and rising rapidly, is the spotlight at McDonald's Restaurant, also in Franklin Township, where some 34,000 vehicles pass each day.

Four of the top 10 worst sites are located within a mile of each other in Franklin Township.

Neither the state police barracks nor the local PennDOT office has figures available as to the amount of accidents at each site.

Data was obtained from a period extending from January, 1976 to January, 1979.

Volunteers For Area Cleanup

WAYNESBURG — Over 500 people have volunteered to participate in the Greene County phase of "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Day" to be held Saturday, April 25.

Several organizations and individuals have told project director Jack Bryan they will be available to pick up litter along state highways in Greene County that day.

More help can be used and those interested should contact Bryan at 627-6131 for assignments. PennDOT will be furnishing safety vests and collection bags to volunteers.

Area Road Crews Busy Fixing County Roads

WAYNESBURG — Township, borough and state road crews were busy Monday clearing roads following a four-inch rainfall over the weekend and according to the weather reports they may be doing it again Tuesday.

Loren Dukate, assistant maintenance manager for Greene-Fayette, said Monday three state roads remained closed but hopefully they will be open Tuesday afternoon.

Closed Monday were sections of LR 30001 between Ryerson Station and Crabapple because of a slide; LR 30039 going to Ryerson Station and LR 30020 near Bobtown.

All three sections should be open by late Tuesday afternoon, Dukate said.

Wayne Township reported TR 452 closed after the flood water ripped away the asphalt. Supervisors hope to get the road open by late Tuesday.

Center Township reported all roads were open but there were several slips and some damage caused when a private dam owned by Rose Albert burst and flooded TR 565. Tom Headlee lost a 1,000 gallon oil tank and several truck tires when flood waters emptied his garage.

A resident of Oak Forest, which was hard hit, told reporters it was the worst flooding in that area in the past 25 years. A section of the Oak Forest road was heavily damaged but still passable.

Homes in Perry Township, especially along Shannon Run and parts of Route 19, had three feet of water in the basement. Pacific (Sis) Fisher lost a private bridge to her property.

An indication of the heavy rainfall was evident at the Franklin Township Sewage Plant where operator Dick Kameron reported the normal 135,000 gallon flow was increased to 747,000 gallons during the height of the storm.



Portions of road between Oak Forest and Kuhntown were washed away.



Monday morning water was still close to the bridge deck that carries Routes 19-21 over Ten Mile Creek just east of Waynesburg.

Hospital Strike Ends

WAYNESBURG — The first strike at Greene County Memorial Hospital has been settled according to hospital administrator Michael Flinn, who said the Service Employees International Union, Local 585, has accepted the latest contract offer.

According to Flinn, the vote was 115 for the new pact and 58 against. The vote was held in the Waynesburg Fire Hall Tuesday afternoon following an agreement between negotiators Monday night.

The union, the first to organize at the hospital about seven years ago, walked off the job April 1 after turning down an immediate 50 cents per hour wage increase to be followed by another 15 cents per hour hike in October. Many union members were also opposed to the hospital's pension plan.

Striking employees, representing all but registered nurses, supervisors and administration personnel, are expected to return to work with the 7 a.m. shift Wednesday.

During the two-week strike, the hospital continued patient care with the aid of community volunteers. Less than half of the available beds were occupied and only emergency admissions were being accepted during the strike.

When asked about the latest offer to employees, Mr. Flinn said, "It will be up to the union if they want the figures released."

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