

Most 'Johnnys' can read, teachers report

The Rice District school board received its report from reading teachers when it met Monday night at the Eagle Lake Middle School library.

For the most part the report was positive. Teachers point to test results to show their methods are working. They also reported that the experience of communicating with each other, representing all the schools in the district, was beneficial. They agreed the board needs to call for some standardization in the district reading program.

One teacher indirectly brought up the reason the

board is emphasizing reading. The former high school teacher, who now teaches at the elementary level, said she was shocked to learn a student who can't read still gets promoted to the next grade. "I think we are doing them an injustice," she said, "when a third grader is reading on a second grade level, yet we pass him along to the fourth grade."

While the board believes that reading is essential to successful education, its hands are practically tied when the question of promotion comes up. Starting next year, a school district can retain a student

only twice in the first eight years of school.

The board is asking teachers to study proposals that will help standardize teaching, testing and grading throughout the district.

During the reading discussion, middle school principal Charles Abel noted that students are taking a different attitude toward classes and learning. "There is a whole different feeling among students this year," he said, due to the effects of the No Pass, No Play rule, and knowing they have to pass a state test to get out of school.

To prove his point he told the board that as of Monday, students who are not assigned to a tutoring class for the last class of the day, could have left school early. However, only 10 of the 400-plus students on campus went home early. In other business, the board also adopted several state regulations that pertain to student discipline, and adopted a method the district used to use concerning teacher sick leave and retirement.

It also agreed to advertise for bids for a new built-up roof for the middle school dressing room and band areas, at an

estimated cost of about \$20,000. The vote was 5-1, with Reggie Briscoe suggesting the district should consider a metal roof.

The board also voted to waive the policy of accepting insurance bids only from agents in the district. President Steve Balas voted against the motion, believing the district should spend its money with the taxpayers here. Wayne Corman said the district used to have an obligation to get the best price for the tax payer.

The board also agreed that students who miss school with an unexcused absence, should be allowed to make up their class tests. That means a student would still receive an

unexcused absence, and the district still will follow the state rule that if a student has six or more unexcused absences, they are given a failing mark. However, with this board rule, the student still can miss five days, and by making up work, won't be penalized in the grade book. Some teachers have been following this course, while others have not; the policy adoption makes the practice consistent district-wide.

Supt. Harold King reported the district now has 1,804 students enrolled, up 50 students from the first-day report. Last year on October 1, there were 1,800 students.



The Raider Coaches

The 1985 Raider coaches are, kneeling, from left, Lee Polittsch, ELMS; Dennis Jackson, ELMS; Mike Michalka, Garwood; and Bennie Machac, Sheridan; back row, from left, Mike Ticklerley, Gary McNeal, Head coach and

athletic director Clifton Darden, Jesse Russell, Don Wild and Bill Cain. Not Pictured is Dusty Loewe. In his five years at Rice, Darden has compiled a 26-23-3 record. The Raider 15-year record is 45-103, 4 ties.



The Freshman Raiders

Here are the 1985 Raider Freshmen: front row, from left, Randy Perkins, Kevin Bandy, Lohitro Pratt, Michael Grahmann and Raymond Perkins; middle row, from left, Coach Don Wild, Edward DeLaGraz, Todd Krenke, Rod-

ney Laake, Steven Meinecke, Pedro DeLaGraz, Scott Ripper and Coach Gary McNeal; back row, from left, Horace Mitchell, Brian Rucka, Kevin Edds, Ray Turner, Mitchell Miller, Jose Rodriguez and Cash Coble.

Council

the parties, especially Frazar, have acted in good faith.

After council's meeting two weeks ago, Struss said he has been an airport supporter for

15 years and that he wants to see the facility improved. Airport negotiations apparently have accelerated recently.

Electrical code

The electrical code was voted down by council after the audience indicated it felt the local requirements, not the quality or workmanship and materials section, were too restrictive. Councilman Joe Duncan who chaired the committee to draft this version, said he will review it and suggest another ordinance.

Clean-up campaign

After a discussion of street sweeping responsibilities, Van Nort said the Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc., group met Tuesday

and suggested that merchants help keep the city clean by not only sweeping their sidewalks, but also the curb and gutter in front of their stores. He said a general clean-up campaign will be stressed in early November prior to the Waterfowl Festival.

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Isaac Berry busier than ever in retirement

When school opened in Garwood this year, a familiar face wasn't among the staff of teachers at the Garwood School.

Isaac H. Berry retired at the end of the 1984-85 school year, after 26 years in schools there. Berry now says he is busier than ever; he hasn't had a day since he retired that "I wasn't busy doing something for myself or other people."

That apparently is how Berry was in school, too—giving of himself so others would be helped.

He was a resource teacher in Garwood, helping students in grades one through eight who needed that extra boost. He said he retired because he "felt it was the thing for me to do," he said, "because I can't move around like I really needed to, to be able to teach."

"But I enjoyed my work," he emphasized. "That's the only way you can teach, you have to enjoy it."

Berry has taught under four different principals, and started in the Garwood area when it was an independent school system. He was a former principal at the George Washington Carver junior and elementary school at Vox Populi, and when the schools were integrated in the mid-60s, became a Garwood School teacher.

"What kept me going as long as I did was the people I



Isaac H. Berry

worked with," he said looking back over the years. "They are understanding and very cooperative, and it made my days a whole lot happier because it was that way."

While keeping busy these days he has a plaque that was presented to him last spring when he retired. He also has another special gift that now is one of his prized possessions, and is an important friend. He was given a terrier puppy that he named Susie, who now is a welcome companion.

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