

# School Board Praises Report by Committee

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Saulmon, a government economics specialist, explained that the committee was willing to re-convene after the results of his requested architectural study were known.

He concluded: "Our committee feels the urgency to be there, and we hope you can scare up funds immediately."

An announced exchange of positions between longtime Taylor Elementary School principal Mrs. Patty Hales and elementary supervisor Miss Olivia Elder brought warm praise from School Board members for both staff members and the idea which permits them to move in and out of administrative work.

**CHAIRMAN** James G. Stockard pointed to previous successful instances in the school system where administrative people had been able to resume work at the school level. The recent example of Patrick Henry principal Jack Kierana was cited by Stockard in remarks which followed Supt. Ray Kierman was cited by Stockard in backgrounds of both women.

"Mrs. Hales," he said, "will bring to her supervisory role an extraordinarily broad background in curriculum improvement, which should make her very helpful to our elementary teachers."

According to his statement, the new Taylor principal, Miss Elder has been an elementary supervisor since 1961 and served as principal at McKinley Elementary School for nine previous years.

Mrs. Hales has been principal of Taylor since the school opened in 1963.

She came to the Arlington School system in 1961 after teaching in Utah, New York public schools and the Teachers College of Columbia University.

**MISS ELDER**, whose tenure as Taylor principal starts in July of this year, also holds a masters degree from the Teachers College of Columbia University. She is currently directing the elementary phase of the English language study program.

In other business the School Board took care to direct a reply to County Board chairman Harold

J. Casto's letter urging the Board to reconsider the American Legion request to distribute American flags and material supporting the Vietnam war to students.

The Board had already acted to reaffirm its former position of permitting the Legionnaires to distribute flags while refusing to allow them to hand out printed cards in "Operation Show Your Colors" at the last meeting.

According to Stockard the letter informing the Board of the reconsideration of the matter which first came up in May, 1966, apparently crossed Casto's letter in the mail.

Stockard, and school Board members Mrs. O'Dell Cox and Edward C. Kingman, reaffirmed their reasoning yesterday in not permitting groups to distribute material in support of government programs which were controversial.

Chairman Stockard remarked this evening that Casto would agree with allowing the distribution of material urging endorsement on such government supported ideas as open housing, speed up of desegregation and furtherance of the foreign aid program.

Kingman again spoke as the only member of the Board who had served in the military for 25 years and reaffirmed that while he felt the Board's patriotism was unimpeachable "we deplore the idea used in some communist countries of using students to further political or national aims."

**MRS. COX**, who remarked at the last meeting that she had a son serving in Vietnam, also stood firm and suggested that a letter be sent to the County Board chairman incorporating remarks made during the reconsideration of the proposal at the last meeting.

With the reading of a letter from the Elementary administrative staff supporting the secretarial salary increase originally proposed to Supt. Reid, board member Kingman made passing reference to a speech by County Board chairman Casto.

Kingman's statement that Casto

had expressed a preference early this week for holding the budget to last year's level brought quick response from chairman Stockard.

"He had better be prepared for an uprising among the citizens," Stockard remarked, "for that would be disastrous to the school system."

Board members voted to appoint Dr. Theodore Taylor as next year's member of the Arlington Citizen's Participation Council and Chairman Stockard accepted an invitation extended to representatives of all area schools to discuss school construction at the dinner meeting of the D.C. Metropolitan Subcontractors Association.

John Robinson, head of the Arlington Community Action Committee, prefaced a plea for more intensive use of county school plants as active community centers with the showing of "To Teach A Child." The documentary shows the development of a program of community involvement with school sponsored after hours activity in Flint, Mich.

**AFTER THE** program was started some 83,000 people in a city slightly larger than Arlington became involved in some phase of community recreation, or health or education activities.

At the film's conclusion Robinson entered his plea for funding to help keep the schools open after hours.

He was told that ultimate responsibility for expansion of the current program rests with the County Board, his next stop.

A public hearing to get citizen reaction to the Superintendent's 1967-68 budget will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at Kenmore Junior High School.

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