

Board shocked at resignation

By BARBARA UNDERWOOD
BIRMINGHAM—William R. Jenkins, who has served for one year on the Birmingham Board of Education, announced his resignation from the board, effective immediately, in a letter which was read at a special meeting Tuesday.

The law requires that the board appoint a replacement for him within 20 days to serve until the next regular school election one year from now.

Citing reasons of a personal nature and the pressures of a new job, Jenkins apologized to school district residents for not completing his term of office. He was elected to a two-year term in 1973.

He recently was named manager of public service and communications for the Detroit Free Press and has numerous other civic and public service commitments.

BOARD PRESIDENT Florence (Jo) Saltzman said Jenkins' letter came as a surprise to the board.

At Tuesday's meeting the board also approved a resolution that the date of bid opening for tax anticipation notes be changed from June 25 to July 2 and that the date of the notes be changed from July 1 to July 3.

Plans for a proposed population study of the school district also were discussed.

Fourteen firms have been contacted for the study, according to Dr. Michael LaBay, director of evaluation, who recommended that Parkins/Rogers & Associates, Inc., be considered for the job.

The survey would provide a fourth Friday enrollment projection figure for each year through 1986 using detailed demographic information to be obtained in a telephone survey of a minimum of 200 household contacts within each elementary school attendance area in the district.

BOARD MEMBERS expressed various concerns about the survey and directed the administration to continue to investigate its specific aspects.

A report on a recent self-evaluation of the board concluded the special meeting.

Using a point scale from one to five, the board in general rated itself 3.7 (or adequate), while the administration rated the board 4.0 (or good).

"This is the first board I have ever known that actually evaluated its own performance," Dr. Donald Peckenpaugh, superintendent, said.

"I think you are a remarkable group of people and you have proved it by evaluating yourself and talking about it in the open," he added.

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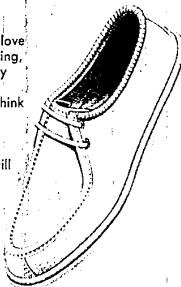
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In 1972, Crooks and Big Beaver was 39th on the list of the accident-prone county intersections studied.

The leap in accidents is attributed to "recent commercial development," according to the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County.

THE INTERSECTION of John R-Twelve Mile had 72 accidents in 1973 jumping it from the 140th spot in 1972, when 25 accidents occurred, to fifth place in 1973.

The county's 10 most serious intersections in 1973 include:

- Stephenson-Fourteen Mile Road, Troy, No. 1, 95 accidents injuring 50 persons;
- Telegraph - Maple Road, Bloomfield Twp., No. 2, 83 accidents injuring 22 persons;
- Southfield-Ten Mile Road,

Southfield, No. 3, 78 accidents injuring 33 persons;

• Greenfield-Ten Mile Road, Southfield, No. 4, 72 accidents injuring 26 persons;

• John R-Twelve Mile Road, Madison Heights, No. 5, 72 accidents injuring 29 persons;

• Crooks-Big Beaver, No. 6, 63 accidents injuring 13 persons;

• Woodward-Twelve Mile Road, Royal Oak, No. 7, 63 accidents injuring 20 people;

• Orchard Lake-Twelve Mile Road, Farmington, No. 8, 63 accidents injuring 15 persons;

• Woodward-Ten Mile Road, Royal Oak, No. 9, 62 accidents, 13 injured;

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