Three Brunswick County Schools Will Get New Principals

BY SUSAN USHER

West Brunswick Assistant Principal Sandra Robinson will take the helm at Shallotte Middle School, and three principals hired from outside the system will lead Lincoln Primary, Waccamaw Elementary and South Brunswick Middle schools next year.

Brunswick County Board of Education members gave their unanimous support to a partial reorganization plan presented last Wednesday night by Superintendent Ralph Johnston.

"I think a lot of people expected more," Johnston acknowledged after the two-hour meeting. "However, we feel all existing principals are needed where they are.'

His decisions were tempered by several factors, one of them being that during a busy seven months on the job he has not had the opportunity to observe all administrators as closely as he would like. Instead, his efforts have been focused on getting in place new and stronger policies regarding student discipline and personnel, and helping develop plans for long-term improvement of the system and of student performance.

He also tried to make assignments based on the strengths of the individuals concerned and the needs of individual schools. "We deliberated long and hard. It was a very intense process," he said. "I talked with all the individuals involved.

Where schools have already begun their own performance-based improvement plans, Johnston will allow them to continue to implement those efforts "out of a sense of rightness and fairness.

"We didn't want to base it on just declining test scores," he said.

Change, or a concern with dealing system employees more than they could handle at once, was also a factor. "Change is difficult," he said after the meeting. "What we're about is affecting children's lives.

"We think people have been saying they are seeing some positive change. We feel like this is a good

Joseph Butler of Shallotte, Lincoln Primary School principal, will move to the central office staff as director of migrant education/parent involvement. William Shoemaker, Waccamaw Elementary School principal, will join another former Waccamaw School principal, Jean Parker, on the central office staff. They will share responsibility for testing and accountability, special interests of Shoemaker's.

The reassignments leave one school slot unfilled. The board will post the vacancy and advertise for a second assistant principal at West Brunswick High School to replace Robinson. The board will also advertise for a new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, since Mose Lewis will retire next month.

Freeman Gause, community schools and extended day coordinator and a minister by avocation, moves out of the central office into the field as attendance counselor for the western school district. Counselors for the other two districts will be named later.

Also, Anne W. Mitchell, now JT-PA coordinator, will return to her former position as dropout prevention coordinator. Nelson Best will continue as athletic director, but according to a staff chart will no longer be responsible for physical education,

Few School Leaders Move

Here's the leadership lineap at Brunswick County's 12 schools for the 1993-94 school year. The first person named is principal, others are

■Union Elementary: Zelphia Gresett, Harry Martin;

■Shallotte Middle: Sandra Robinson, Bill Detrie; ■West Brunswick: Ed Lemon, Jerry Small, with one vacancy to be filled:

■Supply Elementary: Carolyn Willams, Cliff Jones;

■Waccamaw Elementary: Dean Peterson, Terry Chestnutt; ■Bolivia Elementary: David Corley, Wanda Frazier:

South Brunswick Middle: Richard Lawson, Tom Simmons; ■South Brunswick High: Sue Sellers, Gene Bowden and William

Southport Elementary: Latty Stanley, Phil Tate;

■North Brunswick High: Bob Harris, Ronnie Jenkins:

■Leland Middle: Diana Mintz, Doyle Britson; and

Lincoln Primary: Pat Carney, Faye Nelson.

health and drivers education.

All three grade-level supervisors will remain in place-James Mc-Adams, secondary school; Bob Rhyne, middle school; and Christine Hall, elementary.

While the newly assigned principals will be carrying out plans developed by others, Johnston felt that seasoned professionals they would have the ability "to empower and enfold" their staff and to make changes in strategy to suit their own leadership styles.

School system administrators who had been serving in interim positions will continue next year under probation, and will be eligible for tenure as administrators in their third year. Johnston said he isn't sure whether or not the interim year can be credited toward the three years required for tenure.

New Administrators At Shallotte Middle, longtime educator Mark Owens will retire some

time this year. His successor, Sandra Robinson, has been a school system employee since 1975. After teaching at Bolivia Elementary and South Brunswick Middle schools, she was named assistant principal at West Brunswick High in 1987.

She has a bachelor's degree in intermediate education from Shaw University and a master's degree from the University of South Carolina. She has taken coursework school administration Fayetteville State University.

