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Brunswick County Schools gained an assistant superintendent of curriculum and lost a principal in separate actions of the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday night.

The personnel actions came after the school board spent 312 hours of its five-hour meeting behind closed doors

William C. Harrison, principal of Terry Sanford Senior High School in Fayetteville, was hired on a split vote as assistant superintendent, and will report July 18. Marvin McKeithan cast the single opposing vote.

On a unanimous vote, the board reassigned Leland Middle School Principal Carlton Sligh to the Alternative School in Bolivia where he will serve as attendance counselor.

The board's first executive session was called early in the meeting to discuss personnel matters at the request of Anne Irwin of Tarheeland Acres, a chemistry teacher at West Brunswick High School, and her attorney, and Lorraine Williams, director of the school systems' exceptional children's program.

After a second, two-hour closeddoor session near the close of the meeting, the board took no action on the undisclosed request from Williams, but did direct attorney Glen Peterson to execute "an agreement" with Ms. Irwin. Board member Doug Baxley, a neighbor of Irwin's, was allowed to abstain from the vote, with no reason given.

# Evaluation Skills

In addition to his post at Terry Sanford, Harrisen also is an adjunct professor in the graduate program at Fayetteville State University. He has a doctorate in educational ad-ministration from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. and has been associated with Fayetteville area schools since his graduation in 1974 from Methodist College.

"What attracted us to him was his doctoral work in principal evaluasaid Superintendent John tion." Kaufhold. "That is an area we want to improve on. He also shows development." curriculum

No Salary Cut In transferring Sligh (who has tenure) from his administrative post in Leland, the board of education by law could not cut his salary of \$47,472, Kaufhold said. New funds received for the system's drop-out prevention program will help support the salary.

"In a sense," Kaufhold continued. "it's good to have an additional experienced administrator at the Alternative School, someone with a counseling background."

Sligh joined the county system in 1978-79 as principal of Belivia Elementary School.

Sligh will continue as principal of the Leland school until his successor is named, possibly as soon as Thursday, July 7, when the board continues meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Southport.

## **Policies Discussed** Subject to minor revision, board

members approved on first reading a policy that restricts use of the school board's attorney "strictly" to board members, the superintendent and his designee. Use of the attorney by employees for non-school matters or without prior consent of the

superintendent is prohibited. When Chairman James Forstner asked if the policy would cover issues that later become of concern to the board, attorney Glen Peterson said he would like additional wording to address that.

The board took no action on an updated school advisory council policy, suggesting instead several revisions for review at their next meeting. Proposed revisions provide for:

 Recommendation of council members to go to the board in the fall, soon after the start of the new school year, rather than tying them to the seating of new board members in December:

·Replacement of members who do not attend meetings, as urged by board member McKeithan; and

.Having the responsibility to be informed of the school's financial status. "It's hard to go out and raise money when you don't know how much you have and can't defend it," said member James Clemmons.

·Elimination of two duties: reporting on complaints and inspecting school property.

·Meeting at least quarterly, and submitting minutes to the board within a month of each meeting, as suggested by Clemmons.

Said Chairman Forstner, who recommended the two changes in responsibilities, "These folks are to help us get along with the community, not to catch bad folks.

Member Dot Worth's only question regarded the timing of appointments. "Does it relate to the elections?" she asked Superintendent Kaufhold. "It does not," he replied.

PA System Approved

Responding to public criticism of the performance of the schools' public address systems at high school commencement exercises, on Kaufhold's recommendation the board approved spending \$1,700 on the purchase of a heavy-duty, waterproof system for use by all schools. Said Kaufhold, "I was as embarrassed as anyone else, and I'm not in the habit of giving speeches no one can hear

# Other Business

In other business, the board: ·Adopted an interim budget to use until it receives a final local budget from county commissioners. Approved routine personnel

items. ·Approved several line item revi-

sions and a \$750 increase in state funds, and authorized the superintendent and finance officer to approve other minor budget amendments through the end of the fiscal year on June 30, subject to the board's later endorsement.

 Acknowledged they had previous-ly authorized staff to award a contract for reroofing work at Union Primary School to the low bidder, which was T.R. Driscoll Sheet Metal Works, at \$51,500.

•Learned from Assistant to the Superintendent Bill Turner that work has begun at Lincoln Primary School on the gym floor and walkways, and that bids have been received for landscaping at Union and Lincoln primary schools.

 Approved these student transfers: Katherine Elizabeth Batson, to New Hanover County; Shauna Gray

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Turner, from Columbus County to Leland Middle School; Adrian Nicole Lugo, from Lincoln Primary to Bolivia Elementary; and Heather Marie Lemon and Harry E. Lemon III, from New Hanover County to Bolivia Elementary.

·Learned from Finance Officer Elaine Shappell that tagging and computerization of all fixed assets is nearing completion, with items logged so far. In future years, the data will be used, with UPC coding, for inventory control. The fixed assets in-

ventory had been a goal of the board for more than three years ·Learned from Shappell that the first audit of school-by-school funds

had been completed and that all schools will now use a standard financial reporting format. ·Heard from Shappell that eight

lots owned by the board in Mallard Bay subdvision in Pender County had been sold for \$96,650 to William Pope. Dave Becker, and Sammy and Jerry Caines. The final sale came after receipt of numerous upset bids



following the first auction last October. Estimated court and legal costs of approximately \$5,000 are to deducted, with the balance due to the board in approximately two weeks,

said board attorney Glen Peterson. •Directed staff to explore with the school's principal the need to convert a storage area at Lincoln Primary School into two additional classrooms before the start of classes in August. Completion of a recent addition has not solved the school's need for more space due to recent population growth.

Noting special circumstances, agreed to excuse sufficient absences so that a West Brunswick High School student who had missed 31 days of class could receive credit for an academic English course in which she had a B average. She is transferring to the Pasquotank County school system





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