

Catholic high school teachers reject, 89 %, board's final offer

Halton's Catholic high school teachers voted 89 per cent in favor of rejecting the school board's final offer.

President and Chief Negotiator for the Halton Unit of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association, Jerry Keyes, said he doesn't know what will happen next, but the teachers won't be taking any immediate action. He's hoping the school board will get back to the negotiating table.

"(The vote) reaffirms what the negotiating team has been saying all along," that a better contract is needed, he said.

The contract for the 288 teachers was up in August, 1991 and a second negotiating team has started working on the contract for September, 1992 to August, 1993.

The teachers are looking for a salary increase in the range of 5 to 6 per cent, and no details were available on what they were offered.

"We're focused on 1991, which had a settlement rate of a 6 per cent increase," Keyes said, when asked about the poor economy.

"(What the teachers are asking) is a drop in the bucket. That's the reality of it. It won't break the board."

He said there are five or six issues that teachers are concerned about, including class sizes and inclusion of co-op and technical programs in the contract.



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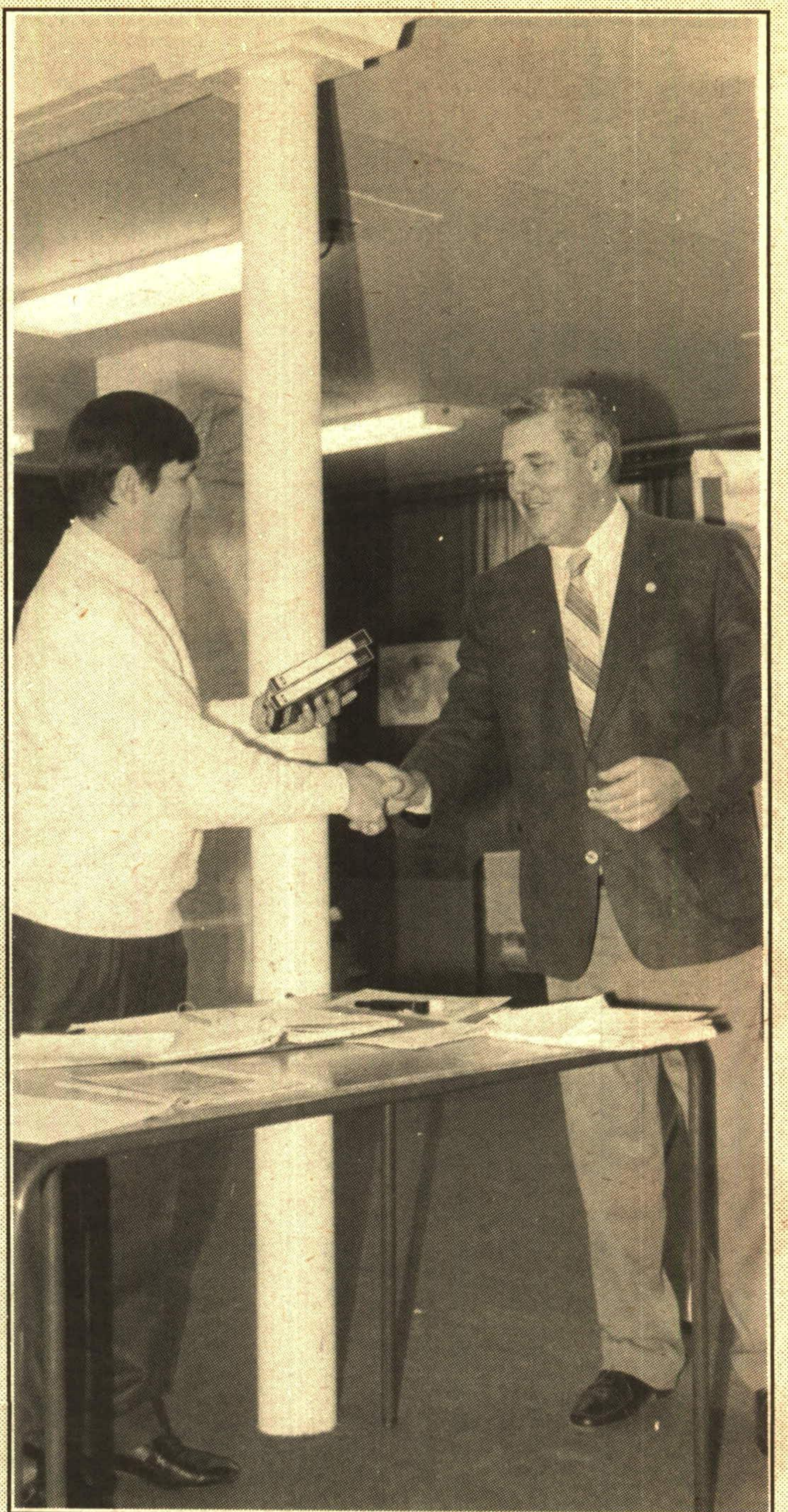
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registration fee. For information, call Beverly McKee at 877-9372.

Bridge winners

George Sargent and Jack Kaarsemaker took top spot in the Legion's Duplicate Bridge Monday afternoon. Harry Arbic and Karl Tobiasz were second and Cora Fairbridge and Alex Davidson were third.

In the previous week, Rose Jacklin and Mike Lorusso took top spot, followed by Harry Arbic and Win Lansdell and third, Judy Rivers and Karl Tobiasz.

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