

School Board Looks At Tentative Boundaries For New Primary School

BY SUSAN USHER

Brunswick County school board members took their first look Monday night at tentative attendance area boundaries for a new primary school to be built in the Supply area.

The school would generally serve students in grades K-5 in the Holden Beach, Varnamtown, Supply, Royal Oak and Sunset Harbor areas. It is expected to reduce overcrowding at three schools, allowing room for continued growth in the southern attendance district. It would also reduce the time spent commuting by bus for some students, according to Bill Turner, assistant to the superintendent.

He estimated that, based on current attendance rates and projections, the school would draw an estimated 390 students from grades K-3 at Union Primary School, 192 from the fourth and fifth grades at Shallotte Middle School and 73 from Southport Primary School, grades K-5. It would have a projected capacity of 500 students.

"We welcome comments regarding the boundaries," noted member Doug Baxley. "These are not carved in stone."

Under the school system's proposed 10-year facility needs plan, the land for the new school could be purchased as early as by the end of the 1987-88 school year and construction could be slated during the 1988-1989 school year.

Projected costs are \$230,000 for land and \$3.7 million for the structure.

A committee of board members and staff have started "driving" the Supply area looking for suitable sites, Turner added, with the possibility of announcement soon.

As for the 10-year facility needs plan, board members revised it Monday night to reflect an additional \$5 million in state funds that may be made available by the General Assembly for school capital outlay purposes. Another \$13 million had already been projected for Brunswick County schools from local sales taxes distributions.

The plan adopted Monday was pending approval by the county commissioners, who were to review the plan today (Thursday). Also, it can be amended and priorities adjusted at any time, Chairman James Forstner assured board member Dot Worth.

AIDS Policy Set

Board members unanimously approved an AIDS policy for the school system, noting that it could be revised as needed.

Forstner said he wanted to see the schools move on into educating students, staff and the public about AIDS and its transmission.

As revised, the policy no longer includes references to communicable diseases. What it does include are provisions for a committee of professionals to decide whether a student or staff member with AIDS or the AIDS-related virus should remain in school, based on the risk present.

Board attorney Glen Peterson advised

that the policy meets current guidelines, but may have to be revised as more AIDS-related cases are heard in the courts.

Added Forstner, "I'll tell you at some point we will deal with a student with AIDS. For every one you know about there are 10 you don't."

Motion Killed

The board killed a travel policy almost as quickly as it had approved the AIDS policy.

Forstner refused to break a 2-2 tie vote on the policy proposed by member Doug Baxley, saying, "I don't have to vote if I don't want to."

Baxley proposed that board members and administrators be required to present travel proposals to the board for approval before the trips occur. It was the policy's second reading.

"I'm not trying to impose any straight jacket, but I think it is important for us to take a look at these trips before they are over," he said.

However, members Dot Worth and Marvin McKeithan, who voted against the motion, said they didn't like the way it was worded.

"It has never been abused that I know of except when Superintendent Eugene Yarbrough took three principals to Anaheim (Calif.) and reported it afterwards."

Forstner said he thought the wording vague, partly because it doesn't specify travel financed by the board or spending limits. "I think it will come up again in the next few months," he predicted.

Following the vote, members James Clemmons and Baxley, who voted for the policy, questioned Forstner's obligation to vote unless granted an abstention, and directed board attorney Glen Peterson to investigate and report at their next meeting.

Other Business

In other business, the board:

