



### FBLA Elects Officers

The Future Business Leaders of America club at West Brunswick High School, Shallotte, elected new officers Oct. 23. They are (from left to right) Monikia Gause, treasurer; Okeiya Hewett, secretary; Regina Warren, reporter; Amber Grissett, president; Andrea Fulford, parliamentarian; Iannika Stanley, historian; and Julie Anna Galloway, vice-president.

## Brunswick School Board Ends Paddlings

BY SUSAN USHER

Brunswick County teachers will no longer be able to use physical punishment, such as spankings or paddlings, as a means of disciplining students following action by the county school board Monday night.

The board voted unanimously to adopt a policy ending corporal punishment in the schools as part of a meeting sparked by an abundance of good news from the schools.

"I don't want anyone to spoil it," Chairman Donna Baxter said jokingly as she proceeded through the agenda.

Under the new policy, school personnel can continue to use "reasonable force" in specific circumstances, such as self-defense, to protect other persons or property, or to obtain a weapon from someone.

Before the vote, Superintendent P.R. Hankins said he had only recently heard from two elementary/middle school principals that they had concerns about not having corporal punishment as a deterrent available to at least principals and assistant principals, if not to classroom personnel.

"They want it available, otherwise they feel these will lose some degree of control over those youngsters," he said.

The board has been discussing the proposed policy for nearly three months without hearing any serious objections.

Monday night board member Robert Stockett noted that other means of discipline are available and that "reasonable force" can be used in certain circumstances.

"It still amazes me," said board member Polly Russ, who owns and operates a child care center, "that I'm in the business of caring for

children from birth to age five and it is against the law for us to spank a child, but they allow it in the public schools."

She and other board members have noted that the change will be difficult for some teachers and administrators, who may need staff development activities to help them learn new techniques for student discipline.

"If it results in chaos, if it doesn't work, we can change it," she said.

#### DuPont Support Announced

Stockett also announced the DuPont has named Roger G. Rudolph as its educational liaison for school systems in Brunswick, Pender and New Hanover counties.

As a result of this cooperative venture, he said, the Brunswick schools can expect to receive approximately 15 computers; to send one teacher for an 11-day honors science summer course; and to select up to two students to do advanced chemical research in Rudolph's department. The schools will also have access to a solid waste management education curriculum developed by DuPont and to use in some Delaware schools.

#### Extra Duty, Extra Pay

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Mose Lewis announced that Brunswick County Schools were one of only 18 systems statewide in which certified employees chose to receive more pay for more work rather than across-the-board pay raises under Senate Bill 2 provisions.

The vote was "very close" here, he said, with no general consensus. However, he added, "I think the teachers are accepting it and accepting the challenge."

Brunswick County was one of

only seven systems that changed existing pay plans, choosing to tie extra pay to duties directly related to instructional improvement.

The 18 systems that chose differentiated pay received letters of commendation from the State Board of Education.

#### Other Business

In other business, the board:

■Met for one hour, 40 minutes behind closed doors to discuss attorney-client and personnel matters. A routine personnel list was approved afterwards.

■Appointed Shirley Brown and Earl Andrews to the advisory councils of Bolivia Elementary and Union Primary schools respectively.

■Heard from Chairman Donna Baxter, who also serves as a Brunswick Community College trustee, that the college staff is working with the schools to track county high school students' performance on its ASSET diagnostic placement instrument. The results should help identify weaknesses in the schools' instructional programs, she said.

■Amended, on second reading, the staff smoking and student drug/alcohol abuse policies to make it clear that smoking and tobacco products are not allowed at school functions.

■Received as information recommendations of a 12-member committee regarding a proposed teacher evaluation and improvement instrument that would provide for more evaluation and more time spent working with probationary teachers as opposed to career teachers. As appropriate a team could be appointed to work with a probationary or career teacher, coming up with recommendations for additional schooling, workshops, said Mose Lewis, assistant superintendent for instruction.

■Heard from Chapter 1 Director Patricia Ward that, for the first time in three years, all eight schools with Chapter 1 programs showed significant gains in student achievement

scores during the past year and would not have to implement corrective plans. Systemwide, 875 students and 31 teachers are involved in remedial reading program.

■Set a workshop Saturday, Nov. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the central office to discuss topics that will include discussion on policy needs relating to selling in the schools, weapons and trips; outcome based education, the school improvement program, a briefing on support services and completion of a five-year review.

■Heard from three Leland area parents on efforts by north-end schools to increase parental involvement in their children's education through PTA activities, workshops for parents and staff and programs aimed at increasing students' self-esteem and rewarding good behavior.

■Heard from the School Food Service division of changes in the school meal program aimed at increasing student participation at all school levels as well as profits.

■Approved budget amendments that included an additional \$451,191 in state funds, for a total \$24,375,918 received this year. The changes reflect in part, increased allocations due to the schools' 10-day head count of 8,675 regular students, plus 41 Extended Day students. A year ago the count was 8,537, plus 61 Extended Day.

