

## SCHOOLS

# Hilliard to add 29 teachers

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**HILLIARD SCHOOLS** — The impact of growth on the school district was clear last week when the Board of Education unanimously agreed to advertise more than \$1 million worth of new teaching, administrative and classified jobs.

The board voted to create 29 teaching positions, including 20 to staff Britton Elementary scheduled to open in the fall.

In addition, the board created a position for a seventh elementary school principal and added 15 clerical and custodial jobs for Britton and the new high school.

The board's action came with some hesitation, however, as member Larry Earman requested a budget review in conjunction with creating the jobs.

"I am a little uneasy about creating the positions without seeing where we stand as far as the budget is concerned," he said.

Superintendent Roger Nehls said the administration needs to post the job openings soon "if we are not to be working through the staffing come the first of August."

Earman noted that the district, which has experienced sizable budget surpluses since voters approved an operating levy in 1985, anticipates a cash shortfall next year. "How far are we going to expand in the hole by creating these positions?" he said.

At the end of this year, the district anticipates

having a \$6.5 million surplus but expects to dip into it to meet expenses next year, said Treasurer Michael Watson.

In other action:

- The board voted to raise after-school child-care fees by \$5 per child a week.
- The administration announced plans to offer summer school for "academically at-risk elementary students." The courses include kindergarten and first-grade preparation, reading for first through sixth grades, and math for first through sixth grades.

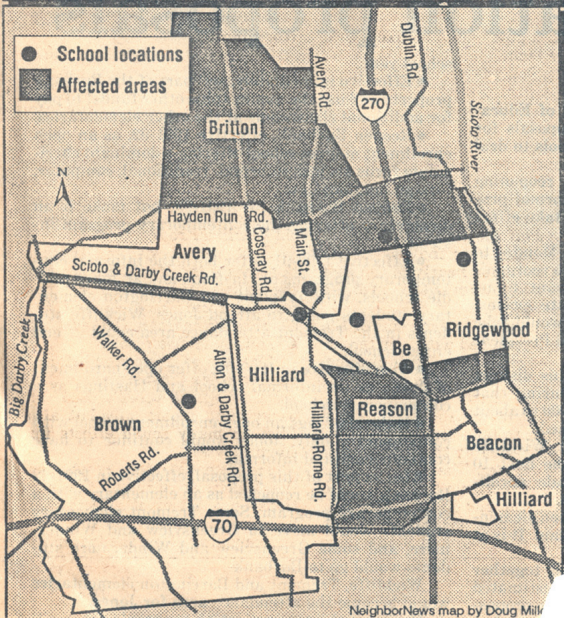
The classes will be offered Monday through Thursday for two hours a day. They will have from 10 to 12 students in the kindergarten and first-grade preparation sections and from 12 to 14 students in the first- through sixth-grade math and reading classes. Tuition has been set at \$75 a class.

• Ridgewood sixth-grader Amanda Bass presented findings of a science project showing radon levels in all the district's schools.

The lowest levels were at Hilliard High School, and the highest were recorded at Brown Elementary. All of the readings were below the risk level established by Radon-One laboratories, which performed the analyses.

• The board established a second regular meeting to convene on the fourth Monday of each month beginning April 24. The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the district office at Sturbridge Court, 5491 Scioto Darby Rd.

Proposed 1989-90 Hilliard elementary schools enrollment areas



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