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Sex ed curriculum meeting Tuesday

A parent meeting at Kings Mountain Middle School Tuesday night is expected to draw opponents and proponents to the sex education portion of the new health curriculum "Revised Standard Course of Study for Healthful Living" for grades 6-8.

Jean McAbee, who has been an outspoken critic of the new sex education curriculum, was circulating copies of "Family Life Education," a supplement to the State of North Carolina Comprehensive Health Education Curriculum for grades 5-9, to several pastors and other parents this week.

"We hope that everyone will come out to the 7 p.m. meeting and ask questions," said McAbee.

"Review the materials before you come."

McAbee said she is concerned that the School Health Council supports a new curriculum which includes instruction for seventh grade boys and girls in the same classroom.

McAbee says that she understands the students will be shown audiovisuals of how a baby is born and that the language is sex explicit, for instance, masturbation and erection, and students will be given answers on ways to interfere with conception and contraceptive methods.

Local supplementary materials are available from the Kings Mountain District Schools Office.

The cover sheet on the supplement states that "abstinence from sexual intercourse will be emphasized in the curriculum."

In the 'guidelines to teachers,' it is pointed out that the Kings Mountain Board of Education adopted the state's Family Life Curriculum supplement which local teachers were to teach "conservatively."

The Board said that "substitutes and teaching assistants will not teach the lessons and any lessons will be postponed if the health teacher/and or guidance teacher are unavailable."

The Board stipulated that "students may be excluded from Family Life classes but that Physical Education

may not be substituted for the course. In addition, the board said "alternate health assignments would be given at the discretion of the teacher and if the non-participation number is significant the school administration will determine alternate plans/schedules."

The Board said that the "coordinated use of materials within the school system would be scheduled by the Health Coordinator and that new and useful visual materials could be recommended by the Health Advisory Council after a review."

The teacher materials noted that a listing of lesson schedules would be available to parents upon request.

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Hospitals to sign contract

Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees will meet Friday at 5:30 p.m. to finalize a contract with Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority to run the Kings Mountain Hospital, the trustee's attorney Andy Neisler said Wednesday.

Neisler said that the board will also vote on the termination of the present administrator, Huit Reep, since under the proposed contract the Authority will provide an administrator.

Neisler said he expects the new contract to be signed prior to Monday, April 11, the target date for the new arrangement to begin.

Reep has an employment contract with the local hospital which Neisler did not spell out.

Neisler said the local hospital trustees gave Reep a 10-day notice last week.

Neisler said that some significant changes in the expected contract between the two institutions have been agreed upon by both parties. He would not elaborate on the details. However he said the changes were "critical for us."

Scott White, a spokesman for Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority, told the Herald the contract "is still with the Kings Mountain board."

Neisler said the expected changes in leadership at Kings Mountain Hospital were not a reflection of Reep's loyalty to the hospital for many years but were necessary, due to the downward scale of the present economy.

"Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority runs Carolinas Medical Center which has proved to be a very successful institution," said Neisler.

Trustee Chairman J.C. Bridges was out-of-town Wednesday and unavailable for comment.

Neisler said the Kings Mountain Hospital trustees signed a contract this week with Dr. John McGill, owner of McGill Clinic, to lease the clinic on Watterson Street and employed its first physician.

Dr. Edward Butler of Atlanta, Ga. was hired this week by the Kings Mountain Hospital to work at McGill Clinic.

SWING INTO SPRING



Lanisha Wilson, left, and Mario Wilson, on swings, get a boost from Jeanette Greene, standing left, and Lakeisha Wilson during a fun day in the sun Tuesday afternoon at Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department. The youngsters were enjoying their Easter break from school.

City planning retreat this week

The fourth annual planning retreat by Kings Mountain City Council will be held Saturday and Sunday at Williams Observatory on Stadium Drive at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs.

The formerly 16-hour marathon session, which started last year with an all-day meeting on Friday, has been cut to 11 hours and will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, continuing until 5:30 p.m., and recessing until 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon for a three-hour wrap-up.

Mayor Scott Neisler will call the 8:30 a.m. Saturday meeting to order, introduce facilitators from the

Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, review the format and agenda and discuss ground rules.

All seven Council members, all Department Heads and city administrators will be in attendance for the morning session at which Department heads will present special requests for funding in the 1993-94 city budget.

At 1:30 p.m. Jack Voght of the Institute of Government will moderate a question-answer session by Council concerning department requests.

City Council will start the process of prioritization and looking at

budget issues at 3:30 p.m.

The Sunday afternoon session begins at 2 p.m. with a discussion on "Working Together as A Team - Roles and Expectations" led by Voght and followed by a 15-minute critique of the retreat. Adjournment is slated for 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The Saturday schedule for Department heads on the program include:

9 a.m. - Financial overview by Acting City Manager Maxine Parsons.

9:30 a.m. - Fire Chief Frank Burns

See Retreat, 12-A

Grover Board silent on cop

GROVER - Citing personnel confidentiality laws, Town Council refused Monday night to comment publicly on the recent dismissal of policeman Robbie Sides but accepted petitions with 391 names calling for the officer's reinstatement on the police force.

