

School board delays appointment of coaches, bans student smoking

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The city-county school board delayed for two weeks approving the list of high school athletic positions that would make both the athletic director and head boys' basketball coach at Carver High School black.

After a motion by board member Margaret Plemmons, the board went into a 25-minute executive session to discuss the list of athletic positions selected by the school administrative staff.

On the staff's list of personnel, Brenda Peay would become the athletic director at Carver and Alfred Poe, who already serves as the 9-10 boys' basketball coach and has compiled a 177-16 record in 14 seasons, will remain at Carver as the head boys' basketball coach.

Other blacks recommended for coaching positions were Edwin McDonald, head football coach at Mt. Tabor; Napoleon Cloud, head boys' basketball coach at Glenn; Otis Hawkins, head boys' basketball coach at West; Ron Jessup, head girls' basketball coach at East; Eleanor Bailey, head girls' basketball coach at Mt. Tabor; Windred Watkins, head girls' basketball coach at Parkland, and Shirley Kindke, head girls' basketball coach at Reynolds.

In other business, the board:

- voted 6-1, with Mary Margaret Lohr voting no, to ban smoking by all students on school property and during school hours. The policy also included smoking on school buses to and from school, on buses transporting students to field trips and at club meetings or practices directly after school.

Presently, 11th- and 12th-grade students are allowed to

smoke at school. But because of the school system's new four-year high school plan to go into effect in the fall, the ninth through 12th grades will share the same schools.

The board had earlier considered a plan that would have allowed all four grades to smoke, but last week at a Policy Committee meeting, board member John Holleman made a motion to ban all student smoking at school.

Walter Marshall, vice president of the NAACP, and Willie Anderson, president of Forsyth Association of Classroom Teachers, said they neither opposed nor supported smoking, but felt that the board's no-smoking policy would be hard to enforce and made pleas for even punishments for students caught violating the rule.

"You are creating more and more work for the personnel," Marshall said. "Are you going to hire somebody to be the cigarette detector?"

Superintendent Zane Eargle, along with Robert Deaton, principal at Reynolds High School, asked the board to consider smoking in limited areas and at prescribed times. A complete ban, Deaton said, would cause the number of suspensions to increase, require more personnel to monitor smoking and force the students to go "underground" to smoke.

Both Eargle and Deaton also questioned if smoking was an issue that the parents should solve and not the schools.

"Schools are trying to solve society's problems at the expense of reading, math and science," Deaton said.

Eargle said he supported permitting students with notarized permission from their parents to smoke.

But Holleman, who made the motion Monday night to

ban smoking, said, "I believe we can enforce this policy. We should not provide a negative opportunity for young people."

- approved a policy that bans the "possession of portable radios, tape recorders, tape players and other similar electronic equipment except as approved by the principal or his designee for educational purposes."

- passed a motion to ask the county commissioners to raise board members' salaries from \$3,000 maximum per year to \$4,600. Board members Marvin Calloway and Plemmons voted against the increase.

Plemmons said she favored an increase but not as substantial as \$1,600. Calloway said he was against any salary increase.

- heard a report to raise lunch prices in the middle schools (grades 6-8) from 75 cents to 80 cents and high schools (grades 9-12) from 80 cents to 85 cents.

- discussed having academically gifted classes at all the 12 middle schools next year. At present, six of the schools have enough students to have AG classes. Eargle suggested either pairing the schools that don't not have enough students or attempting to identify students in those schools who may not meet the criteria for AG classes but who, on the recommendation of teachers and guidance counselors, may be able to perform the work.

Calloway suggested that the middle schools eliminate AG programs as such and develop enrichment programs that would leave the talented students in the regular classrooms and motivate them through special enrichment programs.

The next regular board meeting will be held June 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the school administrative building on Miller Street.



Deputy Superintendent James Dew listens attentively as school officials and concerned citizens give their opinion on the school board's consideration of a no-smoking policy for students (photo by James Parker).

Board approves new apartment projects

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The Board of Aldermen approved the construction of several new housing complexes for Winston-Salem during its regular meeting Monday night.

Despite opposition from residents and a vote against the measure by Aldermen Larry Womble and Martha Wood, the board voted to allow J.R. Yarbrough to construct 192 apartments and 128 condominiums on 41.6 acres of land one mile outside the city limits near Old U.S. 311.

Homeowners, most of whom are senior citizens, on Dottie Mae and Hines drives joined residents of the Old U.S. 311 neighborhood to oppose the project. They said a plan to pave Dottie Mae Drive, which was opposed by the residents last month in a Planning Board meeting, would cause traffic problems and that the area should not be rezoned to accommodate multi-family units. Yarbrough, who said he was willing to cut a street through the Old U.S. 311, also said he would run water lines along both Hines and Dottie drives at his expense.

Wood and Womble were outvoted 6-2 after Alderman Robert Northington Jr.'s motion to approve the project.

In related action, the board approved the construction of Highland Oaks, a 558-unit apartment complex to be built on South Stratford Road, and Northcliffe, a 228-unit apartment complex that will be at the corner of North Point Boulevard and Bethabara Road.

In other business, the board:

- denied a petition by Ralph Carper Jr. for a special use district permit that would allow him to build a laundry and restrooms to his convenience store, Idols Food Stores Inc. The board denied Carper's request after residents in the Clemmonsville Road and Moravia Street areas opposed the plan, saying it would decrease homeowners' property value and increase the flow of traffic.

Carper said he would appeal the decision.

- voted to approve the construction of Hickory Glen, a 27-unit townhouse plan on 3.6 acres of land west of Edgebrook Drive.

- denied a manufactured housing subdivision of 288 mobile homes (trailer park) that would have occupied 67 acres of land between Hastings Hill Road and Kerner Mill Creek.

- rescinded a planning board recommendation to allow a 40-child limit at a daycare center on Jonestown Road. The center is managed by Teresa G. Buey.

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