

NURSE

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new program could lead to increased sexual promiscuity because kids could forge their parents signature on a consent form. "I hear from word of mouth that the nurse practitioner in Green Hill, N. C. now spends up to 65% of her time on sexual counseling, the reported pregnancy rate has dropped and the abortion rate has risen. I have heard similar complaints from Shelby," he said. "We will be giving up control over who will influence our kids."

Barney Dye, a medical technologist, said he also was concerned with consent forms. "Any contract should spell out that we don't approve of a nurse giving out contraceptives or abortion information to our kids," he said. "I'm not com-

fortable with this."

Rev. Chip Sloan said "There's a state law saying young people can't get an aspirin without parental consent but then they can get sexual testing/counseling without parental consent. We don't have to live with this in our schools. Say Yes to parental authority and the family and say No to the possibility of poor counsel."

Not all attending opposed the program.

Rev. William Thompson said he wholeheartedly supports the program. "A healthy child can learn better," he said. "The services schools can offer will act as a tool for the child. Don't look at the negatives but at the good the program will bring."

Chairman Billy King told the board it should take more time to give the public a chance to help in

drawing up the plan. "Why hurry this decision," he said, making a substitute motion that the board delay action for additional input from the community and possibly a tour by the board of the county health department to see some of the services it provides but Doyle Campbell, who had made the motion to approve the plan, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, said the board had studied the plan for over a month and the public had sufficient opportunity for input.

"I see so many children who don't get the care they need," said member Rev. Billy Houze. "The concerns from the community are unwarranted. This program has the chance to bring some positive results."

Member Priscilla Mauney concurred, noting that the Kings Mountain Health Council also sup-

ports the nurse program.

Eunice Davis, Director of Nursing at Cleveland County Health Department, said the nurse practitioner would be allowed to perform various lab tests and physical examinations but the procedures would be accomplished only after consent forms from parents. Kings Mountain District Schools would provide only the space, not the lab equipment or salary for the nurse. The nurse would be available at the high school during class hours only. In cases where the school would not treat students, referrals would be made to the proper agencies.

Responding to question from the board, Randi McDonald, nurse at Shelby High School, said 72 percent of her time is spent treating non-sexual medical problems and the response from the Shelby com-

munity has been tremendous. Responding to question of Myron George, she said that under current North Carolina laws minors can give consent for certain medical health services such as pregnancy tests, pap smears, or tests for sexually transmitted diseases.

"The kids will talk to us when they won't talk to their parents," said a Shelby parent who is involved in a peer counseling group with students. "I tell them about their risks in terms of pregnancy, self-esteem and disease," she said.

McDonald said the national average reveals that 60-65% of teenagers are sexually active. "Sometimes I refer students to a maternity clinic, to a social worker, to a private doctor but always I ask them to go home and talk things over with their parents. During the last three months she has counseled 46 teenagers dealing with pregnancies but she has seen an increase of parental involvement.

McRae said that 43 high school girls gave birth or were pregnant in the system, six other 13-year-olds

at Kings Mountain Middle School. At the two high schools in the county there were 51 pregnancies, at Shelby High there were 35 in the last three months and 11 new pregnancies. "Yes, we have students who are sexually active," he said.

"We have wrestled with this issue and the crux of it is morality and parent/family concerns but it's our job to be responsible to kids to help them get the care they need," said McRae.

Houze said that 75% of kids go to a school nurse for other reasons and should have the new expanded health service a clinic on campus would provide.

"My wife and I have lost two children, my mother has cared for 70 foster children and in my job I have witnessed neglect and abuse by some families. The health and welfare of our children is our responsibility," said board member Ronnie Hawkins. "I see good in this program. The most important part is that we all have to put our trust with someone who has to make the decisions."

CONTRACTS

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Bethware; Lee Ann Kerr, East; Vickie Beam, West; Beth Sellers, Jane Cole, KM Middle School; Melba Edwards, East; Sherry Bingham, Paul Bolt, Linda Faust, Bethware; Terry Briggs, Addie Crocker, Grover; Lisa Olson, KM High; Dave Farquharson, Grover; Susan Elmore, Bethware; Diana Little, Susie Terres, KM Middle School.

Contracts were issued to these probationary employees: Dana Blalock, Grover; Callie Saunders,

Lara Sellers, Carol Elliott, Laura Dixon, Dan Potter, KM Middle School; Mark Sivy, KM High; Bea Smith, West; Tim Heavner, Susan Pursley, KM High; Johann Sherrill, Valerie Boyd, Monnie London, Grover; Pam Parker, Amy Ledford, Dawn Price, Teresa West, KM Middle; Allen Dixon, Julie Rikard, Dave Kienlen, Jeanne Beam, KM High; Shirley Smith, East; Pat Regan, Anne Futterer, North; Cynthia Cook, KM Middle; Jean Hahn, KM High; Patricia Elliott, Aurinda Allison, North; Lisa Stewart, West; John Voorhees, North; Chuck Gordon, Gay

Henderson, KM High.