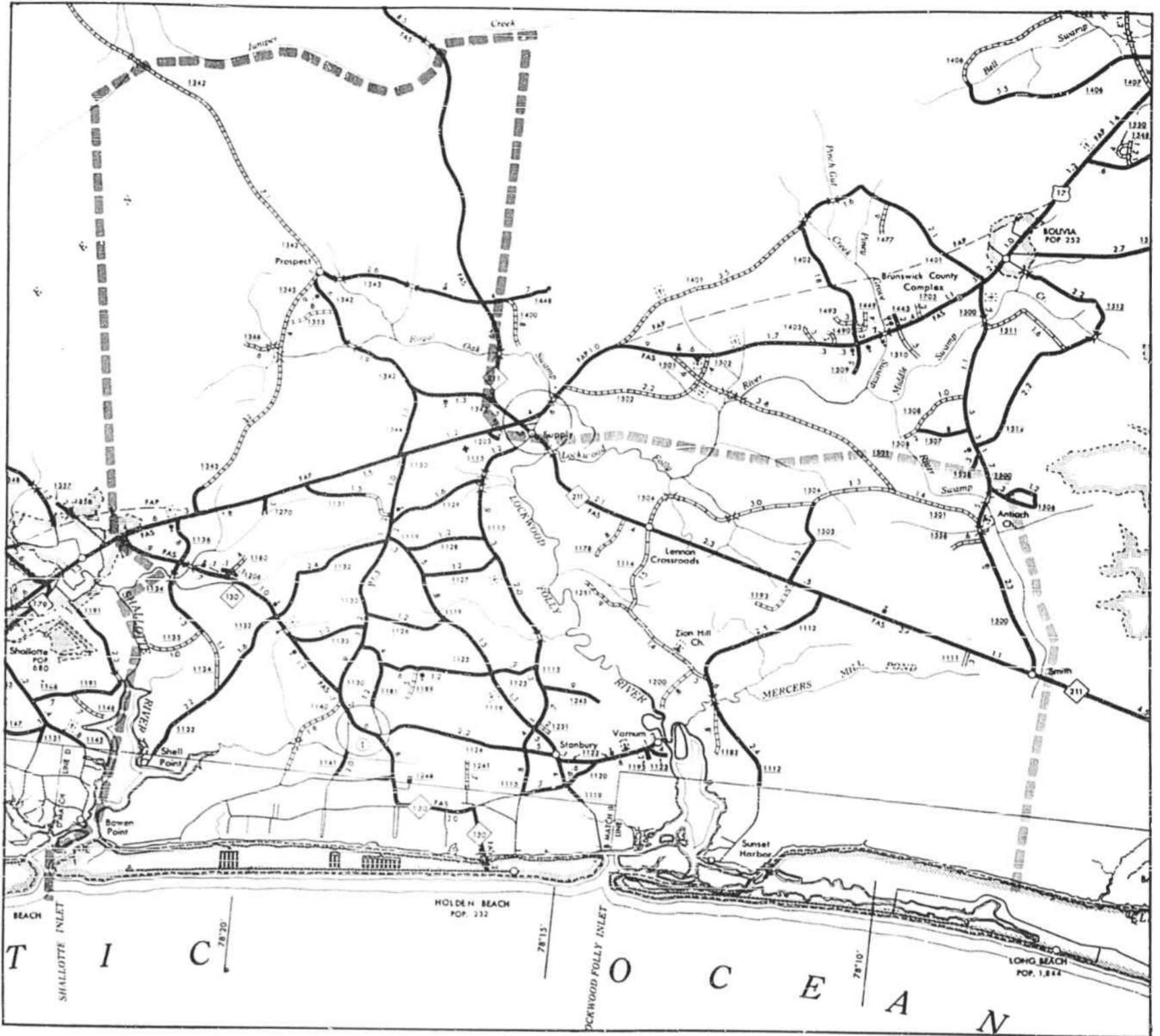
- Held first reading on a proposed amendment to the school advisory council policy to require a minimum of quarterly, not monthly meeting.

- Approved a consent agenda of minor items of business such as school trips by consensus, rather than motion, with Chairman James Forstner noting that parliamentary procedure is to make the system work smoothly, "not to hit somebody over the head" with rules.

- Heard from Turner that construction at Lincoln and Union primary schools has still not been completed, with contractors on warning to complete the Union punch list or else "the board would have to take some kind of action."

- Received reports from Finance Officer Elaine Shappell on the closing date of Jan. 7 for upset bids on eight lots for sale by the board in Pender County, the quarterly finance report, on attorney fees and monthly budget revisions that included an additional \$112,000 in state funds for various items, including the exceptional children's program.

- Approved routine personnel matters. (See related story this issue.)



THE DOTTED LINE roughly outlines the proposed attendance area for a primary school to be built in the Supply area on a site that has not been chosen.

