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Elder resigns as superintendent

Wants teaching position for 1990 - 91 year

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Nicholas County School Superintendent Donald Elder tendered his resignation to the Nicholas County School Board Monday Night.

Though resigning, Elder said he intended to keep his teacher's tenure and expected a position for 1990-91 school year.

Elder offered the resignation as the board made a motion to begin accepting applications in the spring for a new superintendent to fill the superintendent's position for the 1990-91 school year.

After 16 years of serving the Nicholas County School System, Elder said in a letter to the Nicholas Board of Education, he can no longer

endure either the pettiness of some school board members, or of a vocal element in the Nicholas County community which, he said, focuses on personal concerns rather than what best concerns the school system.

Prior to Elder's resignation, school board members went into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

In less than half an hour, the board reconvened in open session and made a motion to begin accepting applications to fill the office of superintendent for the next academic year.

Both Elder's resignation and the board's intention to begin a search for qualified people to fill the Superintendent's office, as the motion stated, were passed unanimously by the board.

Neither school board members or Elder had any comment on the change.

Also during the session the board called a special meeting for Wednesday, December 20, at 1:30 a.m. to look through both Elementary and High Schools during the board's annual Christmas dinner, as well as act on any

legal business brought before the board.

Board Member John Cleaver raised a liability question before the board concerning the appropriate action of bus drivers when a bus, due to weather conditions, cannot safely take students to their homes.

Cleaver said a situation occurred where a bus driver found it impossible to drive a bus over a hill on Johnson Road.

After the driver had made several calls to the students' homes for assistance which went unanswered, the driver arranged for a neighbor's son to take the children on home in a Jeep.

However, the neighbor, contacting Cleaver, said the Jeep was uninsured.

Cleaver said both sides of the hill were treacherous for a bus to attempt to travel, but after attempting to contact the parents, what recourse would a bus driver have in order to avoid possible legal implications?

Elder said, despite the time involved, the driver should have called the school.

Arrangements to take the

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Don Elder



STANDING AGAINST THE WEATHER — This barn on Old Paris Pike is but one of the many buildings standing against Mother Nature's first heavy snowfall of the winter season. Last Friday, snow of up to six inches in some parts of Kentucky, reminded residents of winter's treat. As of Tuesday morning, a sampling of the snow remained, possibly waiting for more.

Although Nicholas County has already experienced its first significant snowfall of the year, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet remains ready to deal with winter conditions so roads will be cleared quickly and efficiently.

"It is absolutely essential that we clear the roads of snow or ice so motorists will be able to travel Kentucky safely during the winter months," said Kentucky Governor Wallace G. Wilkinson.

In order to accommodate Nicholas County public travelers' winter driving, the Transportation Cabinet has announced that the Kentucky Department of Highways crew will clear U.S. 68 first.

Other priority A roads in Nicholas County include the majority of Kentucky 36 and a portion of Kentucky 1455.

Priority B roads in Nicholas County include Kentucky 32 and Kentucky 13.

State's road clearing plan designates cleaning order for Nicholas County roads

All other roads are considered Priority C, according to the Department of Highways map for state maintained Nicholas County roads.

The next roads to be cleared will be priority Band then priority C. Roads are designated on map.

Work begins as soon as precipitation becomes significant. Crews will salt or plow the top priority roads first. The priority system is based on the amount of traffic carried by the road.

Priority A roads include interstates, parkways, urban expressways and other state roads with exceptionally large volumes of traffic.

Priority B roads are state primary roads, bypasses and roads with slightly less traffic than Priority A roads.

State secondary roads, rural secondary roads and other routes with equal traffic fall into Priority C category.

Remaining state roads are cleared after these categories have been treated.

Motorists can plan their trip more safely by using Priority A roads whenever possible during bad weather.

The Department of Highways has 118,700 tons on hand for the 1989-90 snow season.

There are 50,000 tons under the immediate control of the 12 districts and 65,000 tons in reserve.

The reserve is for release should vendor routine resupply breakdown.

The department deploys 2500 workers and 850 heavy vehicles in response to storm conditions clear Kentucky roads.

While long range forecasts predict a normal to mild winter, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is prepared for a severe line.

Equal access available soon in Nicholas County

South Central Bell customers in Carlisle will have the opportunity to choose which long-distance company will carry many of their long-distance calls.

The change-called equal access—will be effective March 5, 1990, in conjunction with the project to modernize switching equipment in the telephone office.

"Customers are getting a packet from South Central Bell that includes information about the long-distance companies offering service in the area, plus a ballot they can use to choose a company," said South Central Bell Manager Tom Tucker.

"Customers will want to return the ballot as soon as possible to make sure they've signed up with the long-distance company they want to use," he said.

"In effect, customers will be able to shop for long-distance service the same way they shop for anything else—by comparing the price and services offered."

Customers who do not select a long-distance company will have one tentatively assigned to them on a random basis, but they will have a chance to change that assignment.

Three long-distance companies have indicated they plan to offer long-distance service to the area. They are AT&T, MCI and U.S. Sprint.

South Central Bell will continue to carry customers' long-distance calls within local Calling Zones in the state.

A map outlining Calling Zones is included in the Customer Guide in the front of the South Central Bell directory.

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