

Plan full-day classes for mentally retarded

Full-day classes for some students will be implemented at Red Oaks and Parkholme Schools for the Mentally Retarded.

Bill Quance, special services supervisor for the Peel County Board of Education, told board trustees last Tuesday he thought full-day classes would help speed up the return rate of students to elementary schools.

Mr. Quance received permission from the board to extend classes to a full day at last Tuesday's regular meeting of the board.

THREE MONTHS

The program will be in effect for the next three months and the results of the trial period will be studied and presented to the board.

Presently there are four students at Parkholme and eight at Red Oaks who will be started on the full-day system.

Since 1968 there have been four students from Parkholme and 10 students from Red Oaks who have re-entered elementary school.

Mr. Quance was asked by Trustee John Hart if a three-month trial would be sufficient to judge the outcome of the classes.

Mr. Hart was told that doubling the amount of schooling from the present half day would help speed up learning Mr. Quance said the students would profit.

Trustee Rudy Bos said the idea was "a very progressive step and I am sure the Department of Education will be very interested in what happens."

Mr. Quance said that the present ruling by the Department of Education is that students must be 10 before he can profit from full-day classes.

"My recommendation is that the age should be low-

ered and made compatible with the age of enrolment in the elementary schools.

"My long range hope is that the age of enrolment in full-day classes will be age six but my short term recommendation is to drop the present age by two years (to age eight).

"I hope the age of six for enrolment will be possible in a few years," Mr. Quance said.

NO QUORUM

Education committee recommendations illegal

Recommendations from the March 17 meeting of the Peel County Board of Education's Finance Committee had to be approved by the trustees of the board Tuesday because the meeting was held illegally.

Trustee Dr. E. H. Humphreys said that although the committee had discussed and made recommendations to the board, they were illegal as there was not a quorum present for the meeting.

"Mister chairman, I point to bylaw 22 which states a quorum must be present to transact any business. There were four members present instead of the required five," he said.

Dr. Humphreys said that

other bylaws had been breached at the meeting as well.

"It says in the bylaws that if there is not quorum within 30 minutes the meeting must be abolished and no business can be legally transacted without a quorum. And, business was transacted."

"I'm sorry Dr. Humphreys, I asked what a quorum was and was told four instead of five," said board chairman, Ted Conover.

The Trustees later voted on and approved current accounts in the amount of \$4,563,124.29 as well as capital accounts for the public and secondary schools.

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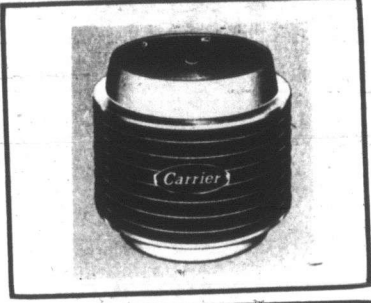
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