

Lansing School District News

Board Fields Athletic Facilities Qs; Sets Date For Contract Negotiations

About a dozen district voters attended last Thursday's special meeting of the Lansing Central School Board of Education in the High School library. The meeting was held to give voters a final opportunity to ask questions about the October 30th \$1,275,000 proposition to upgrade the schools' outdoor athletic facilities.

Though the results of Wednesday's balloting occurred too late to be included in this week's *Community News*, full coverage will appear next week including voter, staff and board members' reactions.

Though all of those who spoke out voiced their support for the project, Board President Andrew LaVigne acknowledged a range of opinion among district voters.

When asked about the possibility of restoring outdoor lighting to relieve scheduling pressure on the proposed all-purpose varsity field, LaVigne replied that the item had been removed in response to the voters' earlier message.

In other business, the Board announced that contract negotiations with the district's teaching staff will begin on February 5. (Additional information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.)

School Activities For Home-Schoolers

The Board reviewed a draft policy resolution that would allow home-schooled students to participate in intramural and/or extracurricular activities offered at Lansing.

Participation of home schoolers would be limited to activities "outside of the district's instructional program and the District's interscholastic sports program."

Though the first reading of this pending Board policy passed unanimously, Mr. LaVigne indicated that state law requires that proposed school board policies must be discussed at two public meetings before they can be passed and take effect. It is expected that this policy will come before the Board of Education again at its November meeting.

Board members learned of fourth grade teacher Sandy Olver's election to the directorship of the New York State Reading Association's southern region. In this volunteer position, Ms. Olver will be responsible for assisting five local councils with planning, programs and leadership development activities geared to promoting literacy and literacy instruction in New York State.



PUBLIC INPUT is always sought at the beginning of every Board meeting.

The Lansing district's literary magazine *Illusions* has received the *Merlyn's Pen Bronze Award* for outstanding achievement in the Merlyn's Penn 1996 Literary Magazine Contest and Critique.

The Rhode Island based magazine indicated that Lansing's *Illusions* had scored between 400 and 449 points out of a possible 500. A letter accompanying an award certificate urged *Illusions* advisor Wendy Cleveland to, "display it prominently. Your magazine deserves to be recognized by all who visit your school."



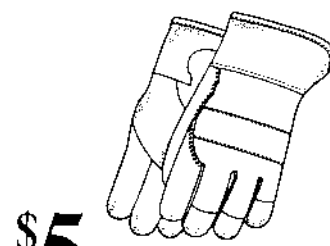
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