Indictments Returned By Grand Jury

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with conspiracy to traffic in cocaine and with counts of trafficking in cocaine by distribution, possession and transportation.

Following their arrests last month, Wolak said the charges stemmed from the sale of a kilogram of cocaine to undercover agents.

Each of the suspects was placed in the Brunswick County Jail last month in lieu of a \$1 million bond. The three were still in custody Tuesday morning, according to Gray.

The grand jury also returned true bills of indictment against the following persons:

ing persons:

- Keith Bruce, 21, of Southport, felonious breaking, entering and larceny;
- Derrick G. Parker, age and address unavailable, felonious breaking, entering and larceny;

- Glenn Bowden, 20, Wilmington, felonious breaking, entering and larceny;
- Rex Allen Brown, 20, Wilmington, felonious breaking, entering and larceny;
- James Edward Clarida, 19, Wilmington, felonious breaking, entering

and larceny;

- Mark Owens Elliott, Route 1, Leland, larceny of a firearm;
- John Southers, 20, Wilmington, felonious breaking, entering and larceny;

- Everett Lee Trivett, 48, Leland, indecent liberties;
- Willard R. Woods, 38, Calabash, possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver cocaine;

- Kenneth Lee Bowman, 30, Rockingham, possession of more than one gram of cocaine, possession with intent to sell more than one gram of cocaine, and sell and deliver more than one gram of cocaine;

- Washley A. Lancaster, 63, Route 4, Supply, two counts of first-degree sexual offense and three counts of indecent liberties;

- Richard S. Woods, 37, Calabash, possession of more than one gram of cocaine, possession with intent to sell more than one gram of cocaine, and manufacturing cocaine;

- Danny K. Bullard, 36, Bolivia, first-degree sexual offense;
- David Alton Bullard, 37, Shallotte, first-degree sexual offense;

- Alexander Robbins, 22, Route 4, Leland, breaking, entering and larceny, and second-degree burglary;
- Ronald Lee Phipps, 34, Route 3,

Shallotte, indecent liberties and two counts of first-degree sexual offense;

- Johnny Dean Gaylord, 16, Leland, felonious breaking and entering, and felonious breaking, entering and larceny;
- Jeffrey Allen Hicks, 17, Leland, felonious larceny, felonious breaking and entering, and felonious breaking, entering and larceny;
- Clifton Woods, 18, Seaside, possession of more than one gram of cocaine.

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Rash Of Home Break-Ins Reported At Holden

After discovering a series of home break-ins over the weekend, the Holden Beach Police Department has stepped up patrols.

According to Chief Raymond Simpson, 12 break-ins were discovered Saturday and Sunday at vacation homes located between the 100 and 300 blocks of Brunswick Street and on Ocean Boulevard West near Brunswick Street. Property was stolen from at least seven of the houses.

Simpson said thieves gained entry into the houses by breaking out windows or by kicking open doors. The break-ins were discovered by passers-by and police who noticed the damaged windows and doors.

On Tuesday, police did not know exactly how much property had been stolen, since owners of the vacation homes live as far away as Virginia. All of the homeowners were notified of the break-ins and were asked to have their houses here checked to determine what property was missing.

While investigating the crime scenes, lawmen recovered three microwave ovens, a television and a stereo that had been "stashed close to the houses," Simpson said.

Police have suspects in the case, although no arrests were reported by Tuesday. "You always have them (suspects), but there's nothing positive," commented Simpson.

Temps To Be Below Normal

The Shallotte area can expect below normal temperatures to continue over the next few days, according to Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.

Temperatures should range from the low 30s at night to the low 50s during the day. Precipitation should be near normal at about one-half inch, Canady said.

For the period of Jan. 5 through 11, the average daily temperature was 32 degrees, which was 14 degrees

below normal.

The average daily high temperature was 36 degrees, and the average nightly low temperature was 28 degrees.

During the period, the maximum high temperature was 44 degrees on Jan. 5, while the minimum low temperature was 23 degrees on Jan. 6.

Canady measured 1.75 inches of precipitation during the period.

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