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A Long Look

At KM School Building Program

The Kings Mountain board of education Monday night took a long look at its building program and voted to present a plan to the state department of public instruction for the use of its \$1,076,000 share of last year's \$300 million statewide bond issue.

Immediate plans call for improvements at elementary schools, furnishing the new junior high school, which is now under construction, equipping the new auditorium at Kings Mountain High, a new cosmology lab at KMHS, and tennis courts at the new junior high.

Long-range discussion included face-lifting most of the elementary schools in the district but Supt. Don Jones pointed out that it would be 10 years or more before those plans are carried out.

Gene Warren, architect for Wilber, Kendrick, workman and Warren of Charlotte, met with the board to discuss the plans and pointed out that the cost of the long-range project would be in the neighborhood of \$3.5 million.

If the long-range plans are someday carried out, Bethware would be a completely

new facility and chances are West would be too. Of all the elementary schools, Warren noted that North and Compact are the only ones that will be in good shape many years from now.

Supt. Jones said all professional personnel in the school district were given a chance to give their opinions of the system's needs and added that most agreed Bethware should receive top priority. Jones said Bethware's enrollment should increase in the next few years because of the new Woodbridge housing development. He said there are 500 lots at Woodbridge and 400 of them are in the Kings Mountain school district.

But, getting back down to Earth to the immediate plans, top priorities include kitchen and classroom additions at Grover, additional classrooms at Bethware, kitchen additions at West and East, landscaping at North, furnishing the new junior high, a new cosmology lab at KMHS, equipping the new auditorium at KMHS, a new principal's office at West, a concrete wall and tennis

courts at the new junior high, better parking facilities at Compact and playground equipment for the elementary schools.

The board, in fact, voted to give \$3,500 to each elementary school for playground equipment.

In other action Monday, the board: --Approved revision of the proposed band room at the new junior high. The revision called for an enlargement at a cost of \$2,600.

--Heard a report from Supt. Jones on the progress of fabricated steel construction at the new junior high. Jones said construction is on schedule.

--Heard a report from assistant superintendent Bill Bates on an optional school program which would provide vocational education for dropouts or potential dropouts. Bates said Kings Mountain has received one of 21 grants for a six months trial program which will begin immediately. Bates said the schools system has received \$14,000 for hiring of instructors and \$5,000 for instructional supplies.

Bates said youngsters 16-18 years of age will be eligible and that the program will accommodate 75 persons. They will receive on-the-job training in their selected fields and the program will be separate from the regular school program. Class hours will probably be in the late afternoon or night.

"We have 150 potential students," Bates said. "We know we can't use that many but we hope to eventually serve 200 persons. The main objective of this program is to reach people we're not reaching with our regular program at the high school."

--Accepted several letters from teachers thanking the board for their recent increase in pay. The board voted to in turn thank the teachers for their letters.

--Set May 26 as the date for baccalaureate and May 31 as graduation day.

--Heard a report from Bates on new custodial wages as suggested by the Dept. of Labor and voted to accept the rates.

--Was told by Jones that this year's national school board meeting is set for April 6-9 in

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Some 250,000 babies are born with birth defects each year in the United States, the March of Dimes reports.

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--Accepted three teacher elections, including Mrs. Betty Jo Ellis at North, Mrs. Pamela Kirkland at KMHS and Miss Deborah Gail Gold at Bethware.

--Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Brenda Blanton at North.

--Granted a leave of absence to Mrs. Vickie Baker at KMHS.

--Granted an extension of sick leave to Miss Nancy Albergine at Central.

Lake

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fishing tackle, refreshments, etc., during an eight-month period. Also \$370,000 gross income from boat sales.

Mayor Moss adds other income should be obtained from fees for fishing, boating, water and land use and permits for installing piers, etc. The mayor said the fees are not designed to be restrictive, but to support recreational activities at the lake. He also said he feels the lake will become overcrowded in a hurry despite the fees.

The mayor has also suggested that "adjustments" may have to be made in the master plan drawn in 1968 for lake use.

At present the reservoir now holds 1-billion gallons of water. The lake was plugged October 31, 1973. A total of 12,800,000 gallons is needed to fill the reservoir.

Tom Cox, a marine planner at Lake Norman, has suggested to authority members that quick action is necessary on pier and marina rules to allow construction before the rising water level runs up building costs.

RC Sets New Lease Rate

attorney's basement. RC Director White said attorney White had renovated the basement area and the needs of the KMRC could be "more than well met" by the space. After a discussion of rent and utility payments, the members voted unanimously to draw a lease agreement with Jack White for the KMRC at a rate of \$150 per month. Gene White expressed his gratitude and noted he and the staff

planned to move "as soon as possible."

The site office lease previously rented in the bank building on the corner of Battleground Ave. and Mountain St. was cancelled by the commission.

In other business the board: --Heard a report from director White concerning the independent audit required by HUD. White said the audit is planned "as soon after July 1

as possible." Audit guidelines are now being studied by the RC staff.

--Heard a report on the Community Consultants contract. The Consultants operate with redevelopment commissions in drawing plans for site improvements and other such duties. White said the contract needed some minor corrections before it could be executed.

--Passed a resolution

allowing three members of the RC staff to attend a "Land Marketing" workshop in High Point to be held Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1.

--Discussed land priorities in the Candler Street project that would eventually allow the KM Housing Authority to go ahead with a planned public housing project.

Will Herndon and Leroy Blanton were absent from the Tuesday meeting.

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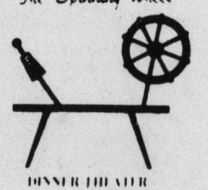
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<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">'71 DATSUN</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">510, 4 dr. Sedan, Auto, Air., AM Radio Green.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">\$1995⁰⁰</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">'68 "442"</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Olds, P.S., P.B., Air, AM</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">\$395⁰⁰</p>



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