

School Board Okays Studies

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Doyle Campbell, chairing the meeting in the absence of chairman Bill McDaniel, said

"I think it's a good plan and would like to include other personnel such as maintenance and custodial, rather than just one group."

Upon motion by Mrs. Lee, the board voted to accept the item as "information only" and instruct McRae to work with a plan for other employees and report back to the board at the February meeting.

In the matter of facility needs, McRae told the board that the recently-approved additional half-cent sales tax and Governor Jim Martin's proposed statewide school bond referendum could help Kings Mountain attain some of its past facility construction goals.

A Blue Ribbon Facilities Committee made several recommendations to the board in 1981 and the board later established a number of goals from that report.

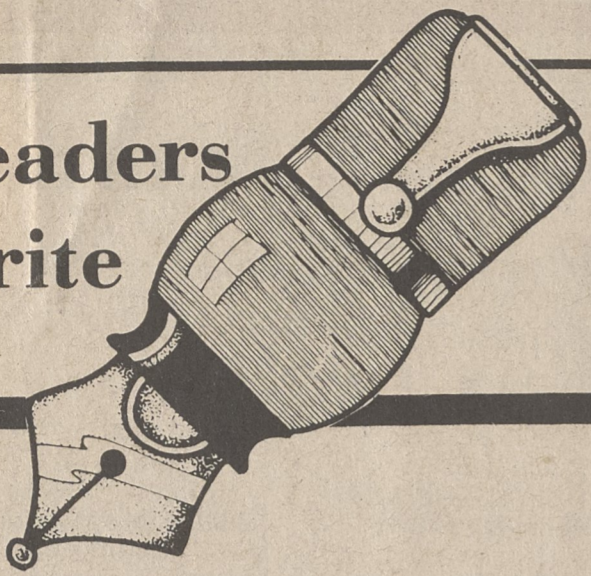
The goals include closing down Central School and either moving the sixth graders back to the elementary schools or moving the ninth grade to the high school, and also replacing some of the older buildings in the system.

"This is an appropriate time to get back to this report," McRae said. "The statewide bond issue is promising."

Upon McRae's recommendation, the board agreed to request the State Department to come to Kings Mountain and update its 1977-78 recommendations, and discuss facility needs during its next four board meetings. The board will discuss school organization next March and make a final decision about organization in April. McRae said the board may want to hold a public hearing to get response from the residents of the district.

"By May, we need to look at what's going to happen with the sales tax and bond issue," McRae said. "In the meantime, we need to continue to work for the most appropriate means for us to utilize the half-cent sales tax

Readers Write



Shriners Say Thanks

An Open Letter To Citizens Of Kings Mountain:

Members of the White Plains Shrine Club appreciate most sincerely the tremendous turnout of Kings Mountain area citizens to Saturday's Mountaineer Days and the tremendous support of the Shriners Lockup which netted \$2146.85 to the Crippled and Burn Hospitals. Last year White Plains Shriners donated a total of \$25,000 and we are hopeful this year's proceeds from all this club's efforts will be even more. This total does not include the receipts from the highly successful BBQ on Saturday, a sellout.

This Lock Up committee wants to thank publicly The Kings Mountain Herald, Radio Station WKMT, all Public Works employees of the City of Kings Mountain, the Kings Mountain Police Department, Kings Mountain Fire Department, and lawyers Scott Cloninger and David Thornton who served as judges. To all the people who took part, we are most grateful for your support.

We especially want to thank City Auto Parts for design of the jail sign and David Millwood, of the city gas department, for construction of the jail and city employees Marti Blanton and Linda Hamm of The Kings Mountain police department who wrote the warrants and collected the jail fees.

Every penny that local Shriners collect go to children who are crippled and burned. Not a cent remains in Kings Mountain.

NORMAN KING
HAROLD PHILLIPS

Thanks To Rescuers

night, September 19, in transport to the hospital after the tear gas episode.

