

Buildings' Dedication Set Sunday

State School Superintendent Bob Etheridge will formally dedicate the new facilities at Kings Mountain Middle School and Kings Mountain High School Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

After the formal program, open house will be held on both campuses and refreshments will be served at Kings Mountain Middle School.

Bill Millen, Region VI Director, will accompany Supt. Etheridge.

Dr. Bob McRae, Superintendent of Kings Mountain District Schools, said the public is invited and encouraged to attend the dedication. "It will be a proud day for Kings Mountain," he said. "Supt. Etheridge is in much demand for public school dedication programs and we feel honored to have him come to our campuses," he said.

Roger Holland, of Holland and Hamrick Architects, who designed the project, will present the buildings to Doyle Campbell, Chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Education who will accept for the school system. Acceptances for the two facilities will be by Pamela Goforth of KMHS and Van Canipe of KMMS. Robert Wingo will accept for KMMS and Robbie Wilson will accept for KMHS.

KM Tennis Results

Tuesday night's results in the Kings Mountain Tennis Association:

Jason Cash defeated Brock Ellis 7-5, 6-0; Tommy Leach defeated Stacey White 6-2, 6-1; Chris Huffstetler defeated Pat Huffstetler 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; and Brian Smith defeated Don Huffstetler 7-5, 6-0.

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redistricting) by legitimate means, I might try that." Board members say they fear a flood of transfers next fall when new attendance lines take effect and will begin studying a new transfer policy.

"I think the public ought to know that if we're going to the trouble of racially balancing our schools that we're also putting into place a plan to protect that balance in the future," said board member Billy King.

The board is expected to set a work session on the transfer policy once a draft of the rezoning plan is in place. Meantime, school principals and staff are mapping residences of all elementary students and this data will be fed into computers by Bob Sowell and Ysaac Inc., a consulting firm hired by the system to generate a pupil assignment plan taking the elementary students and putting them in the schools closest to where they live. School officials will have the data ready for the computer experts by the end of the month.

While 26% of Kings Mountain elementary school students are minorities, two of the schools-Bethware and West- have less than 20% minorities. East Elementary School is nearly 64% black, according to the recent figures reported at Monday's meeting. North and Grover have 26% minorities, Bethware has 15% and West School is down from 25% to 19%, said Dr. McRae.

The consultants' job is to balance the schools racially and allow most children to go to school closest to home. Once the board gets a draft of the plan, it will determine what Campbell called "control within reason." McRae said the firm divides the system into sections, using units of 30 students in 150 plus nodes and putting the students in the geographical nodes. The system gives the minority student numbers and the data is fed into the computers. The board will eventually have to determine maximum and minimum percentage of black and white children in each of the five elementary schools.

All the board members called the system "fair and above board" and said the board would be fair and open in all its considerations on redistricting and transfer policies. "The human factor will be taken into consideration," said Ronnie Hawkins.

Campbell said the board would have to determine in revising the transfer policy the question of hardship cases and what constitutes a hardship.

Nine Appointed To Health Advisory Council

Nine members were named to the School Health Advisory Council of KM District Schools by KM Board of Education Monday.

Elected to three-year terms on the board were Debbie Smith and Dr. Grady Howard Jr.

Elected to two-year terms on the board were Betty Masters, Peggy Sealander and Staley Jackson.

Elected to one year terms on the board were Twyla Robinson, Barbara Bridges, Sherrill Toney and Gordon Edwards.

School board member Billy King, reporting as representative

from the board on the Council, said that mini sessions will be held during the year on AIDS, safety, drug abuse, parenting skills, first aid, family nutrition and family life education after these topics were identified in the first Wellness program. The second goal for the year will be continuing support of Project Graduation for the third year and coordinate and offer Wellness activities and Health Fairs to the community.

In other actions, the board:

+Adopted a drug-free workplace policy which spells out that employees shall comply with the poli-

cy and notify his/her supervisor of his/her conviction of any criminal drug statute for a violation occurring in the workplace, no later than five days after such conviction. Violation of the policy shall subject an employee to personnel action by the board which could result in termination of employment.

The policy stipulates that if the employee refuses referral-based assistance after a first offense, he or she will be immediately terminated and for a second offense, the termination is automatic.

The policy prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dis-

pensation, possession or use of any narcotic drug, alcohol or controlled substance by any employee on school property at any time an individual is employed by the system.

+Offered contract to Allen Dixon to teach social studies at KMHS and hired Randy Patrick and Linda Jones as custodian/bus drivers at KMHS.


+Accepted resignations of Kevin Smith, custodian/ bus driver, and Paula Hopson, cafeteria, bus driver and approved substitute teachers: Cynthia Fisher, Doris Greene, Angela Jones, Susan Lovelace, Pam Moss, Janet Reynolds and Beverly Rhodes and approved short-term disability retirement for KMHS English teacher Dorcas Sinclair.

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