

# B'ham special education gets boost

Special education in the Birmingham School District, which includes a portion of northeast Southfield, received a shot in the arm last Tuesday. The school board approved establishment of a primary school learning disability room for students with severe learning disabilities.

The self-contained classroom will be at Greenfield Elementary School and will serve all students in the district. Eight students are awaiting placement.

Salaries for a teacher and aide for the room are expected to total \$10,800, of which \$8,100 may be paid by the government.

The administration will see if the rest of the program can be paid for from the existing special education budget.

Supt. Donald Peckenpaugh said the room would be operational within 3½ weeks.

SEVERAL BOARD members asked for a review of the special education budget. The budget will be reviewed after the arrival of Herbert Baker, appointed Dec. 7 as director of guidance and pupil personnel services. Baker is expected Feb. 1.

During discussion of the learning disability room, Trustee Robert Keichum said the size and allocation of the special education and other budgets "bothers me."

"I would like to see an analysis of special education expenditures with some idea of how they should be allocated," he added. "Also, at budget time, we should look at how funds are being allocated for gifted programs."

"Every time a special education proposal comes up, no matter how worthy, there is no real incentive to look at the total special ed budget and total budget."

Trustee Bruce VanDeusen said there were thousands of dollars in other funds and questioned whether it was all needed.

"CAN'T WE squeeze some from elsewhere for this?" he asked.

The board authorized the president and secretary to convey title to the land at Chester and Maple to the City of Birmingham.

The land is the former site of Baldwin Elementary School, which was sold to the city by the school district. The final payment on the land is due from the city.

The board also approved a revision of the policy that allows students to remain in Birmingham schools when their families move.

Students in grades 11 and 12 may complete high school in the district as tuition pupils if they wish. Students in grades six and nine may complete the grade they are in as tuition pupils.

UNDER SPECIAL circumstances, the superintendent may grant permission for students to continue as tuition pupils, at his discretion. If a family moves after April 15, a pupil may finish the year in the Birmingham schools, without tuition, regardless of grade.

Changes also were approved in procedures involving adoption or revision of policies and by-laws. Both may be adopted at any regular board meeting, provided the material is presented for board discussion at an official meeting prior to the one at which it is presented for adoption.

A resolution pertaining to quotas on student teaching assignments received no support, so no action was taken. The resolution urged the state board of education and the legislature to take steps to end the quotas estab-

lished by the Michigan Education Association, charging that they are "hostile to democratic traditions of the free choice of occupation."

Trustee Dorothy Eicker, who supported the resolution, read a statement during the board comments at the close of the meeting.

"The basic issue is, do we want to live in a controlled society or one where there is free choice," she said. "Should any union have the unilateral right to control who enters its field?"

AFTER READING the statement, she asked if any trustee cared to reconsider and support the resolution.

None did, but Sylvia Whitmer said the "quota system is a compromise in a very difficult situation. It is not in our interests to take this up locally. We are one board in the entire state."

The student teacher quota for the Birmingham schools for the 1977-78 year is 11 in elementary grades, eight in secondary grades and four in special areas, said Gerald Haymond, executive director of the Birmingham Education Association (BEA), the local affiliate of the state teachers' union.

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A "Kiddle Comedy Carnival" by Southfield High School's drama direction class is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday.

The production includes two children's shows, both to be presented twice, 10 carnival games and refreshments.

The shows to be presented are "Peter and the Wolf" and "Hans Christian Andersen." Price of admis-

sion to the shows is 25 cents. They will be presented at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Carnival games will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost of games is 15 cents each.

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