

Board Changes Two Assignments; Grants Teachers Career Status

Following a 40-minute closed door session Monday night, the Brunswick County Board of Education reclassified two central office administrators, granted tenure to 39 teachers and approved renewal contracts for first- and second-year probationary teachers as recommended by staff.

Ralph Ward of Southport, acting associate superintendent in charge of personnel, was reclassified as personnel director, effective July 1. He is to continue serving as associate superintendent until an assistant

superintendent for curriculum is employed. Applications for that post are being accepted through June 3.

No action was taken regarding Ward's previous post of director of occupational education.

Also Jean Parker of Caswell Beach, currently director of internal services, was reclassified as interim community schools coordinator, effective June 10 and continuing through May 31, 1989. She will fill the position currently held by Linden Mathews-Boone, who begins maternity leave at the end of May.

Teachers are eligible for tenure, or

career status, after three consecutive satisfactory years of teaching in the Brunswick County Schools or one to two years of teaching in the local schools combined with past experience either in this system or another.

Granted tenure Monday were the following teachers: Leland Primary—Sonia Clark, Carolyn Harrington, Shirley Zambrowski; Union Primary—Wilhelmina Bellamy, Nancy Fullenwider, Wanda Phelps, Cheryl Pitt, Pamela Vass, Pat Fenton; Southport Elementary—Jamie Lloyd, Ann Hale, Faye Harrelson,

Grace Puckett; Waccamaw Elementary—Ellen Milligan and Janice Newkirk; Leland Middle—Janette Fowler, Frances Nance and Mary Yates, Mary Blanton, Kay Edwards, Timothy Strickland, Clara Melville, Sylvia Harris;

South Brunswick Middle—Anne Finch; Shallotte Middle—Marilyn Chestnutt, Barbara Holcombe, Linda Andrew, Mildred Hall, David Holden, Sandra Rogers and Greg Norris; North Brunswick High—Dawn Norton; South Brunswick High—Mickey Hancock, John Lee and Deborah

Adams; and Alternative School—Brenda Council.

In other personnel actions, the board:

•Hired Wayne Barkley, interim music, Union Primary; Carole Bradley, interim teacher assistant, Union Primary; and Sadonie Kirby, media assistant, Southport Elementary;

Approved as substitute teachers George Hall, Susan Murphy and Ann Bessent.

•Transferred Pamela Bruton, media assistant, Southport Elementary, to secretary, central office;

•Accepted resignations from Betty Starling, math, South Brunswick Middle; Patricia Steen, interim music, Union Primary; Emma Davis, secretary, central office;

•Granted leaves of absence to Bonita Phelps, teacher, Lincoln Primary; Victoria Harris, South Brunswick Middle; Linda Stevenson, cafeteria assistant, South Brunswick High.

•Accepted retirement of Edith Nobles, teacher, Union Primary and Bernice Troy, Chapter 1 resource teacher, Leland Middle.



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Battle Of The Books Continues

For Shallotte Middle School's county championship team, the Battle of the Books continues with district competition May 12 in Jacksonville. Standing from the left are classroom teacher Marsha Benton, Megan Grissett, Jennifer Smith, Crystal Stanley, Bryan Blackwell and school librarian Kay Coleman; and kneeling are Brett Barbee, Matt Shreve, Misty Par-

sons, LaMar Hardy, Adam Bollinger and Monekia Gause. The Battle of the Books is a double-elimination competition with rounds of questions of increasing difficulty about 32 books read by all the contestants. In the county contest, South Brunswick Middle School finished second and Leland Middle School, third.

DOT Proposes Barrier To Protect East-End Roadway At Holden Beach

East-end erosion at Holden Beach will be on the agenda of the state Board of Transportation when it meets Friday in Raleigh.

The state board has been asked by staff to draw \$50,000 from emergency reserves to offset the estimated \$75,000 price tag for repairing severe beach erosion along S.R. 1116, Ocean Boulevard East, which provides access to several homes.

A northeaster in April caused additional erosion, prompting DOT staff to note, "It is necessary that this problem be corrected as soon as possible."

The division proposes to use a large sandbag and fabric barrier wall 600 feet to 800 feet in length to protect the roadway. Backfilling between the road and barrier is expected to rebuild the eroded edges and shoulder section of the road.

Several other Brunswick County projects are also on the agenda. Staff is requesting:

•To abandon a 145-foot portion of S.R. 1210, Old Bridge Road near the Oak Island Bridge.

•An additional \$25,000 in small urban construction funds to improve S.R. 1116, Ocean Boulevard at Holden Beach, in addition to a previous \$18,500.

•An additional \$813 for preliminary engineering, right of way, utilities and construction on Bridge No. 88 over Juniper Creek at the Brunswick and Columbus counties line to reflect low bid.

•Approval of construction on S.R. 1190 (Ocean Highway) on Long Beach from S.R. 1104 (Ocean Drive) to S.R. 1105, Stanley Street, then continuing on S.R. 1105 to S.R. 1104, \$385;

•At Shallotte's request, for an

estimated \$13,603.41 cost to the town, recommended provisions in the construction contract for contractor to install certain water lines and encasement pipes.

•To delete from the state highway system the old section of S.R. 1190, Fort Caswell Beach Road, on Caswell Beach, no longer in use as route; and to request additions to the system of old subdivision roads Somerset Drive, Lloyd Street and Bo-Tuc Road and Plooff Road, Brunswick County.