New Waccamaw principal Dean Peterson lives in Leland and has been assistant principal of Blair Elementary in New Hanover County since 1988. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a master's degree in learning disabilities, an educational specialist degree and administration certification from East

Carolina University.
Pat Carney, Ph.D., Lincoln

Primary's new principal, has been nition for a 70 percent decline in employed in the Fairfax County, Va., schools since 1970 as assistant principal of 700-student Foxmill Elementary. She has special interests in the use of computers and technology in learning, has published extensively and has successful grantwriting experience. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Keane College in New Jersey. She completed special diploma (equivalent to a doctorate) studies at Oxford University, England, in psychology and education, focusing on linguistic theory and computer-assisted learning. She received a doctorate in administration and negotiation from Vanderbilt University in

During a 1984-85 internship she helped implement a computer system for the White House.

South Brunswick Middle principal Richard Lawson, Ph.D., has served as assistant principal of Griffin Middle School, High Point, since 1989, where he earned recogdiscipline problems his first year on the job. He has previous administrative or classroom experience at the elementary and high school levels and has been involved in curriculum development at the national level. He received his bachelor of science from Old Dominion University, Va., in social studies, a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Virginia, where he is a visiting lecturer, and earned an education specialist certificate and doctorate in education administration from Coast University in California. His outside interest is high school and football officiating.

Johnston said he plans to offer more staff development for principals during the coming year, giving them an opportunity to learn from each other through sharing, and plans to invite principals from each grade level to sit in on his "cabinet" meetings on a rotating basis, to improve communication within between the central office and schools.

Spanish Classes Offered

Anyone interested in learning quickly to communicate in spanish may enroll in Brunswick Community College's conversational Span-

Designed to help clinical personnel, teachers and store managers, the course is also available to anyone who works with Spanish-speaking persons or has Spanish-speaking friends.

The continuing education course will begin Tuesday, June 8. It will be taught on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the college's Administration /Learning Resources Center Building, Room 162, on the main campus in Supply.

Spanish I for beginners will be taught on Tuesday. Spanish II is also offered on Tuesdays for advanced students continuing their study of the language.

Registration fee is \$35, and can be paid at the first class meeting.

For more information, call the Brunswick Community College Continuing Education Department at 754-6922 or instructor Paul Hemandez at 754-2032.

NO TAX RATE HIKE SOUGHT

Sunset Beach Eyes \$1.56 Million Proposed 1993-94 Budget

BY SUSAN USHER

No change in the property tax rate at Sunset Beach is expected next year, but several fees would increase under the \$1.56 million 1993-94 budget proposed Monday night to the town council.

A \$951,253 general or operating budget (up from \$819,429 this year) includes \$175,000 set aside for future town hall construction or renovation, replacement of two police department vehicles and a computer terminal for the building inspections department, said Councilwoman Julia Thomas, finance officer, and Town Administrator Linda Fluegel. Also, for the second year in a row, the town plans to set aside \$33,000 in a capital improvement reserve fund for use following a disaster.

The \$609,949 water department budget, up from \$596,863, includes \$100,000 toward the town sewer project, \$57,000 set aside for future replacement and repair of aging distribution lines, and expansion of one part-time position to full time.

The budget also reflects a 23 percent increase in health insurance costs and 3.5 percent cost of living raises for all 13 employees.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the town hall.

"I think we have a good budget, one that will benefit the town in years to come," said Mayor Mason Barber at the conclusion of a combination special meeting and budget workshop Monday evening.

The budget is based on one of the lowest municipal property tax rates in Brunswick County-16.7 cents per \$1,000 of property value, based on 100 percent valuation. For exampie, town property taxes on a \$150,000 home would be \$250.50.

The bulk of the town's general fund revenue is expected to come from two sources. Current property taxes are expected to account for \$335,176, while accommodations taxes-paid on cottage rentals and other types of lodging-are expected to generate \$300,000 in revenues.

To more closely reflect cost, the town has proposed charging a re-inspection fee of \$25 any time an inspector has to repeat an inspection,

as when corrections are needed before approval. Also, a \$50 deposit will be required on small repairs or building projects, to make sure the site is clean up. For larger jobs contractors already provide a letter of credit as security.

