



NEW OFFICERS — Officers of the Hazleton Chapter of Big Brothers, Big Sisters organization who were recently installed are, seated, Portia Molosky, first vice president, and Rev. Charles Carrick-Schreiber, president. Standing, from left, are Harvey Houser, secretary; Ron Schell, treasurer, and Rich Segilia, vice president.

Benefits awarded to 4 teachers

A jury verdict Friday afternoon has settled a dispute which began eight years ago. The suit involved four teachers of the Hazleton Area School District and the Hazleton Area Education Association.

The jury awarded the teachers funds allegedly owed concerning early retirement benefits.

It was stated that some teachers were given early retirement while four were denied benefits even though they notified the district of their retirement.

Plaintiffs were Elizabeth Abernathy, Angelo Pollumbo, Frances Kapuschinsky, and John J. Bittorf Jr., administrator of the estate of Elsie Bittorf.

The jury awarded each of the

teachers and the estate specific sums of money as individuals in the legal action against the school board.

Similar sums of punitive damages were awarded in each case against the school district and the education association.

Both defendants each pay 50 percent of legal costs.

The jury awarded Kapuschinsky the sum of \$16,000, while Abernathy, is to receive \$11,500. Pollumbo and the estate of Bittorf each will receive \$8,500.

Punitive damages in each case is \$3,550 and is to be paid by the school district. Punitive damages to be paid by the Education Association in each case is \$1,250.

The plaintiffs were represented by attorney Melissa Scartelli, who was assisted by Attorney Conrad Falvello.

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