

Orders & New Vehciles

School Board Striving To Ease Bus Problems

Brunswick County Board of Education members, expressing great concern about overcrowded school buses here, took affirmative action to help relieve the problem at their regular meeting Monday night. The board unanimously authorized the purchase of eight school buses, which have already been ordered.

Delivery of the new buses is expected in six to eight months.

Supt. Ralph C. King told members that the board would save about \$8,000 by ordering the buses now instead of waiting until later. The price of a new 54-passenger bus is now \$7,000. But the price of the same bus is expected to increase \$1,000 in the months to come, the superintendent said he has been informed by state officials.

The Division of Transportation, which recently conducted a survey of the county, said the buses were needed to help eliminate some, but not all, of the standees being transported in Brunswick.

The same survey said it would take 16 buses to completely eliminate the standee problem in the county. But still more buses will be needed in the future, based on the rapid growth of the school system, it was noted.

"One of the biggest complaints I get is about students standing in school buses," Member William Sue said.

Supt. King announced that two spare buses will be placed into service within the next two weeks to serve Southport Middle and Bolivia schools, where the standee problem is the worst.

The board unanimously voted to request the state to pay \$66,550 to teach driver's training in the county during the 1974-75 school term. Funds for the program come from the state.

Supt. King said the fund request includes money to hire a fourth driver education instructor next year. He said he felt the new instructor will be needed next year because the program will have a projected 875 students.

If the state does not approve the request, he suggested that the board considered placing funds in the school budget to pay an instructor with local money.

The board decided to postpone final decision on the 1974-75 school budget. It was decided that the board will hold a special exclusive budget meeting Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Wilbur E. Rabon said the board wanted to present the budget to the board of commissioners as soon as possible. But he said he felt the board needed to devote one more meeting to finalizing the budget.

Board members expressed the hope that the final school budget can be presented to the commissioners on May 15.

The board moved behind closed doors to discuss "personnel" during the meeting.

Following the routine open meeting, the board decided to hold the closed executive session to "review and approve instructional personnel (profession)."

According to reports, the closed executive meeting last about three hours.

Chairman Rabon, who announced the closed meeting without objection from the other members, said it was only the third executive meeting the board has held during the four years he has been chairman.

The board spent a great deal of time discussing the access road and vehicle paving needs at the new elementary school in Southport with Department of Transportation officials. Division Engineer Ted Funderburk, who served as the spokesman, District Engineer Robbie Robinson and Assistant District Engineer Bobby Powell represented the department at the meeting.

Division Engineer Funderburk told the board that the cost of the project to pave from the existing pavement to the school and parking areas has been placed at around \$67,000. The problem,

he said, is that the Secondary Road Division has appropriated only \$30,000 in funds for the project.

Board members and the state engineers discussed the project and looked over maps of the area. It was pointed out that the project cost could be cut to around \$65,000 if the street was not widened.

After more discussion of the project, the board decided to contact State Secondary Road officials and find out if the \$30,000 appropriation can be supplemented to cover the high cost of the work.

Following the presentation, the board asked Assistant Supt. John J. Hicks to take the highway engineers to the school site and to look over the project.

The board unanimously voted to authorize bids to purchase an electronic accounting mini-computer. The computer, which will be used for bookkeeping purposes, is expected to cost about \$25,000. The Division of School Planning recommended that the Brunswick County board purchase the mini-computer during a recent survey.

Supt. King, who presented the request, reported that 75 percent of the schools

systems in this part of the state use a mini-computer.

The board unanimously voted to grant school credit to a group of ten students, who plan to attend a French seminar in Paris this summer.

Mrs. Cheryl Blackburn, language arts teacher at South Brunswick, said in a letter to the board that four North Brunswick students and six from South Brunswick plan to attend the seminar sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study. They will leave June 27 and return home July 24.

Associate Supt. Robert C. Elkins said he had checked on the matter with the state office and other counties. He said that granting credit is a standard procedure.

Supt. King told the board that a special bookkeeping law covering only Brunswick County was repealed in the closing days of the General Assembly.

The superintendent presented the board tentative school calendars and the annual schedule for principals and staff. The calendar shows that the student school year in 1974-75 will run from Aug. 26 until June 5. Mem-

bers were asked to look over the material and take action

at the next regular meeting. The meeting was presided

over by Chairman Rabon and all members attended. In addition, King, Associate Supt. Elkins, and Assistant Supts. Hicks and P.R. Hankins were present. Mrs. Elizabeth Young, assistant principal of South Brunswick, attended the meeting as a special guest of the board.

I thank the people of Brunswick County for their strong vote during the primary, and sincerely ask their continued support in the November general election.

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NEW ORGANIZATION

An organizational meeting of Planned Parenthood, in association with the Brunswick County health clinic, will be held Wednesday, May 15, at 10 a.m. at the Southport library. Mrs. Billie Frankum announced. All interested residents of the Southport and Long Beach areas are invited to attend.

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