Regional superintendent insulted by parent at school board meeting

By Portia Badham

Disruption came to the School Board meeting last Thursday night when Superintendent Roland N. Patterson ordered the public address system cut off after a white parent verbally insulted the black regional superintendent of Region II.

Regional Superintendent Thelma Cox had been called upon by the Board to make a report on Clifton Park Junior High after recent allegations by several white parents that the school was inadequate.

Mrs. Cox stated, "I'm for open enrollment but parents should not attack and degrade a school to obtain this."

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Wendell Gonsorchick, parent of a student assigned to Clifton Park, said Mrs. Cox, "I want to say to your face, you are an out and out liar when you say we attacked the school."

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Mr. Gonsorchick continued his statement by asking Dr. Patterson to correct him if he was wrong.

Dr. Patterson immediately stood, telling him he was quite wrong.

He stated, "You have had the gaul and audacity to call Mrs. Cox a liar. Before you continue, you will apologize or the mikes will be turned off."

Mr. Gonsorchick refused to do so, all mikes were cut off. After attempting to talk without the help of mikes, he returned to his seat, never apologizing to Mrs. Cox.

Another parent, Mrs. June Kinnear, brought six white students assigned to Clifton Park, to speak of harassment they have received from black students while attending the school. They stated they have been beaten and called such names as "white honkey and dirty bitch."

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Much to the dismay of these parents, the Board did not vote to approve transfers for Clifton Park.

However, the Board did vote on the Task Force formulated by the Southeast Desegregation Coalition represented by Mrs. Betty Deacon.

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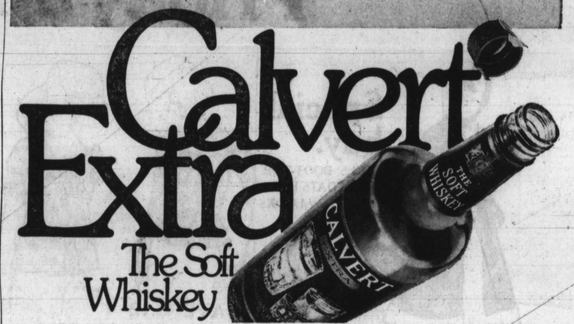

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