

Albemarle Asks Change In School Board Policy

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, June 20 — The Albemarle county board of supervisors Thursday asked the county school board to reconsider its policy banning all county school athletics in the event of any school desegregation.

The supervisors also set a tax rate that is 20 cents less than the rate originally proposed for the 1963-64 fiscal year.

The supervisors' resolution stated they had supported the policy a year ago as a deterrent to Negro applications for admission to hitherto all-white county schools.

The school board last Thursday had reiterated this policy after a closed meeting with the supervisors. That conference came after 22 Negroes had filed applications for assignments to white schools. Fifteen of the applications were received by the State Pupil Placement Board before June 1, the deadline. E. J. Oglesby, Placement Board chairman, also is Albemarle's school board chairman.

The supervisors' resolution Thursday was adopted by a 4-2 vote. The dissenting two members objected to the idea of an ultimatum to the school board. Later, they voiced approval on condition that a letter accompany the resolution to the school board members saying the supervisors were willing to meet and discuss the policy.

School board members are appointed by the supervisors. The school board was asked to reply by July 1.

The resolution says in part "... the board of supervisors agrees with the school board that such activities as dances and parties should be eliminated as school sponsored; however, the board of supervisors feels that the athletic program and some of the other activities should be continued, such programs to be continued under continuous review by the school administration and the school board..."

About 300 persons attended

the meeting and about a dozen spoke on the issue. Sentiment was generally against the school policy, particularly of discontinuing the athletics program.

At the outset of the discussion, which was moved to the Charlottesville recreation center because of the size of the crowd, several letters were read. One called for the resignation of school board chairman Oglesby. The letter charged conflict of interest because of his association with the Charlottesville Education Foundation, a private school organization established to avoid integration.

The Rev. R. A. Johnson, pastor of a Negro church near Clamount and spokesman for a number of Negro parents seeking to enroll children in all-white county schools, told the supervisors, "We are in 98 per cent agreement with your resolution... and bitterly opposed to the school board policy..."

Kathy Green, president of the Albemarle High School student council, in a letter to the supervisors, said students believe the policy will result in aggravation of a racial tension and that they are willing to accept Negroes as students at Albemarle High School.

Virginia Briefs

Dorecas Campbell Wins Talent Event

ROANOKE, June 20—(AP)—considering the institution of Miss Rockbridge County, Dorecas Dara Campbell of Fairfield, took first place in the preliminary talent competition in the 1963 Miss Virginia pageant here Thursday night.

Miss Amherst, 20-year-old Nancy Ligon Harrison, was the winner of the preliminary swim suit competition.

The 23-year-old Miss Campbell is a lyric soprano who studied voice at Richmond Professional Institute, where she graduated earlier this month.

Seventeen of the girls competed in the talent division Thursday night and the other 17 contestants were judged on their appearance in swim suits and evening gowns. The two groups will change places Friday night for further talent and swim suit-evening gown competition.

A new Miss Virginia will be selected on Saturday night.

Top Honors

BLACKSBURG, June 20—(AP)—The Future Farmers of America chapter from Turner Ashby High School, Rocking-

ton, is considering the institution of an industrial co-operative training program, under which high school students would be placed in part-time employment for on-the-job training in businesses.

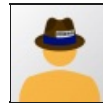
The students would receive school credit for their work and would be paid a small compensation.

Sen. Purcell urged expansion of the county's vocational education program to provide trained personnel for new industry Louisiana is seeking.

Chesterfield Certifies Two Morals Cases

Separate cases involving two men charged with committing sex crimes involving juveniles were certified to the Chesterfield County grand jury yesterday after hearings in county juvenile court.

Charged with felony offenses are Gordon Tyree, 33, of the 8900 block Midlothian turnpike, accused of forcible rape of a 17-year-old girl, and Ernest B. Dykes, 30, of the 200 block



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