

East Decision Delayed Again

Two members of the board of education say they favor closing East School but the other three members want more public opinion before making a final decision on Aug. 14.

A second public hearing on the matter has been called by the board for Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at East School gymnasium and prior to that time board members will distribute flyers on the pros and cons of closing the 60-year-old school.

Board member Billy King made the motion that the board hold a second public hearing to ask input from the public before making a final decision and member Priscilla Mauney seconded.

In discussing the problem of making the five elementary schools more racially balanced, Board chairman Bill McDaniel and member Doyle Campbell said they did not oppose a second public hearing but would favor closing the school.

"Evidence seems to be mounting that it will become hard to justify spending \$1.5 million in the future at East School where the site is inadequate. It's an emotional issue for parents, students and teachers and we need to soften the impact as much as possible," said Campbell. McDaniel said the system is fortunate that no accidents have occurred at the split campus where the playground is on one side and the school on the other.

Attendance was low at the first public hearing on the question of closing the school but King said giving the public some pros and cons on the matter would be helpful. Supt. Bob McRae said parents would be happy to provide information and schedule the public hearing at East School to facilitate the citizens living in that area to city.

The board discussed postponing the decision, at least a dozen teachers and parents of East pupils were in the standing-room-only audience at the board room where members and coaches of the 3-A state championship ball team stood for laque presentations by the board of education.

East School has a minority enrollment of 16%, compared with 14% to 30% in the other four schools of the Kings Mountain system. The board has been considering several options over the past several months to achieve better racial balance including several options that include closing the school.

Although none of the spectators spoke during the meeting, several said after the meeting they want to see East School remain open.

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Goforth Nominated as Principal



John Goforth

John Goforth, 32, was named the new Principal of Kings Mountain Board of Education.

The action by the board followed a one-hour executive session during the regular meeting.

Goforth will succeed Cezell Vance, who has been promoted to an administrative position with the school system.

Teachers received a 5% raise in their supplement, and for the first time non-certified employees received \$150 more in a \$13 million budget approved for 1989-90. The budget provides for a \$455,650.59 increase in the public school fund, \$92,286.00 increase for federal programs, capital outlay expenses of \$735,968.32, including \$528,839.28 from the 1/2 cent share of the county sales tax; \$42,786.00 increase in local current expenses, and

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\$249,803.77 increase in School Food Services. A 25% increase is projected in the cost of medical insurance for employees. One additional teaching position is provided for in the budget.

The board voted to raise school lunch meals for students in grades six through 12 next year. The lunches will be increased 10 cents, from \$1 to \$1.10.

Another major action of the meeting was the approval of two projects for the Kings Mountain Middle School. Friday at 9:15 a.m. the Board will open bids for projects at the high school.

Good news from Architect Roger Holland of Holland & Hamrick was that a savings of \$675,000 in estimated building costs at the Middle School was realized. Actual construction cost is \$2,283,622.00 instead of

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McDaniel Retiring From Board

Bill McDaniel, who has served as chairman for six of his 12 years on the Kings Mountain Board of Education, does not plan to seek re-election.

Filing for three seats on the Kings Mountain Board of Education opens at noon Friday with the Cleveland County Board of Elections. The filing period closes at noon on Aug. 4.

The terms of McDaniel, Paul Hord Jr. and Priscilla Mauney expire this year.

Hord, who was named to the board about six and half years ago to replace Harold Lineberger who moved to Gaston County, was elected to a two-year term and then again to a four-year term. He has announced he plans to seek re-election.

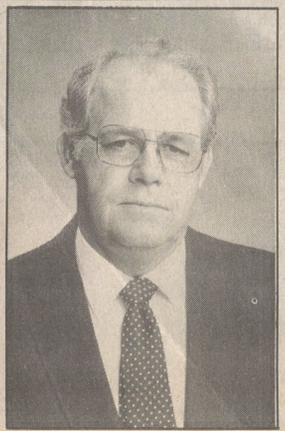
Mrs. Mauney was defeated in a close bid for election on the board in 1987 and then was appointed to fill the two years remaining of the term of Kyle Smith, who resigned when he was

elected as mayor of Kings Mountain that year. Mrs. Mauney is expected to seek re-election.

McDaniel, who is retiring from Kings Mountain Postoffice, said he plans to travel more and drive for a charter bus service. In the past several years, McDaniel and his wife have hosted several vacation trips to various places in which McDaniel drove the bus.

The seats of Hord and McDaniel are for residents of the school district living outside the Kings Mountain city limits. The seat now held by Mrs. Mauney is for city residents.

The three people elected on Nov. 7 will serve four year terms. There is no run-off in the school board election. Should a run-off be necessary in the Kings Mountain City Council election, the run-off would be held on Nov. 7, the same time as the school board election.



Bill McDaniel

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Tuft Is Charged In Wilson Death

A 17-year-old Mary's Grove community teenager, Virginia Tynes Wilson, was shot and killed Friday as she sat behind an office desk at Shelby High School.

Her 24-year-old former boyfriend, Andrew Tuft of Shelby, has been charged with first degree murder.

Lt. Steve Philbeck and Officer Billy Harrell of the Shelby Police Department returned Tuft to Shelby on Sunday and he was jailed without bond awaiting preliminary hearing July 20. Tuft had been the object of a massive search by law enforcement officials who sought him for questioning in the incident.

Tuft turned himself in to authorities in Marietta, Ga. Saturday afternoon.

The shooting occurred shortly before 3 p.m. Friday in the Shelby high school guidance office where Wilson held a summer job. School officials said Tuft entered the school and told assistant principal Clifford Wilson he had a check to give Miss Wilson.

"A couple minutes after he had been back there, shots were heard by about 12 school administrators in the building" said Police Chief J. D. Fish. Fish said eight spent .25 caliber automatic cartridges were found at the scene.

Police said Tuft and Miss Wilson had been involved in a domestic dispute over their infant daughter the day before the incident. Tuft voluntarily returned the child to Miss Wilson at the Shelby police

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