

Halton Women's Place



request for Board Members

Halton Women's Place, a shelter for abused women, is seeking new members for the Board of Directors. We are looking for people who are committed to working on an active Board in response to violence against women and children.

For further details and an application, please contact Jan Czuba at 332-1200, ext. 221 by May 1, 1997

Halton school board finalizes 1997 budget— at last

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The largest reduction being sought by trustees in '97 is \$5.5 million from board employee salaries and benefits. The focus would seem to be on the board's biggest staff groups, the 1,560 elementary and 1,040 secondary teachers who are still trying to negotiate separate collective agreements with the board.

"Obviously, that money would have to come out of the four groups," said Burlington trustee Rob McLeod, co-chair of the salary committee. He

sits in on contract negotiations with three employee groups, including both teachers' federations.

The board is also currently negotiating with its unionized maintenance workers and its special education assistants, both of whom are much smaller groups than the teachers'.

Halton Women's Teachers Association (secondary) president Kathleen Carroll wasn't surprised trustees would go after more savings in staffing costs.

"It's deja vu all over again. Last

year they under-budgeted by \$6 million but found \$4 million elsewhere and everything worked out. Maybe they feel they can work that magic again this year," said Carroll.

As well as the \$5.5 million in salary reductions being sought, the '97 budget is assuming an additional \$2 million in supplementary development taxes, applied \$1.4 million from its reserve fund, reduced information technology spending by \$1.6 million and will look to save \$1 million in under-expenditures.

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