

School Board OKs Personnel Action

BY DOUG RUTTER

The Brunswick County Board of Education approved a number of routine personnel actions during its regular meeting Monday night in Southport.

The board hired Judith Babcock of Sunset Beach to work as a school psychologist out of the central office and Paul Brown of Penn Yan, N.Y., as an interim seventh-grade language arts teacher at South Brunswick Middle School.

Board members also approved the hiring of Joseph Chie of Shallotte in the maintenance department and Joyce Johnson of Shallotte and Wilma Robinson of Supply as cafeteria workers at West Brunswick High School.

Other actions approved included retirement of Helen Laugisch of Supply, an English teacher at South Brunswick High School; Gerald Pyles of Wilmington, a biology teacher at West Brunswick High School; and Phil Burton of Castle Hayne, computer coordinator at the central office.

The school board approved leave of absences for two teachers, Yulanda Bollinger of Shallotte and Mick-

ey Hancock of Southport.

Approved as substitute teachers were Michelle Fields, Emma Hewett, Susan Phillips, Robert Proctor, Ellen Rudd, Pamela Parker, Kristin Chapman, James Bryant, Patsy Hewett and Wanda Leggett.

Also Monday, board chairman Donna Baxter made several appointments. Board members Polly Russ and Yvonne Bright were named to a policy manual committee. Superintendent P.R. Hankins will appoint more members to that committee.

Mrs. Baxter also appointed Doug Baxley and Robert Slockett to the grievance committee. Mrs. Russ and Mrs. Bright will serve as alternates.

Hankins appointed Ronnie Jenkins, a social studies teacher at South Brunswick High School, to represent the teachers on the grievance committee. Yvonne Adams, a second-grade teacher at South Elementary School, will be the alternate.

Other Business
In other business Monday, the school board:

■ Received a \$1,000 check from Jedco Roofing Systems of Raleigh, which recently put new metal roofs

on the county's three high schools. The company received the money for winning the 1990 *Metal Construction News* re-roof of the year award for its work at the schools. The contractor also presented the board with aerial photos of each of the high schools. Superintendent P.R. Hankins said the money will be used for a drop-out prevention program.

■ Voted to give a staff satisfaction survey to each teacher in the school system to get their input on how the school board and administration can help. The 85-question survey is provided by the National Educators Association.

■ Set up a workshop for Monday, Jan. 7, at 5:30 p.m. in Leland Middle School to discuss a recent audit of expense accounts for administrators and board members. The workshop will precede the board's next regular meeting.

■ Heard from Frances Fowler regarding the Brunswick Advantage Program, an employee benefit package offered at The Brunswick Hospital in Supply. Hankins was asked to look into the program, which is offered at no cost to the school system.

■ Heard from Bill Turner, assistant superintendent of operations, that the school system is working to correct sewer system problems at West Brunswick High School and Bolivia and Waccamaw elementary schools. Turner also reported that the federal government has mandated an asbestos inspection at each school. The total cost of the inspections will be around \$8,500.

■ Presented two plaques to Carol Midgett, who is a first-grade teacher at Southport Elementary School. The plaques from the N.C. Council of Teachers of Mathematics and N.C. Department of Public Instruction were for outstanding elementary math teaching.

■ Heard a presentation on the planned elementary school to be located at Supply. The board will have to choose a name for the K-5 school at its January meeting.

■ Tentatively approved a request from the North Brunswick High School senior class for the class to take a "Grad Nite" trip to Orlando, Fla., May 10-12, 1991. Hankins was asked to see if there will be proper supervision on the trip and to check on the purpose of "Grad Nite."

Waccamaw School Gets Grant

Waccamaw Elementary School has received a grant that will be used to boost parent involvement and allow the school to work better with its Spanish-speaking students.

The \$7,500 grant from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction will be used for a two-prong program which the school plans to implement in January, according to Assistant Principal Sybil Simmons.

One part of the program will be aimed at improving the school ability to work with Spanish-speaking students. Mrs. Simmons said Waccamaw is the smallest school in Brunswick County but has the largest percentage of Spanish-speaking students, most of whom come from families who work on farms.

The grant will be used to get a part-time staff member on campus who can speak Spanish with the families. The school also plans to offer Spanish class to school staff through Brunswick Community College, Mrs. Simmons said.