The board took no action after an executive session.

At one point when tempers flared, the mayor called for order and said he would not tolerate any disruptions. Police Chief Paul Cash sat in the hall as citizens overflowed the meeting room.

Sides said Cash fired him with Council's approval. Although Sides verbally gave permission for the Mayor to respond to questions about him, Sides changed his mind when Town Attorney Mickey Corry said that permission must be in writing. Sides said he wanted to confer with his attorney.

Corry cited the Personnel Privacy Act which prohibits the revealing of information about a public employee unless written permission is given by the employee. Sides was elected in 1993 to Town Council. He was hired on the police force April 12, 1991.

Sides has said that he was fired because he used poor judgment in chasing down a suspected violent criminal on March 10. He said he was reprimanded for passing the speeding vehicle.

Sides says he was asked to resign in February 1993, August 1993 and February 1994 but refused each time.

Cash has said the firing was after an administrative investigation and had nothing to do with factors outside the department.

But Sides said recently that "All of this started after I put my name on the ballot for commissioner."

Lynn Foster asked the board to account for the hours on duty by Grover's lone policeman since the firing of Sides two weeks ago. "I've seen the Chief three times," she said.

Cindy Cooke, a local beautician and a recent candidate in Grover's

See Grover, 12-A

Grover Board tables zoning

GROVER - The Town Board unanimously killed a proposal Monday for zoning in the one-mile perimeter, tabling indefinitely a map and zoning plan for the immediate outside area.

Mayor Ronald Queen said the board had never intended to annex the one-mile perimeter in Grover.

He took the occasion to thank the first-ever zoning board for their work on development of a plan for inside city zoning, which the board passed last month, and for their work on zoning in the one mile perimeter.

Residents of the one mile area were up in arms at last month's public hearing, protesting the zoning plan for the extra territorial jurisdiction area of the town. Council accepted the inside zoning map last month after a lengthy hearing but delayed action on a zoning map for the outside-city area until another hearing could be scheduled.

The motion to table indefinitely was made by Councilman Noel Spivey and seconded by Councilman Robbie Sides.

In other actions, Council approved the appointment of five members and one alternate to the town's first board of adjustments to work closely with the new zoning board. The members are Joe Rountree, Kathy Neely and Tim Rowland, three year terms, and David Chadwick and Jim Howell, two year terms Jimmy Ledford was named an alternate.

Queen said that lab tests are ongoing on water from Grover wells which the state has mandated must be tested four times a year. He said the wells were tested March 29 and the cost was \$5200.

Queen said that several sidewalks have been repaired and the costs are included in the current budget.

Kings Mountain People

Dr. Sincox will miss clinic, but will continue to serve

A flight surgeon aboard the AHI Cobra in the Persian Gulf Conflict was the highlight of Dr. Frank Sincox's long medical career.

Sincox, who will be 62 in May, has set May 31 as a possible retirement date from McGill Clinic, where he has cared for hundreds of sick folk for 31 years.

On his desk in his office is a model of the AHI Cobra. A member of the U.S. Naval Reserves, he saw duty with the US Marines in the Gulf War and came home with many memories of life and death situations.

"I will never forget those guys," said the popular, veteran family doctor who along with Dr. Charles Adams, joined the staff of McGill

Clinic in 1963 after Dr. Kenneth McGill left to work as a missionary in Africa. Since the retirement of Dr. John C. McGill, the Clinic has been staffed by the two veteran doctors and eight other staff members who have racked up an impressive 165 years in the medical profession.

Sincox plans to remain in the community and practice medicine in a limited capacity away from the demands of private practice.

"I'm interested in exercising options with limited hours but I will continue to serve the community in various aspects," said Sincox.

Sincox says he wants to see a smooth transition at McGill Clinic

See Sincox, 12-A



Dr. Frank Sincox, veteran Kings Mountain family doctor, is pictured at his familiar desk at McGill Clinic where he came to work over 30 years ago.

Central renovation on schedule

April is paint up and fix-up time at old Central School.

Painters are spreading paint on the walls and other workers are working on a sprinkler system and finishing up carpentry work and plaster work this week.

"Everything is moving along on schedule," said Becky Scism, secretary to Schools Supt. Dr. Bob McRae.

Scism said that several administrators visited the school Tuesday to check the decor and progress of the renovation. Scism said they liked what they saw.

Moving day for the Administrative staff is only four months away.

McRae said at the recent school board meeting that he hopes to be in the new building by early August and after that an open house will be held to give the public a chance to look at the major renovations to the former Central

School plant.

In 1876, Kings Mountain citizens built a two-story frame building on the present site on Ridge Street. A wing was added and in 1878 another addition was made and the name of the city's first school was changed from the Kings Mountain Military School to the public high school. From 1887 to 1905 Central School was financed on the tuition basis. In 1905 the school was changed to a graded school. On the same site in 1910, a two-story red brick building trimmed in gray granite was erected. This building contained a music room, office, 12 classrooms and an auditorium.

The high school was accredited in 1920 and in 1924 the Rudisill property was purchased for the building of more classrooms that later became the primary department.

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