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Joint Civic Committee Backs Three For Board Of Ed. Seats

The Joint Civic Committee of Fanwood-Scotch Plains recently announced endorsement of the following candidates for the upcoming Board of Education election: Mr. Richard Bard of Fanwood, and Mrs. Robbie Mason and Mr. Walter Siff, both of Scotch Plains.



MRS. ROBBIE MASON

Mr. Bard has been active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for seven years, serving as Cub Master and Neighborhood Commissioner. He is a Manufacturers Representative and President of



MR. WALTER SIFF

R. Bard and Associates which sells industrial products in the greater Metropolitan area.

Robbie Mason has three children in the local school system and has been a Scotch Plains resident for thirteen years. Her past civic activities includes: charter member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood chapter of American Field Service; chairman of the College Club Community Date Calendar - 1970; President of Shackamaxon PTA - 1969-70; Editorial Board of League of Women Voters booklet "Know Your Town - Scotch Plains" - 1972; Secretary of Joint PTA Council - 1970-71; and Secretary of Joint Civic Committee - 1965-66.

At the present time Mrs. Mason's activities includes: Vice-President of the YMCA Swim Team Parents Organization; elected lay member of the Shackamaxon Curriculum Committee; member of the Joint PTA Council for seven years; and Home Selection Chairman of the American Field Service.

Walter Siff has been a resident of Scotch Plains since 1962 and has one child in the local public school system. During his one year term on the Board of Education he has served as Chairman of both the Administrative Organization Study Committee and the Legislative Committee.

While serving on the Board of Education this past year Mr. Siff has been a Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association. He has also been a member of the Planning, Programming and Budgeting System Committee as well as a member of the Public Relations Committee and a member of the Administration Negotiations Committee.



MR. RICHARD BARD

Mr. Bard, a board member for the past three years, will seek reelection for a three year term. Mrs. Mason, a newcomer, and Mr. Siff, a one year board member who was elected last year to fulfill an unexpired term, both seek three year terms to the Board of Education.

A resident of Fanwood for twelve years with two children in the local public school system, Richard Bard has served as Vice-President of the Board of Education for two years and Fourth Vice President of the Union County Boards Association.

DEADLINE CHANGE

Because of The New Year Holiday on Monday the Deadline for News Releases in our January 4th Issue will be tomorrow, Friday, December 29th.

Board Of Education OK's Open Lunch Policy

Acts On Student Council's Lunch Privilege Requests

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education endorsed the concept of "open lunch" at its regular monthly meeting last Thursday. However, the Board did not approve the format of "open lunch" as requested by the Student Council at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Instead, the administration was charged with the task of formulating a plan for implementation of "open lunch" for all three classes - seniors, juniors and sophomores.

The policy would permit students to leave the grounds of the school during their lunch periods, which they may not do at present without express permission.

The Student Council at the high school had approached the Board last month with a request for the open lunch privilege for seniors. The Student Council request was accompanied by a long list of detailed rules and regulations for implementation of the program. However, the Board noted on Thursday that the involved regulations, which had included checkout exits, would have been "almost impossible to administer." Therefore, the Board had requested the administration to set up its own plan. When that plan is completed, the Board plans to confer with merchants, town officials, students and parents regarding the plan.

The PTA Council wrote to the Board regarding "open lunch" asking that that body consider its effect on traffic and possible safety hazards.

The PTA Council also reported on the results of a survey it took regarding parental attitudes regarding in-school lunch at the elementary level. The majority of parents feel schools should be open at lunch time for those students who must eat at school. Most of the respondents believe there should be aides, paid for by taxes, on duty in the classrooms at lunch, supplemented by parent volunteers. Parents also felt teachers should be assigned on a rotating basis to lunchtime duty.

Additional question came from the audience regarding a community-wide questionnaire planned for distribution to all registered voters seeking attitudes on education in the district. Some residents have asked why the Board has not sought professional help in conducting the survey. They expressed fear that survey results could influence the board in making changes in educational policy here.

Another new policy adopted last month, which details much more involved reporting on candidates interviewed for administrative positions, raised question from some in the audience, who asked whether the board wasn't assuming an administrative function.

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New Principal Named At Park Junior High

Richard Kaye was appointed by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education to the position of principal at Park Junior High. The principalship has been vacant since last May, when Dr. Frank Volpe resigned to take a post elsewhere.

Mr. Kaye, who holds a BA in Social Studies Education from Queens College, was awarded a MA in education from New York University. He continued his graduate study at Queens College and earned a Professional Certificate with majors in supervision and curriculum. Currently, he is enrolled in the Doctoral Program in Administration and Supervision at Rutgers University.

Dr. Peter Britton, President of the Board, commented on the high qualifications of Mr. Kaye. For the past five years, he has been an Assistant Principal at Madison Township High School in New Jersey. In that position, he has been able to view the entire school program while supervising specific departments, chairing curriculum committees, developing student advisory groups and working in the area of student discipline. Dr. Britton noted, He has had intimate experience with the development of the data processing services and student scheduling at Madison Township. One of Kaye's major areas of responsibility has been the creation of better channels of communication between home and school. Kaye has also carried the major responsibility for the budget building process and procedures in his school. Before his assignment at Madison Township, Mr. Kaye had eight years of experience as a classroom teacher at Sayrevoss and Long Island City High Schools in New York. He has taught all grade levels, subject areas and ability groups in high school social studies. In addition to teaching assignments at these two schools, he has carried the responsibility of Coordinator of Student Teaching, Coordinator of the Attendance Office, and Coordinator of the College Bound Program. Mr. Kaye has also served as an Instructor in Education and Supervisor of Student Teachers at Queens College.

Happy New Year

We greet the New Year and add a special note of thanks to all our friends for their patronage.

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Group Backs Mrs. Cox For State Senate

At their last meeting, the Union County Women's Political Caucus passed a resolution encouraging the candidacy of Miss Elizabeth L. Cox, of Summit, for the state senate seat which will fall vacant on January 2, 1973. A former state assemblywoman, Miss Cox is now the President of the Union County Women's COP, who have endorsed her candidacy. Miss Cox is the founder of the Union County Teenage Republican Organization as well as one of the founders of the Union County Women's Political Caucus.

The Caucus is a multi-partisan organization, founded in 1971 to encourage women to run for public office and to encourage local and county government to appoint more women to high ranking positions. At the last meeting, the Caucus was honored to hear Mrs. Matilda T. McGowan, Clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and Union County Democratic State Committeewoman, Mrs. McGowan spoke about appointments to county boards and commissions and employment with the county.

On January 18, 1973 at 8:00 p.m., Mrs. Dorothy Mery, Director of the Office on Women for the State of New Jersey, will address the Caucus. She will speak about the activities of the Office on Women, how the Office will administer the statewide talent bank, and their plans for the future. The meeting will be open to the public and all interested organizations are cordially invited to send representatives.

Membership in the Union County Women's Political Caucus is open to all women who live or work in Union County. For further information, please contact Sondra Markman, President, 125 Woodland Ave., Fanwood, N.J. 07023.