Also through the grant, the school hopes to improve parent involvement by purchasing paperback books to send home with the students. Mrs. Simmons said instructions on how parents can use the books with their children also will be sent home. Parents will be invited to school to learn how they can use the books and help their children.

The assistant principal said 65 North Carolina public schools applied for the grants and eight were funded. She said she has applied for several grants at Waccamaw, but this was the first time she got one funded.

School Superintendent P.R. Hankins said he was glad she didn't give up after the unsuccessful attempts. "It didn't daunt her spirit at all. She plunged right in, and we applaud her effort."



RICHARDSON REAVES HEWETT
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Head Start Staff Trained

Three Head Start staff members in Brunswick County recently were certified as adult literacy tutors by the North Carolina Literacy Council. Those completing training last month in Whiteville were Angie Reaves (center), Lauretta Hewett (right) and Helen Bullard (not pictured). At left is Pennie Richardson, social service parent involvement coordinator for Four County Community Services Inc., which operates local Head Start centers at Longwood, Cedar Grove and Northwest.

NOTICE

Garbage pickup for the Town of Sunset Beach for the week of December 24th will be done on Thursday, December 27th instead of Wednesday, December 26th. The week of January 1st the garbage pickup will be on Thursday, January 3rd instead of Wednesday, January 2nd. These changes are only for the Holidays. Your regular pickups will be on Wednesdays following the Holidays.

Have Safe Holiday Says Homebuilders Association

By taking a few extra safety precautions this holiday season, you will ensure a safe and happy holiday season for your loved ones, reminds Ed Shreve, president of the South Brunswick Islands Home Builders Association.

Here are his safety tips:

■ If you plan to spend the holidays away from home, ask a friend to watch your house and take in your newspaper and mail. Put lights throughout the house on timers to turn on and off.

■ When using a live Christmas tree, cut the base at a 45 degree angle. Place it in a container with water-

check daily to be sure the water level is above the cut.

■ Inspect the tree for dryness. Place trees a safe distance from stoves, radiators, fireplaces and any other source of heat that may dry the tree.

■ Keep candles and other open flames away from the tree.

■ Inspect all wiring for lights—defective, worn or frayed electrical wiring should be disposed of.

■ Keep a fire extinguisher near the tree. In case of fire, leave your home and call for help from a

neighbor's home.

■ When buying an artificial tree, check for "flameproof" or other "fire retardant" qualities.

■ Keep the tree clear of doorways, stairways and other major walking paths.

■ Dispose of wrapping paper in proper trash receptacles—never burn

wrapping paper in a fireplace.

"Holiday decorations for the tree, wrapping paper on gifts, and the lights around the house make the holidays come to life. The South Brunswick Islands Home Builders wish you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season," Shreve concluded.

BCC Offers EMT/AA Course

Brunswick Community College's Continuing Education Department is offering an Emergency Medical Technician/Ambulance Attendant recertification course Jan. 2-8 at the Southport Rescue Squad Building.

The course is offered free of charge for fire, rescue and law enforcement personnel as well as for those 65 years and older. All others must pay a \$25 registration fee at the first class meeting. Registration will be Jan. 2 from 6 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Books have been donated for in-class use. Personal copies of the books can be purchased at the class

es. Participants need to bring their own pocket face masks to class.

Classes will be held Jan. 2 and 3 from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m., Jan. 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Jan. 7 and 8 from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Instructors will be Doug Ledgett and Ellen Dorsett. The state exam will be given Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at BCC's Southport campus.

People planning to attend are encouraged to pre-register by calling Southport Rescue's non-emergency number, 457-6203, or Mrs. Dorsett at 457-5493.

VIC Hands Out Baskets Today

The Volunteer and Information Center will give out Christmas baskets today (Thursday) and Friday to families who have applied for assistance during the holidays.

Distribution today is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for applicants whose last name begins with a letter from "A" through "L," and Friday for all others. Distribution is at the VIC office in Supply.

Recipients must present their copy of the VIC application to re-

ceive a basket. Those who cannot pick up their own basket may arrange for someone else to pick it up, but are to call the VIC office at 754-4766 and give the name of the person who will pick up the basket, presenting the recipient's identification and application copy.

VIC board members, volunteers and staff will assist with distributing the baskets.

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