

School chief quits, new board

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thought the boycott had something to do with meat!)

Mr. Hayman is obviously second-best. Why should we have to settle for that when the best is available?

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John Cleveland, who said he would not commit himself to a political battle for the support of the community with the new Ravenswood City School District board, today announced his resignation as superintendent, 15 days before he was to take office.

Syrtiller Kabat, the only member of the new board to support Cleveland, announced she, too, plans to resign with two years left of her elected term.

Both claimed the goal of the new board majority — as of July 1 — is community development and control, not quality education.

Cleveland said he met with school board President Robert Hoover, Mrs. Kabat, and the three trustees-elect, Mavis Knox, Barbara Hatton and the Rev. James Daniels, at San Francisco International Airport Monday night.

As a result of that meeting, he decided to resign, he said.

Cleveland said he doubts that the new school board has a commitment to improving the quality of education in the largely black district and doubts its commitment to give him the freedom to attempt to raise the academic level of the students.

He said he would not permit the board to buy up his contract, as the members threatened, because of the "meager resources" of the district.

Cleveland had been awarded a four-year, \$30,000 per year contract in March by a board going out of office in June.

The resignations are apparently a victory for the segments of the community that support Acting Supt. Warren Haymen, particularly Hoover, who led the protest against Cleveland.

"Their priority," Cleveland said of the majority of the all-black new board, "seems to be that of a small minority of so-called community leaders directing that community toward a program that a small group has designed for them of economic development and community control.

"I am for economic development and community control, but I believe it is just as negative to have a small group of blacks dictating to a community as it is a small group of whites," said Cleveland, who is also black.

The protest against Cleveland, which included a one-day boycott of the schools, often made a point of the fact that he was selected by a board majority that was mostly white; Trustees Gerald Marer, Betty Johnson and Doris Landman. None of the three chose to seek re-election April 17, and a slate of three black candidates swept the race.

Mrs. Kabat, who said she was the only member of the new board whose emphasis was quality education, said



John Cleveland

the other new board members indicated they would appoint Hayman as superintendent. Hayman was one of the two finalists in the nationwide search to replace John Minor, who resigned last October.

Mrs. Kabat said the new board sees the \$7 million district budget as a means to "establish an economic base

for community development," action she noted would be contrary to the controls on district funds from the state level.

"I understand his (Cleveland's) resignation and am supportive of his resignation, having been part of that meeting last night," she said.

"I intend to resign and cannot support the priorities of the new school board," she added.

Cleveland said he would remain in his post as director of urban education at San Diego State University.

He said he believed he could win the support of the majority of the community in a political battle with the board, but said in the process educational quality would suffer.

The election of an all-black board, he said, was not because of his superintendency being an issue in the election, but because voters believed it was time for blacks to have control over the schools.

"I'm convinced many of the voters felt it was time for blacks to control their own destiny," he said. He added that it would be a mistake for the black community to assume that the new black board had the community's interest in education at heart.

"Many of the calls I have gotten from those protesting my appointment have been working for the school district," he charged. "Only

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Skylab as may get

By HOWARD BENEDICT
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CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — The space agency is considering sending the Skylab 1 astronauts on an abbreviated inspection mission to seek solutions for a series of power, temperature and gyroscope problems plaguing the giant orbiting laboratory.

A NASA official said today this is one of several options that has been suggested as experts seek to salvage something from the \$2.6 billion project.

Another possibility is to send astronauts Charles Conrad Jr., Dr. Joseph P. Kerwin and Paul J. Weitz up with a large aluminized thermal blanket to cover a section of the outer skin of the ailing skylab.

The blanket would replace a micro-meteoroid shield which was torn away during the launch on Monday, leading to a heat problem with temperatures inside the spacecraft soaring to 100 degrees.

The heat problem that cropped up

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one or two parents who protested did not have a financial interest in the district."

"I feel sorry for Warren Hayman if, as superintendent, he owes allegiances to people who fought for him," Cleveland said.

He charged that the district wasted about \$7,000 in its nationwide search for a new superintendent, because Hoover has said several times he has always supported Hayman, and Hay-

man will apparently be the new superintendent.

Cleveland said he hoped his stepping down would permit the new board to focus its efforts on quality education.

He noted that most of the teachers in the district are white and if, in its desire to rid the district of a white influence, the new board alienates the white teachers "it is going to hurt the kids."

Cleveland said the new board, at the Monday night meeting, told him their options included buying up his contract or hiring Hayman to do his job and forcing Cleveland into a legal suit to protect his job.

"I saw these as no options at all when it comes to the education of the district," he said.

"I could have forced myself on the board and won the battle for the community. I think I still could now, but I don't think that is in my best interests and that of the faculty and the children," he said.

"I don't want to spend the majority of my time in politics. I have a very strong ego need to be successful. I told the board I would have a commitment to drastically raising the achievement of the kids.

"I don't see that as a major concern of the board," he said.

TRANSPLANT VICTIM

ALPENA, Mich. (AP) — Donald L. Kaminski, 43, the 99th person to receive a heart transplant and the seventh longest living heart transplant patient, died Monday.

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