

School Teachers List Concerns



FRANK CAGLE

Cagle Joins Bank

Frank Cagle has assumed duties as manager of the Kings Mountain branch of Branch Banking and Trust Company.

Cagle is a 1971 graduate of Wingate Junior College and a 1973 graduate of Wake Forest University. He joined BB&T in 1973.

He is married to the former Nancy Neal. They have three children, Gary, age two, and twins Christopher and Spencer, age 5 1/2 months.

Cagle is a member of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club, Kings Mountain Country Club and the Mayor's Industrial Development Committee.

BB&T is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Fridays.

The local bank now handles all of its loan transactions.

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testing and extra-curricular activities.

Suggestions the group feels will improve morale would be the establishment of a policy which would delete the submission of detailed and previously prepared lesson plans to principals, that the 1983-84 budget be thoroughly and graphically explained to teachers, that administrators lessen anxiety and frustration as a result of the new evaluation system, that affirmative action guidelines be followed in the hiring of minorities, that fund-raising activities by students and staff be limited to one major activity per year, and that involuntary workshops and projects be reduced since they interfere with planning time.

Mrs. Wells said lesson plans are good but should not have to be presented to principals a week in advance. "Plans are already in the plan book for anyone to look at," she said. "Turning them in to the principal a week in advance is time consuming."

"This is one of the major issues I've heard this year," she continued. "I've discussed it with Mr. Davis, four principals and many teachers. Only four teachers didn't respond to this part of the survey."

Board member Paul Hord said he talked with 15 teachers at Central School and "only two said they didn't like it and others said it wasn't too time consuming."

Mrs. Wells told Hord "some

were reluctant to talk to you because they hadn't first talked to the principal. When they turned in their surveys, the surveys didn't reflect that."

Mrs. Wells said minority teachers feel that "when minority teachers retire, there's a lessening of the number of minority teachers being hired."

As for the suggestion on fund-raising, Mrs. Wells said the group is not talking about PTO's, which do a "lot of hard work" but is concerned with the amount of fund-raising done by students in classes such as journalism and annual staffs.

Superintendent Davis said the school board has a policy that requires all fund-raising activities by students be approved first by the board, but in most cases, the groups do not get approval.

Patti Weathers, a teacher at Central, suggested that schools be allowed to have one major fund-raising activity each year and that each individual department such as journalism and annual staff "do their thing" that

night. She said Central already does that and it has worked out fine.

To improve discipline, the association requested that elementary students have access to regular professional counseling and encourages the use of quality in-school suspension programs at all levels within the system.

In suggestions directed to the superintendent, the group requested that some principals be required to delete their requirement that teachers submit advance lesson plans to them for perusal, that all vacancies in teaching positions be publicized before being filled, and that all administrators have a degree in the area in which they are working.

The group commended Davis and the board for their efforts to improve facilities and the education program.

In other action Monday, the board:

*Received a report from Vocational Director Betty Gamble on the proposed Vocational Education program for next year. The department will have 26 teachers, same as this year. It

is projected that 2,090 students will participate in the program and 200 will complete the program.

*Approved a request of \$897 for an Amity Aide assistant for the French department at KMHS.

*Approved a request of \$900 to help send six KMHS students to the Presidential Classroom program.

*Approved an audit contract with the A.M. Pullen Company.

*Heard a report from assistant superintendent Larry Allen

on the Summer Day Camp program to be sponsored by the Community Schools at Central School.

*Approved the release of three students to Gaston County.

*Accepted the resignations of Dan Brooks, football coach at KMHS, and Mrs. Jo Ann Griffin, secretary at Bethware, and awarded a contract to Mrs. Janice Douglas, lab teacher at the junior high.

*Approved a resolution of appreciation to Dan Brooks.



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Cleveland Residents Protest Zoning Change

Residents of the Cleveland Avenue area appeared before the City Board of Commissioners Monday night to protest the board's recent action which will allow a resident to construct a beauty shop in her garage.

R.E. Fite, a neighbor of Della J. Carter Sexton, whose property was rezoned by the board two weeks ago, said he does not object to a beauty shop but that the change allows "businesses that have no place in a neighborhood."

City Attorney George Thomasson advised the board that it would be "improper and illegal" to reverse its decision, and said that Mrs. Sexton's neighbors had a chance to voice their opinions in a public hearing which was held prior to the zoning action. No one spoke in favor or against the request during the public hearing.

But Rev. Jim Singleton, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, said some of his members sent a letter objecting to the change to the Planning and Zoning Board. He said the Zoning Board "mised" his people by telling them that the city board could not approve the request.

(The Planning and Zoning Board recommended that the request be denied because it represents "spot" zoning.)

Thomasson told the group the P&Z Board is an advisory board only and the City Board is not required to abide by its decisions.

In other action Monday, the board:

*Was told by Mayor John Moss that Transco, the city's natural gas supplier, had asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve its decrease of 16.5 cents per decatherm.

*Authorized readvertisement of bids for a pickup truck for the street department. The only bid received was from Wade Ford.

*Received four bids for a trencher for the gas department.

*Authorized advertisement

for bids for a pickup service truck for the electrical department.

*Received a request from Mrs. Robert E. Johnson to rezone her property on Waco Road from R-10 to R-20. The request was forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Board for its review and recommendation.

*Authorized Mayor Moss to file application for a Parks and Recreation Area Development Grant.

High Bid \$50,000

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The School Board can reject all bids. Cloninger said if an upset bid is not offered, the School Board will discuss Reynolds' bid at its next meeting on Mon., May 24.

Kings Mountain School System has used Compact only sparingly since Compact consolidated with Kings Mountain Schools in 1966-67. The buildings were used briefly by the Exceptional Children's Program and for a few months during construction of the new junior high school. Cleveland Tech used part of the buildings for a satellite program during the 1977-78 school year.

The gymnasium is presently rent/d by the J.E. Herndon Company of Kings Mountain.

COUNCIL TO MEET

The Kings Mountain District Schools Vocational Advisory Council will meet Tuesday at noon at Hank's Steak House. The 1983-84 local plan for vocational education will be discussed.

ACADEMIC BANQUET

The annual Kings Mountain High School Academic Banquet will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 in the cafeteria. The top 10 ranking students in each class will be recognized.



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