The board also approved contracts for summer school positions, hiring David Greene as lead teacher and Jodi McDaniel, Jackie Blanton, Jan Sabetti, James Partlow, Richard Ruppe, Fronneau Little, Julie Mooneyhan, Sherry Norris, Recca Wright, Gary Blake, Richard Hamrick, Nellie Smith, Don Rollins, Sharon Jackson, Julie Rikard, Donna Russ as teachers with Tim Echols substituting for Smith from July 8-12.

Employed as assistants for summer school Susan Gibson, Marilyn

Williams and Frances Yarborough. Cafeteria workers will be Shirley Ware and Mattie Adams, custodians will be Delcina Moore and Edith Wilson and bus drivers will be Anna Duell, Judy Ford, Diane Stimson and Debbie Putnam.

The board also accepted resignation from Tommy Wease, Health/PE teacher at the Middle School and approved two student transfers: Dustin Lee Calvert to Cleveland County Schools and Crystal Miranda and Michael Ormsby from Gaston County.

board members, staff and her husband, Jerry King, for their support.

+ recessed the meeting at 12:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday when the board has scheduled an evaluation and executive session.

DRUGS

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+Approved tennis camp for a second week at KMHS Tennis Courts.

+Heard a Kindergarten Task Force report from Dr. Jane King and teacher Mary Anne Gibson which stressed Open Court reading program and circular childhood and developmental practices. The report recommends that the class size for kindergartens be lowered to 20 students and that more money allotted for supplies and encourages more visits to exemplary classrooms and asks for one computer in each K classroom.

+Heard presentations by three mini grant recipients.

Annette Parker, English teacher at KMHS, said she used her grant to fund a field trip for 78 literature students to Carl Sandburg's and Thomas Wolfe's homes in Asheville in connection with a study of 75 North Carolina authors. Students Kimberly Hoyle and Danielle Nolen demonstrated a literary map.

Penny Anthony, East School Kindergarten teacher, used her funds to develop four activity centers, including music, cooking, shop and art.

Michelle Sivey, biology teacher at KMHS, used her funds for a genetic experiment with Wisconsin fast plants.

The fourth recipient, Donald McDonald, of West School, a new mother, was unable to attend.

Three more grants will be presented next school year and Dr. Bob McRae is receiving applications. He termed the first time

grant program from the Educational Association successful. "These teachers are examples of the talents we have in the system and the grant monies reward creativity in the classroom," he said.

+Dr. Jane King, who recently

earned her doctorate degree, was presented a plaque by Chairman Billy King and board members and the public took the occasion to congratulate her at a reception before the regular meeting. Mrs. King took the occasion to thank the

BUDGET

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\$250,000 in principal payments for utility bonds, including \$225,000 for water/sewer and \$25,000 for electric.

The Police Department is budgeted to get the biggest piece of the budget pie or \$1,043,000, down from \$1,068,000 last year. Wood has not included in the budget a department request for a new patrolman.

Streets are budgeted to receive \$531,000, down from \$637,000 last year due to the fact there were more drainage projects funded last year.

Sanitation department is budgeted to receive \$541,000, up from \$458,000 and includes costs of a compactor, a site for it and a road built to the site and lease purchase for a new garbage truck.

WILSON

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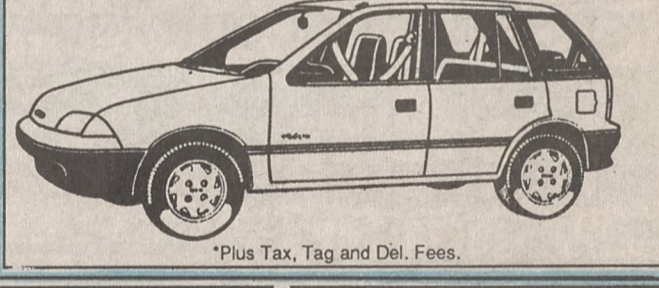
Wilson, who owns and operates Mountain Video, is married to the former Judy Cooper and they have two children, Lee Ann Bridges and Robert Neal Wilson. They are active in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

One of the biggest donors of blood to the Red Cross bloodmobile, Wilson is thankful for good health to help others. "The life you save could be your own" is a motto he thinks worth repeating.

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