It makes me proud to know that this country, this state has dedicated men like you three who give of their time so freely to help others in need. It takes a special kind of person to do what you men do.

It was my gain in life to have met you gentlemen. The circumstances were not real good, but the opportunity was great.

Again, I say thank you for your professionalism in helping when called upon. I wish you all continued success in your chose careers.

God Bless You.

Ed Day,
Greenwood, S.C.

Support Rescue Squads

To The Editor:

The week of September 21-27, 1986, was Emergency Medical Services Week in North Carolina. I hope many of you had the opportunity to see our display of an ambulance and equipment at Cleveland Mall or to visit in the Rescue Squad which serves your community. If not, I would encourage you to make an effort to let your squad members know how much you appreciate their dedication in serving your community.

It's easy to take these people for granted. They have been a vital part of our communities for so long we forget to consider the time and effort involved in their service to us.

If you have never had the misfortune to need ambulance or rescue service, then I doubt you realize that it is not simply a fast means of getting to the hospital emergency room. These men and women are trained to provide quality emergency care at the scene and during transport to a medical facility. The first few minutes immediately following an accident or the onset of a serious physical condition are critical. The care received during these first minutes may not only mean the difference between life and death but also the quality of life, thereafter.

Again let me encourage you to support your local rescue squad. Let them know you appreciate the confidence you feel in knowing they are there when you need them!

Sincerely,
Abbey Ledford,
Director

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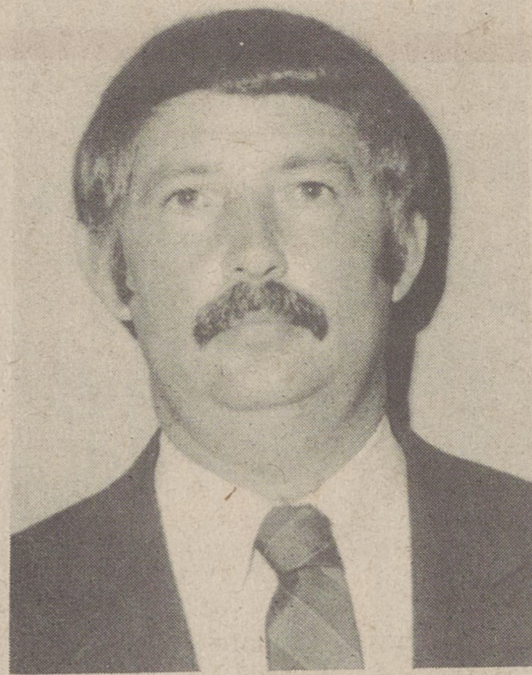
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tax. It probably would be wise to take a more in-depth look at the state department's report from 1977-78 and update their cost figures."

McRae said the state department's recommendations would not be binding and any decision on school construction and/or reorganization would be solely the responsibility of the board of education.

In other action Monday, the board:

*Authorized the KMHS Class of 1935 to mount new plaques on the two light standards in front of Central School and promised to move the light standards to another school facility if Central School is ever torn down.

*Approved Board Policy GBI which deals with evaluation of teaching performances.

*Approved an agreement with the Burroughs Corp. for software and maintenance of school computers. Cost of the contract is \$3,750 per year but the State Department of Public Instruction pays \$3,000.

*Was told by Supt. McRae that Kings Mountain "has a problem retaining qualified school bus drivers." McRae said students can make more money working at fast food restaurants and the current pay of \$4.68 per hour for an average of 15 hours a week does not attract enough adult drivers. He said 11 school employees are now driving buses in addition to their regular duties causing them to lose work time at school. In some cases, double loads are causing students to be late for school. "There is now debate as to whether or not high school students should be allowed to drive buses," McRae said. "But our students' records here are as good as the adults. If we have to go to all adult drivers, we're going to be in serious trouble."

*Approved several student transfers and personnel matters.