

Brunswick County School Board Was To Consider Improvement Plans Wednesday

BY SUSAN USHER

Brunswick County Board of Education members will consider individual plans for improvement developed by all county schools and the system's central office staff at a special meeting Friday afternoon.

The board will meet at 5 p.m. at the central schools office in Southport to hear recommendations and share comments with members of a countywide panel that reviewed the plans. The panel's recommendations were shared one-on-one with each school, and in some cases incorporated in the second drafts presented to the school board last Wednesday.

The plans outline goals and strategies for improving student achievement in subject areas, and for general improvement in other areas, such as parent and volunteer involvement and public relations. Content is tied generally to the county's overall three-year plan, and the school's performance in relation to the last county "report card" from the state and its year-old data.

The plans "are like alphabet soup," said Gloria Talley, staff development/public information director and review committee chairman, as she distributed the plans for board members' review and comment. "I suggest that's good. Many of the schools were quite visionary. We were pleased with that."

Most of the schools proposed flexible schedules to allow teachers time to plan lessons together, reflecting a new emphasis on integrated instruction such as writing across the curriculum and use of common themes. To avoid scheduling conflicts for parents, the committee recommended that all schools schedule planning the same day, Wednesday.

Board member Bill Fairley raised one concern at Wednesday's meeting. He said that in the plans he had reviewed, differentiated pay would be distributed without regard to student performance, though the board had stressed otherwise.

"That reflects the past," said Superintendent Ralph Johnston of the pay plans, which allocate faculty members points, and extra pay, for taking on extra responsibilities such as serving on committees, mentoring new teachers and supervising extracurricular activities. "Planning is a new thing for teachers. They are more accustomed to pedagogy."

Talley said the committee sent back its philosophical statement and reminded schools that extra pay should be tied to student achievement.

However, she cautioned, "The teachers have to vote for the differentiated pay plan. They may not vote for what the committee recommends."

She advised, "Look carefully at that and consider the direction you want this system to go."

Talley also asked the board to look at how principals' and central office supervisors' pay plans would be tied to performance under the proposed central office plan.

In other business last week, the board:

■ tabled a proposed two-year contract for Diamond Driving School after Chairman Donna Baxter said she was concerned that other local residents qualified to provide the service would not have a chance to bid.

■ awarded a two-year contract to AFLAC, the insurance company that handles a "cafeteria-style" benefits plan for employees.

■ referred to staff a request from spokesman Jana Martin of Sunset Beach and a group of volunteers who want to bring an AIDS education presentation into the schools. The program would supplement the four lessons on AIDS students now receive in seventh grade health classes. Fred McRee, a Wilmington educator, has already presented a similar AIDS program to JROTC classes at North Brunswick High School.

"Whatever we're doing is not enough," said Martin. "We need to do more."

■ agreed to lobby for Senate Bill 136, which would continue a half-cent sales tax for school capital projects that is otherwise due to "sunset" this year.

Academy Day Planned May 4

Congressman Charlie Rose will be sponsoring Academy Day from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, at Terry Sanford High School, 2301 Fort Bragg Road, Fayetteville.

Academy Day is for all 7th Congressional District students interested in learning more about the following academies: U.S. Military, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Merchant Marines and U.S. Coast Guard.

Interested students must contact their guidance counselors for further instructions.

Seven ROCAME Teams Competed

ROCAME delegates from seven schools represented Brunswick County in the Challenge '93 annual mathematics and science conference held March 5 and 6 in Washington, N.C.

Four-member ROCAME teams from middle schools and high schools in Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties entered 10 competitions with students from other schools across eastern North Carolina, reported advisor William Flythe. Approximately 60 schools participated.

ROCAME is the acronym for Region O Council for the Advancement of Minorities in Engineering.

Competitions featured titles such as "Write It/Do It," "Keep the Heat," "Mousetrap car/Scrambler," "Straw Tower," "Bio Process," "Estimation," "Crime Busters," "Egg Drop," "Trajectory," "Road Rally," and "Quiz Bowl."

Representing Brunswick County were these students, by school:

West Brunswick—Madonna Gause, John Dubose, Derrick Hewitt and Kenyatta Marlowe;

Shallotte Middle—Rhonda Marlowe, Ray Johnson, Marcus Gause and Talya Grissett;

Waccamaw Elementary—Michael Stanley, Demetria Thomas, Sherida Marlowe and Shanieka Thomas;

Leland Middle—LaToya Lowery, Shadericka Willis, Turjah Hicks and Shavon Suggs;

North Brunswick High—Ali Knox, Deon Bowman, Kim Brown and Torrey Beatty;

South Brunswick Middle—Jerris Fullwood, Corey McCoy, Derrick Moore and Alexis Vaught;

South Brunswick High—Amie Sidberry, Kimyatta Anderson, Tasha McCollums and Chakinnah Brewington.

West Brunswick, East Columbus

and West Columbus high schools were the ROCAME finalists in the high school Quiz Bowl.

As part of the weekend trip the ROCAME delegates attended a March 5 dinner and dance.

Calabash VFD Sets Egg Hunt Easter Sunday

The Calabash Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor an Easter egg hunt on Sunday, April 11, at 2 p.m. at the fire station on Persimmon Road.

The event is open to children up to age 12, and prizes will be awarded in categories ranging from infant to 12 years old. Rides on the fire truck will also be available to children.

Refreshments will be served.

Calabash EMS Makes 51 Calls

The Calabash Volunteer Emergency Medical Service answered 51 calls and worked 179 man hours during February, Chief Mark Christy reported to the board of directors recently.

EMS volunteers traveled 1,915 miles and made 23 calls in Calabash, 13 in Sunset Beach and 15 others, of which seven were mutual aid and five were fire calls.

Board members expressed their concern about poor reception in the Calabash area from the 911 Center. Board member Robert Correll agreed to contact County Commissioners Chairman Don Warren in hopes that the matter can be resolved.

KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE

Pre-School Registration May 3-7

Pre-school registration for children who will be entering kindergarten or first grade for the first time this fall will be held at all of Brunswick County's six primary and elementary schools May 3 through 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Elementary Supervisor Christine Hall said parents should register at the school within their child's atten-

dance district. The schools serving this age group include Union Elementary School, Shallotte; Waccamaw Elementary; Ash; Supply Elementary School, Supply; Bolivia Elementary, Bolivia; Southport Elementary, Southport; and Lincoln Primary School, Leland.

Children are eligible for kindergarten who will be age 5 on or before Oct. 16.

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We here at Ocean Isle Cafe wish to preserve our local cuisine native to Brunswick County. If you have some recipes to share or have any requests for recipes, please contact me by mail. We will feature local recipes here at our establishment on a weekly basis, giving credit to the originator. A fifty dollar prize will be awarded to the recipe of the month. Variances on recipes of the northern persuasion will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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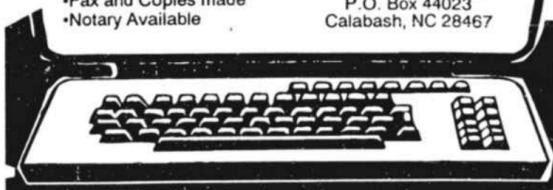
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