■Heard from Assistant Superintendent Bill Turner that soccer fields are being constructed in all three districts, at West Brunswick High School, South Brunswick schools and behind Leland Middle School.

■Passed along from Headquarters, Army Junior ROTC, a commendation of former North Brunswick High School Principal James McAdams for his support of the program, which saw an increase in participation from 16 percent to 30 percent of the student body during his tenure, and for his development of an active parent association at the school.

## Personnel Actions Get Board Sanction

Routine personnel actions approved by the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday included the hiring of two interim teachers at Leland Middle and the transfer of a third.

Hired are SuAnn Burton, Castle Hayne, sixth grade, and Neala Hardie, Reigelwood, fifth grade. Martha H. Chaffins, Wrightsville, is transferring from South Brunswick Middle to fifth grade, Leland.

Other hirings included: Nova Gibbs, interim part-time custodian, Leland Middle; Sybil Clemmons, interim in-school suspension, Leland Middle; Larry Hill, interim teacher assistant, Union Primary; Jenne Glasscock, bookkeeper, central office; Cheryl Tabor, interim secretary, central office; Caroline Jordan, interim computer technician, central office; Terry Ward, electrician II, maintenance department; Patricia Smith, temporary clerical help for pupil personnel, testing, print shop at central office; and Berniece Bass, temporary clerical help (one week only), central office.

A transfer was approved for Elouise Jacobs from office assistant, Bolivia Elementary, to assistant secretary, Leland Middle.

Resignations were accepted from Linda Gilbert, central office receptionist; Kathryn M. Brown, special education teacher, Southport Elementary; Delphia M. Bryant, custodian, Union Primary; and Karen B. Savage, teacher assistant, Union Primary.

Leaves of absence were approved for Carolyn Willis, custodian, Leland Middle; Donna Crews, seventh grade teacher, Shallotte Middle; Cheryl Shew, French teacher, South Brunswick Middle; Cynthia Tart, in school suspension, Leland Middle.

Approved as substitute teachers were Carmen C. Coles, Diana Romeo, Cheryl H. Sullivan, Margarete Hermanson, Sara Coe, April C. Evans, Karen N. Alderson, Betty Ann Rose, Rosemary Long, Lana Fulwood and Susan Franks.

## State Awards Last U.S. 17 Contract

As expected, the N.C. Board of Transportation awarded a \$10.5 million contract Friday to a Darlington, S.C., firm to widen 11.6 miles of U.S. 17 in Brunswick County to four lanes.

The contract went to APAC-Carolina Inc. It calls for adding two lanes to the south side of U.S. 17 to form a four-lane highway divided by a 60-foot side median.

The contract is the last of 10 contracts totaling \$40.1 million to widen U.S. 17 from N.C. 87 at Bell Swamp to South Carolina. It encompasses the area west of Old Shallotte Road (S.R. 1316) to the South Carolina line.

Work is expected to begin later this month, said Marilyn Williams of Wilmington, who represents Brunswick County on the board. Work is scheduled to be completed in June 1994.

During construction, safeguards are to be taken to protect small streams and wetlands from contamination by soil or construction materials. Grass will be planted to cover bare ground caused by construction.

## Correction

A candidate profile of Debra Amos last week incorrectly stated that the Doshier Hospital Board of Trustees candidate was a graduate of Salem College, Winston-Salem, and was a state certified substance abuse counselor.

Ms. Amos studied psychology at Salem four years but did not receive a degree from the five-year program in which she was enrolled.

She has completed 216 hours toward state certification.

The Beacon misinterpreted information provided on a candidate questionnaire.

## Elderly Woman Flimflammed

Detectives say a 78-year-old Navassa woman lost \$600 in a flimflam operation at her home Saturday.

The woman allowed two men, who said they were carpet salesmen, into her home around 3 p.m.

They left with a stack of \$20 bills she had intended to pay her monthly bills with, said Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Mason.

A flimflam is when subjects deceive or use fraud to take people's money or property.

Before entering the home, on Navassa Road, the men had apparently cut her telephone line outside, Mason reported.

Once inside, one man showed the woman a large sample of carpet, blocking the other man from her view. The second suspect then entered her bedroom and found the money on her bed, Mason reported.

"She was in the process of paying her bills," Mason said. "After both

were gone, the victim discovered her money was missing."

Because her telephone line had been cut, she wasn't able to report the crime until two hours later, Mason said. The two men did not threaten or harm her, he stated.

Both men were white males, in their early 20s, and had blond hair. One was approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed around 135 pounds and was wearing a sweat-shirt and blue jeans.

The other suspect was approximately 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighed around 125 pounds and was wearing a light-colored shirt.

Sheriff's Deputy Don Gates, crime prevention officer, said the carpet scam has been reported in Brunswick County before.

The best prevention, Gates said, is to not let door-to-door salesmen inside your home, no matter how insistent they are.

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