

Schools face dilemma over merits on year-round education

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North Rowan schools have significant African American enrollment, many of whom use the program to progress through the formative school years.

After a dispute last year when board members said that they would not be able to afford the traditional schedule

and North Rowan's programs in the future, the committee offered the combined schedule as a compromise.

A traditional schedule parent who served on the School Calendar Committee said most of their advocates choose the current schedule, but realize the combined calendar presents the best alternative.

Sheila Hazlett said, "In order to pull the whole district together, we feel like the combination schedule would be better. If we're trying to get the whole system on one schedule, I think that would be the best schedule."

Since north, west, and south high schools will be on block schedules this fall, parents

who have students in the high schools as well as elementary and middle schools believe that a combined calendar, which would have them all on the same schedule, would be quite beneficial.

Pete Teague, a year-round member lobbying to keep the programs going, said there would be some repercussions if they decided to ax this pro-

gram at this time.

"We aren't particularly happy with it," he said. "I think that most people resigned to the fact that year-round is going away. These year-round programs at North Rowan Middle just started last fall and it's too soon to eliminate it. The year-round program offers longer breaks and prevents burn-out for student

and teachers.

"It seems to me, if anything, they could change that a little bit to provide more of a break. It doesn't have to be three weeks to work. There's a little bit provided in the combined calendar, but not nearly enough."

Student's return is prayer of Livingstone College classmates, faculty

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searched the waters of the York Hill boat access in Davidson County.

Investigators claim to have some new leads and information which could bring the case to a close.

The 22-year-old Williams is described as 5-feet, 6 inches

tall and weighing about 110 pounds. She has a light-skinned complexion and a petite build. Williams was last seen by her boyfriend wearing a maroon pullover sweater and black jeans.

Her former residence hall director, Monica Redmond, said Williams' disappearance

is unnerving.

"It's senseless. This was a girl who never bothered anyone," Redmond said. "She was very personable and she carried herself as such. It's just a senseless and unexplainable event."

Another Livingstone student, Michael McCrae, said

the disappearance is mystifying.

"I hope and pray she has Godspeed home," he said. "I just don't know how the apartment could be ransacked, a girl missing, and no one knows or heard anything."

If anyone has any information as to Williams' where-

abouts, please contact the Salisbury police department at (704) 638-5340.

NAACP jubilee has Bob Davis as speaker

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branch at this program. Without reserve, committee members say that the program is open to all

residents of surrounding counties.

Davis, who was instrumental in bringing desegregation to

Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools, was the first African American to head the Charlotte unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

Davis was also the first

Minority Affairs chairperson of the NCAE as well as the first African American leader of the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party.

Crimes down in Rowan schools

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"I think it's readily apparent that this is a piece of the report that we notice very quickly and very carefully," McCann said. "We recognize this is a trend that we're very comfortable with. We look at this very seriously as we analyze strategies to try to make an impact on that."

McCann believes that the newly commissioned Adolescent Prevention Program for eighth graders has been helpful in curbing some of these statistics. The program, which celebrates its

first anniversary this year, not only combats drug abuse, but other dilemmas facing youth.

"The number is higher than we'd like," said McCann about the illegal substance report. "We don't have any question about that. We would like for that number to be zero. What we see here is reflective of changing conditions of society. We don't have schools in isolation of the community. We're part of the community."

McCann said he is pleased with the program and hopes that more will emerge after the success of the Adolescent Prevention program.

Kannapolis board wants school pay from Rowan, Cabarrus

By Brian Powe
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

KANNAPOLIS - Kannapolis School Board officials are not asking for a raise in pay? They just want to be paid, period.

Although Kannapolis officials do not earning any income, they have asked Rowan and Cabarrus county commissioners to pay them.

Ellen Boyd, Kannapolis Schools spokeswoman, said that school board officials are asking for \$200 per month and \$300 a month for chairpersons.

If Kannapolis officials receive the assessed wages, they will be earning almost a hundred percent more than Cabarrus and Rowan members. At present, Rowan members are paid about \$100 a month with the chairperson making \$200. Cabarrus board members make \$80 a month and their chairpersons make \$100.

Kannapolis officials, ironically, have been thrust in the middle of the dispute between counties. The city of Kannapolis rests between the borders of Cabarrus and Rowan counties. Heretofore, officials have been depending on Cabarrus County for 80 percent of their schools' budget while Rowan County picks up the slack.

According to Boyd, there may be some confusion as to how the situation should be solved.

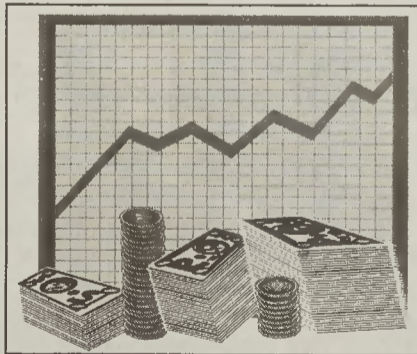
"We're not sure what happens if, for example, Cabarrus says one thing and Rowan says something different," she said. "They could say yea or nay, or they could say yes."

A date has not yet been set for Kannapolis officials to meet with Rowan commissioners, but they will meet with Cabarrus officials later this month.

Boyd said that officials do not seek payment for things such as long distance phone calls, local mileage, and postage, but they do insist that some expenses need attention.

Lee Eford, school board member for the Rowan side, said he asked several people to run for school board previously. But when they figure out how much time they give and the earnings they'll receive from that work, it's really not worth it.

Other board members believe that if the board would offer a salary for these positions, it would attract more qualified candidates.



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