•To increase countywide right-of-way signature funds by \$8,500.

•Improvement projects at DOT's Shallotte facilities on Mulberry, with a new equipment shop proposed for FY 1989-90 at an estimated total cost of \$465,000, and an office addition and renovations proposed for FY 1992-93 at a cost of \$14,000.

Leland Woman Arrested On Fraud Counts

A Leland woman was charged last week with illegally obtaining more than \$9,100 in assistance from the Brunswick County Department of

Social Services.

According to warrants on file at the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office, Susan R. Taylor, 27, of Route

5, Leland, was arrested May 3 on charges including welfare fraud and medical assistance fraud. The warrants were obtained by Brunswick County DSS Fraud Investigator Wayne Campbell.

The felony charges involve \$1,694 in Aid to Families with Dependent Children and \$7,409 in medical assistance that Ms. Taylor received from Brunswick County DSS last year between March and August, even though her husband, John Taylor, was supporting the family, the warrants stated.

Ms. Taylor was released from custody on a \$500 unsecured bond, with her trial date set for May 24 in Brunswick County District Criminal Court.

Woman Accused Of Break-Ins

Long Beach Police last week charged a suspect with breaking into two summer residences at Long Beach in March.

Robin McKeithan Deason, 19, of West Beach Drive, Long Beach, was arrested last Wednesday by Capt. J.A. Roberts and Sgt. E.D. Holland of the Long Beach Police Department, according to warrants on file at the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office.

Ms. Deason was charged with two counts of breaking, entering and

larceny, in connection with break-ins that occurred March 2 on North Middleton Street, Long Beach.

A microwave oven worth \$99 was taken from the summer home owned by Scott Dover, and a television worth \$300 was removed from the David Langley residence.

Following her arrest, Ms. Deason was released from the Brunswick County Jail on a \$2,000 secured bond. Her trial date was set for May 25 in Brunswick County District Criminal Court.

Utility Committee Hears Reports

BY RAHN ADAMS

A "committee" of Brunswick County Utility Operations Board members were told Monday that the county will soon be able to accept water customers in the North Holden Beach area, as work is being finished on Special Assessment District 1—the county's second SAD that is nearing completion.

UOB members Jimmy Oldham, Robert Nubel and Morris Crouch met informally Monday night in Bolivia after the utility board failed to reach a quorum of members.

As a result, no action was taken during the hour-long session. However, those present heard reports from the UOB's engineering firm, Lewis and Associates, on the progress of the county's first six SAD projects.

Engineer Jay Houston reported that his firm expects to issue a statement of "substantial completion" on SAD 1 sometime next week, which will enable residents to begin signing up as water customers.

Residents in SAD 2, which is located in the area between Brick Landing Plantation and Bent Tree Plantation, began paying tap-on fees Friday after the engineering firm issued a similar statement involving that district.

Houston said a project is substantially complete when everything except mainly clean-up work is done.

Pressurization tests have been completed with satisfactory results in SAD 1, Houston said. Also, water lines were chlorinated Monday, and test results are expected this week.

He added that water line installation is "nearing the final phase" in SAD 3, which is located in the Seaside area.

The county's other three SADs are in various pre-construction stages. SAD 4 is located in the Sea Pines area; SAD 5, in the Ocean Pine Acres area; and SAD 6, in the Whispering Heights/Water Wonderland area.

County officials are awaiting word from the two contractors who were awarded materials and installation contracts last week for SAD 4 in the Sea Pines subdivision area, according to UOB Administrator John Harvey.

Engineer Alan Lewis informed UOB members that the N.C. Department of Transportation has awarded contracts for paving work at several locations in SAD 4. He suggested that the county water department install lines under those roads before the DOT work begins on Friday (May 13). Houston and Water System Director Kenneth Hewett were to visit the sites and assess the situation Tuesday.

Lewis also reported that plans have been completed on the SAD 5 project. Preparation of design specifications is about 90 percent complete, he added.

In SAD 6, the design phase is on hold while a section of the district is surveyed, Lewis said. He estimated that it will take from at least one week for a survey of properties along Somerset Landing Road to be completed. Dimensions of the lots there

were unavailable when engineers began the planning process.

Man Charged In Auto Theft

A Shallotte area man was arrested last week in connection with a car theft at Ocean Isle Beach.

John Melvin McLaurin III, 25, of Route 2, Shallotte, was charged with auto larceny Friday by Ocean Isle Beach Police, according to an arrest warrant on file at the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office.

Police Chief Curt Pritchard and Patrolman James Stewart made the arrest Friday morning. The theft also occurred Friday, the warrant stated.

Owner of the car—a 1970 Chevrolet Impala—was listed as Shane Gett of Route 1, Ash. The vehicle was valued at \$1,000.

McLaurin was released Friday from the Brunswick County Jail on a \$1,000 secured bond. His trial date was set for June 1 in Brunswick County District Criminal Court.

Visit Station, Begin Checks

Eleven members of the Shallotte Flotilla, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary visited the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Charleston, S.C., on May 11.

In addition to touring the station, they went on an escorted tour of the city and to nearby Magnolia Gardens and dined at the Castle Restaurant overlooking the Charleston Harbor.

In addition to the outing, members have begun their boat safety courtesy inspection program, are to resume on Saturday their seasonal boat and air safety voluntary patrols of local waterways and are planning another safe boating course in the

fall.

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