

# Arlington Names 3 To School Board

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Incumbent John Reed Spicer and two new members were appointed last night to three vacancies on the Arlington School Board.

Named along with Spicer were William M. Graham, president of the Arlington Civic Federation, and Dr. Ernest E. Saulmon, past president of the Thomas Jefferson Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association.

All three were appointed to four-year terms beginning July 1 by the liberal majority controlling the county board. The governing group's two Republicans, Ned R. Thomas and Dr. Kenneth M. Haggerty, proposed their own nominees for the school posts, but lost the appointment votes by 3 to 2.

Voting for Spicer, Graham and Saulmon were Independents Joseph L. Fisher and Jay E. Ricks and county board chairman Thomas W. Richards, representing the nonpartisan Arlingtonians for a Better County.

The two new members will fill seats now held by School Board Chairman Theodore W. Taylor and James G. Stockard. Both plan to retire from the school board when their terms expire June 30.

## Second Term

Spicer, a former college dean and now an administrator at the Central Intelligence Agency, will be serving a second four-year term on the school board. He previously served one year as its chairman.

Graham, 43, an employe of Booz-Allen Applied Research Inc., is a former chairman of the Arlington Democratic party. His

term as head of the Civic Federation expires next month.

Saulmon, 54, a veterinarian who heads the Agricultural Department's animal health division, came to the county board's attention as head of a citizens panel seeking a solution to problems at Thomas Jefferson, where students attend classes in two widely separated, outmoded and overcrowded buildings.

His Action Committee for the Jefferson Area recommended construction of a new Southside Junior High at the so-called "Van Every tract" in the middle of the county, rather than any remodeling of the Jefferson building, as the best solution for the split school's problems.

## School Bond Favored

Just Monday night, the county board approved a school bond issue calling for construction of the Southside Junior High as a "community center" also featuring county recreation facilities. Thus, Saulmon will be serving on the school board as the new school is built, providing Arlington voters approve the \$16.8 million bond package for that and other school projects in a special referendum June 11.

Like Saulmon, Graham has been active in PTA circles and as a member of advisory committees to the school board as well as to the county board. In 1963, he was given The Evening Star Cup, awarded annually to an outstanding civic federation member or committee.

The three appointees will be serving on the five-member school board with Mrs. Ruth O'Dell Cox and Preston C. Caruthers, who was appointed earlier this year to take the place of a resigning school board member.