Also, instead of paying a flat \$25 for a residential plumbing inspection, a \$25 fee will be charged for each of the three inspections required, slab, rough-in and final.

The water department budget is based on increased water sales with the addition of an estimated 100 taps next year, as well as a 15 percent increase in tap-on fees to better reflect the actual cost. It would be the first increase since the town system began operation in 1979. The fee for a

tap-on in town would increase from Fire Department (1 percent of tax \$260 to \$300 and in the extraterritorial area, from \$300 to \$375.

The town council is expected to act on the proposed fee changes at its June 7 meeting.

Proposed expenses by department are as follows: governing board, \$5,710; administration, \$117,673; legal, \$6,700; postage, \$500 (including a proposed quarterly newsletter); elections, \$500; public buildings, \$188,471 (including the \$175,571 set aside for town hall); police, \$252,447 plus \$4,306 for auxiliary personnel; Sunset Beach Volunteer

levy), \$20,691; \$61,017; Calabash Emergency Med-Service, \$7,500; streets, \$96,400; sanitation, \$89,200; drainage, \$3,000; planning, \$30,420; economic development, \$15,000 (to South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce); health (mainly mosquito control), \$15,618. The town also proposes to allocate for beach and land renourishment, \$3,000; beach access, \$1,00; Hope Harbor Home, \$300; Lower Cape Fear Hospice, \$300; and Brunswick County Literacy Council, \$200.

Sunset Agrees To Allow Miniature Golf If Strict Regulations Met

BY SUSAN USHER

Miniature golf courses will be allowed in Sunset Beach, if they can jump a series of hurdles regulating hours, noise, traffic flow, lighting and other design elements.

They will be permitted as a special use only in mainland business districts, and only if certain conditions are met.

At its May meeting, Sunset Beach Town Council sent proposed miniature golf course regulations back to the planning board, citing fears about noise, possible beer sales and late-night revelry.

Still expressing concerns over potential traffic congestion and lack of specific site approval, councilmembers Monday night adopted the package as recommended by the Sunset Beach Planning Board on a motion by Councilwoman Cherry Cheek. The requirements include only one addition, limiting operating hours to 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., with all play to have ended and the course closed by 11 p.m.

Other requirements include a one-acre minimum site size, approved landscaping plan for course and parking lot, two parking spaces provided per hole, approved traffic flow plan, "unobtrusive lighting," restrooms and sound systems that do not "disturb or annoy" neighbors. Structures can be no taller than 16 feet, cannot emit smoke or steam or have animated figures. It does allow "inanimate life-size replicas of birds or animals indigenous to the area".

"Regardless of where it is in the business district, if the planning board determines it meets all of the requirements, they have no choice but to approve it," Councilman Bud Scrantom reminded fellow council members prior to the vote.

While he has objections to the proposed sites, Scrantom added, 'We can't really stop people from

having a legitimate business. Noting that the two miniature golf courses being proposed would be located along a state highway, Mayor Pro tem Ed Gore said that traffic congestion was a concern to

"We can't really stop people from having a legitimate business."

-Bud Scrantom

be worked out between the businesses and the N.C. Department of Transportation. Right-of-way is already available along N.C. 179 for adding a third lane if needed, he said.

In other business the board: met in executive session briefly to discuss a personnel matter, taking

Cherry Cheek on their committee's efforts to come up with a plan for renovating or replacing the town hall, which was built in 1971, enlarged four years ago, and is not adequate for the town's current and future space needs. The two had talked with a local architectural firm, Johnson and Renaud, and presented tentative sketches to the council of a possible floor plan and site layout.

Council members and town employees will review the sketches and offer suggestions and the council will decide whether it wants to pursue the project before the committee decides how to select an architect.

mheard from Julia Thomas and ly to make sure it will meet the needs of the town for a long, long time. We want to consider the exterior very carefully, also." The board's next meeting is Monday, June 7. Four public hear-

ings are planned on the proposed 1993-94 budget, the creation of a "conservation reserve zoning district," amendment of the subdivision ordinance setting standards for final plat approval, and amending the sign ordinance to limit the type of directional signs allowed.



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