

Board members

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"These are public schools. These are not private schools," Holleman said. "And I hate to see us get to a point when we would deny our schools to be used."

Board member John Wood, also a Democrat, agreed with Holleman, but board Chairman Garlene Grogan, a Republican, and Vice Chairman Beaufort Bailey, a Democrat, did not address the issue.

In other business, the board:

- adopted an agenda to

legislative delegation outlining concerns the board wants the General Assembly to address this summer. The number one priority on the list is teacher salaries, which the board wants to be substantially increased.

- approved the superintendent's recommendation to locate the optional education program at Griffith Middle School. Since Griffith Middle School is located adjacent to Griffith Elementary School, a fence

will be placed between the two schools to separate the elementary and optional education students.

- approved a contract to lease the Brown Intermediate School property to Shilohian and St. Peters Inc. The non-profit company is a partnership between Shiloh Baptist Church and St. Peters Church of God Apostolic. The company will lease the building, with the option to buy, for \$2,000 per month for a year.

- heard a report on changing the extra-curricular activities to eliminate single-sex groups. Starting next year, all school groups will be required to admit all students regardless of sex.



Special Olympics

Eat your heart out, Michael Jordan! Kieron McCollom, 11, can do anything you can do -- with the aid of a specially-designed, three-foot basketball goal -- including a dippy-doodle dunk. Kieron was one of the participants in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Special Olympics, held recently at Winston-Salem State University (photo by James Parker).

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Winners

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Larry Little told a crowd there minutes before the votes began to be tabulated.

Little expressed concern that the infectious enthusiasm that marked the final weeks of registration had died out, but said the "last four of five hours of voting" reassured him that blacks were going to the polls.

Little, Jackson's Forsyth County campaign coordinator, also predicted that Jackson would win Forsyth County and watched the computer screens intently at the Board of Elections office as the returns trickled in.

With 72 of 80 precincts reporting, Jackson, who had trailed Walter Mondale until then, moved ahead by a few hundred votes, and the Jackson supporters applauded. After the last eight precincts had reported, Jackson had indeed carried the county. "I wanted to win Forsyth County in the worst way," Little said.

Jackson's candidacy had awakened "the sleeping giant," said Jackson supporter Velma Hopkins. "Now let's get him on his feet. And, for God's sake, don't let him go back to sleep."

But Jackson wasn't the only reason blacks visited the polls Tuesday.

Arthur Westmoreland, 28, as did several others, said he votes because he chooses not to waste his right to do so.

And then there was 58-year-old Nan Little, who has partial brain damage which resulted from a diabetic coma. Though she had to be supported on both sides into the Kennedy precinct and to the voting booth, she said Rep. Steve Neal and his help in obtaining her Social Security benefits was the reason she voted. But she was also glad to cast her ballot for Jackson.

"We feel we should support our people," said Alander Little, 33, who accompanied Mrs. Little.

Once the votes had been tallied, and it was official that Jackson had carried Forsyth County, the Board of Elections office became a cheering ground for the Baptist minister.

"I'm really excited about the Jesse Jackson win," said Myron Chenault, vice chancellor for development at Winston-Salem State University. "I'm glad to see the strong showing in Forsyth County. I think it says something about the people here."

Not only did Jackson take Forsyth County by almost 2,000 votes; he apparently pulled his "red wagon" behind him and assisted the efforts of local black candidates in their quest for public office, said white Jackson supporter Larry Conlin-Long.

"The key was Jesse Jackson's tactic of bringing along his red wagon ...," said Conlin-Long.

Jackson supporters say the proof is in the pudding.

Locally, Evelyn A. Terry and Bill Tatum, both black, became two of four Democratic nominees for the school board in November. Terry's win -- she came in second with more than 13,000 votes behind incumbent John Wood -- seemed to surprise few people, but Tatum's fourth-place finish surprised even him.

"I was worried," he admitted after all the precincts had been counted. "I think the people had the confidence in me. With the grace of God and the black precincts, I made it."

He also said the Black Leadership Roundtable's endorsement did much to enhance his candidacy. Tatum is a member and former chairperson of the Roundtable.

After resting for a day, Terry said her next move is to begin gearing up for the general election in November. "I will be looking for support from everywhere," she said. "There's not a single voter who isn't important."

Mose' Belton Brown, who hopes to join lone black commissioner Mazie Woodruff at the Hall of Justice, says her third-place finish behind Democratic incumbents Neal Bedinger and James N. Ziglar shows her where she needs to drum up support. With most of her support coming from the inner-city black precincts, Brown intends to target county voters, less than 3,000 of which are registered black voters.

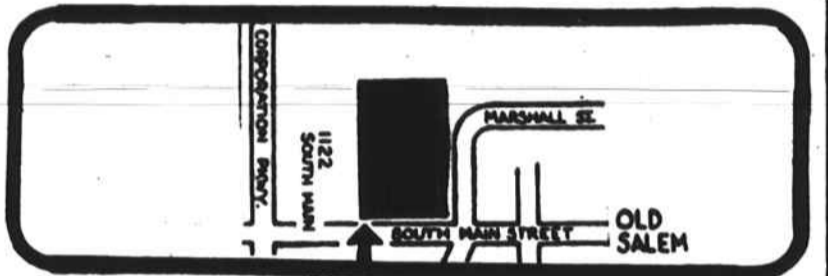
"This summer, I will work on building support from around the county," she said. "I will also reorganize and try to pull in people from other campaigns who didn't win tonight."

Black candidates in the loser's box included Patrick Hairston and Willie Smith for county commissioner, Gordon Slade for school board, the Rev. C.E. Greene for register of deeds and Robert Hannon for governor.

In addition to the presidential and local contests, the hotly-contested Democratic battle for governor saw Rufus Edmisten beat out Eddie Knox by a slim margin. Both candidates have strong black followings in the city. (At press time, whether a runoff would be required for the governor's race had not been determined.)

Alderman Larry Womble, co-campaign coordinator for Edmisten, pointed out that none of the endorsement lists being passed out at the polls carried Edmisten's name, which made the victory all the sweeter. Referring to his campaigning in the rain on primary day, Womble said: "I'm going to have a cold tomorrow, but it's worth it."

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