

# Emerson quits school post; successor to be named

Appointment of a new superintendent for Oakland Schools, the intermediate school district which covers 20 local districts in Oakland County, was expected by some sources of a special meeting of the Oakland School Board at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

But at least two of the five board members indicated before the meeting that special action on Wednesday was more speculation. Lawrence DeWard, president, could not be reached for comment either Monday or Wednesday.

The purpose of the special meeting was to accept a communication from the William Emerson, Oakland Schools' superintendent since 1969 who quit his post last week.

Emerson's action, which it was explained was not a resignation, was action taken in a brief message to each of five members of the Oakland School Board on Tuesday.

The note, dated June 30, said: "This is to inform you that as of the close of business on June 30, I quit my job at Oakland Schools."

Dr. Kenneth W. Brown, currently deputy superintendent, was to be named superintendent at Wednesday's meeting, were premature.

It has never been discussed, Busey said. "Until we have discussed it as a full board and talked with Brown, I have no idea what the board will do."

I don't know what action the board will take until after the meeting, but I would be surprised if they did make an appointment today (Wednesday), Busey added.

The purpose of the special meeting was not to take action on the letter from Emerson, he said, and that could be done in one of three ways: to accept, not accept or simply acknowledge receipt of the letter.

"THE BOARD does not have to take any action on any way," he added.

The board meets regularly at 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. At the July 13 organizational meeting, new officers will be elected for the coming year.

Emerson's action was no surprise to some people, according to Mr. Carothers, but Busey said he was quite surprised.

It happened quite fast without any notice," he added.

Emerson always had indicated that when he left he would just walk out, Mr. Carothers said. "He had said he didn't want to take action on the letter from Emerson, he said, and that could be done in one of three ways: to accept, not accept or simply acknowledge receipt of the letter."

Emerson is 60 years old and was eligible for retirement. His contract had another two years to run.

The distinction between Emerson's quit-



DR. WILLIAM EMERSON  
ing 45 appeared to resigning was not directly clear.

# SEMTA sets forum

The public will be invited to comment on different possible types of transit systems when the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) conducts the second in its series of open forums on public transportation policy.

One meeting will begin at 7 p.m., July 8 at the Oak Park Community Center, 1300 Oak Park Boulevard. The other will begin at 7 p.m., July 15 in the City-County Building at 2 Woodward, Detroit.

Express bus, light rail and the new name for streetcars, commuter rail and rapid rail will be the four modes under consideration.

These two citizen information meetings are the second round in a series sponsored by SEMTA in its yearlong study of choices for a future public transit system, according to Joseph P. Bianco Jr., SEMTA board chairman.

The final choice, according to SEMTA marketing director John Saunders, could be an all-bus system or some combination of express bus and the different types of rails.

Future meetings will focus on travel demands in the seven-county region 10 years from now and how traffic management affects public transit.

MY TIME board members received the news Emerson was at his summer home in northern Michigan, according to Mrs. Carothers, director of public information for Oakland Schools.

John De. David, Busey of Southfield board vice president, and Dorothy Kruse, newly elected to the Oakland School Board from Birmingham, said reports that

# Locals named in "Who's Who"

What could Phil Power possibly have in common with Jack Nicholson, Kris Kristofferson or Howard Cowell? The answer is that Power, co-publisher of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and the others have each been included for the first time in Who's Who in America.

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The famous biographical directory, published by Marquis Who's Who Inc. lists more than 9,000 new names in the current edition.

Power shares the honor with other local persons who are considered important Americans.

They are:

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