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Minority Business Program

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At the end of the meeting, board member John S. Holleman Jr. requested that the board's Policy Committee study the possibility of designing an affirmative action policy concerning minority contractors.

In a straw vote, the board unanimously approved the request.

In other business, the board, at the request of Dr. Sheppard, asked the administration to study the possibility of closing Old Town Elementary School

and using Northwest Junior High as the elementary school for that area and Jefferson Junior High as the middle school.

Under the school reorganizational plan, Old Town, rated by the Division of School Planning as a

Class V school (in poor condition, phased out) will be used as an elementary school.

"In all other exceptions, we have made the maximum use of existing facilities," Sheppard said. "Old Town is the only exception. The integrity of the entire school system is at stake. Lately, it has arisen that we are not being equitable in our choice (of which schools to close)."

The school board recently adopted a school closing policy, with the age and physical condition of a school as two criteria for whether it will be closed. No schools which were rated Class V are not being used if another school nearby can serve the purpose, except Old Town. "Why in the name of goodness are you sparing that one?" Sheppard asked.

Sheppard also suggested that Hanes High School be used to house the Optional Education Program and that Lowrance Elementary be used as a middle school. "This will preserve another school in the black community," Sheppard said. "I submit we have problems in our relationship there."

Sheppard said that the "pockets" of black children who live around Old Town should be reassigned to Old Richmond, decreasing the need for a satellite district of black children needed for integration at the school.

Bailey also suggested that

the administration provide the board with the racial compositions of Forest Park and Old Town elementary schools and the costs of upgrading both. "Somewhere along the line, something has not been done fairly," Bailey said, "and I want to find out where."

The board will act on the matter at its next meeting Monday night, which also will be a public hearing on the future use of surplus schools not needed in the reorganizational plan.

Board members Mary Margaret Lohr and Margaret Plemmons, who chaired the meeting in Marvin S. Calloway's absence, said they see Sheppard and Bailey's request as a tactic to delay implementation of the four-year plan.

"I don't worry about a delay," Bailey said. "I just want information. I'm learning board members better and I'm learning the politics being played."

McGee Not Guilty

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although McGee had participated in the drug deal, he had done so only after being entrapped by Mrs. Toms.

"I would like to say that justice has been rendered," Wagner said. "But justice has not been rendered. He (McGee) has suffered too much. Somebody owes him something and it's a great deal."

Michael C. Smith, who was charged along with McGee in September 1981, said he has no comments.

During the first trial, both Smith and McGee were found guilty and sentenced by Judge Hal "Hammer" Walker to the mandatory minimum sentence of seven years in jail and a \$50,000 fine. Both men appealed, however, and, in April, the N.C. Court of Appeals granted them new trials.

Smith, who had been in jail since his arrest, pleaded guilty to a lesser felony of possession of cocaine and had his sentence reduced to the time he had served.

But McGee, who first entered a guilty plea to the lesser charge, changed his plea after he realized that he might not receive a suspended sentence.

Mrs. Toms, who was the state's key witness in the first trial, did not testify in Caswell County.

"They had used her and they were through with her," Smith said.

Said Alderman Larry Little, another character witness for McGee: "There are three major reasons for the not-guilty verdict:

"Judge Long handled himself much better than this jerk (Judge Walker) in Winston-Salem. He was much more fair and more decent. Second, there was a substantial number of blacks on the jury who know what it is like to be persecuted.

"And people have seen through this Ann Toms woman. They tried to use this kind of person to bring down a man who has never been involved in drugs."

Mrs. Toms' credibility as a witness was so weak, said Little, that Forsyth County District Attorney Donald K. Tisdale decided not to use her as his star witness.

Little said he is "highly elated for Bill McGee" but "he has gone through a lot of stuff."

"McGee is still a broken man," Little said. "Tisdale and (R.A.) Spillman (a city narcotics agent who coordinated the undercover investigation) can go on about their lives as if nothing happened. But Bill, he's finished. He has to try to put together the pieces of his life."

"It makes me happy to know that somewhere in North Carolina, though not in Winston-Salem, they could decide it's not the role of law enforcement officials to try to get somebody to break the law," Little said.

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STARSCOPE

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WEEK OF: AUGUST 18, 1983

AQUARIUS - January 21-February 19
Partner's possessive streak surfaces; you could feel your style is being cramped. Friend surprises you with far-out ideas - and they help you solve a major problem.

PISCES - February 20-March 20
A nostalgic week that finds you involved in activities you enjoyed as a child. You're ready to enlarge friendship circle, and some good opportunities are available through weekend.

ARIES - March 21-April 20
A favorable week for buying and selling and inventing. Tensions in a relationship ease up, with the prospect of a treaty signing by Wednesday. Job situation improves.

TAURUS - April 21-May 22
Patience is your byword, particularly if you're waiting for a friend to make a long-lasting commitment. For travelers and hosts alike, a contingency plan is wise this week.

GEMINI - May 23-June 21
Companion surprises you with his wide range of talents, while you benefit from narrowing your range of interests. Loyalties are proven, and you can sleep a little easier now.

CANCER - June 22-July 22
Variation characterizes the week - a change is far more entertaining than a rest, you discover. Weekend includes some misunderstandings, reunions, detours and surprise guests.

LEO - July 23-August 22
Conflict with someone who's a lot like you may be unavoidable, but romantic uncertainties diminish and career prizes are within reach. Sports events are favored for competitors.

VIRGO - August 23-September 22
The more independent you feel, the more everybody wants to pamper and indulge you. Financial news is happy, but don't spend recklessly. Romance waits in the wings.

LIBRA - September 23-October 22
You enjoy a good argument this week - the key is to keep debates on an intellectual level. And you've a knack for playing matchmaker. Travel ideas can be implemented by weekend.


SCORPIO - October 23-November 21
Money begins to flow, but don't tell the world. You're in a bold, upbeat mood, reflected in a style of dress that draws the attention of your favorite friends.

SAGITTARIUS - November 22-December 22
Communication and cooperation are accentuated. Your best efforts are joint efforts, especially in fields of publishing and advertising. Romantic partner announces exciting plans.

CAPRICORN - December 23-January 20
You can realize a key career or academic goal, so long as you resist impulsive moves. Popularity soars through the weekend. Workload includes variety and challenge.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK
You're skilled at organizing people, you enjoy being in charge, you demand the most from others and you set a splendid example. Trend toward sharing develops over next four months. Results come from pooling ideas and entering into partnerships.


BORN THIS WEEK
August 18th, actress Shelley Winters; 19th, actress Jill St. John; 20th, actor Van Johnson; 21st, bandleader Count Basie; 22nd, actress Cindy Williams; 23rd, actor Gene Kelley; 24th, actor Dennis James.



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