

BOARD

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sphere is healthy and conducive to learning and that the teachers were beautiful.

Isabel Daniels called for more equalized school integration and suggested

which it had converted 7 other Westside schools into Sixth Grade Centers in 1972. He alleged that at the time, black parents had been treated differently from white parents and with inequity, since they had not been permitted to voice their opi-

tions of this proposal were astounding to many persons present at the meeting and it drew comments from Senator Joe Neal and School Board Trustees Virginia Brooks Brewster, Robert Forbuss and Shirley Holst.

Senator Neal cautioned

Brewster talked to a quiet group of about 40 adults and a dozen children. "I may not vote the way you want me to vote," she said. "I have to vote what is best for your child." She said the children would benefit from an integrated school. However, she said



DISCUSSION - Joseph Duff, center, talks with school board members Robert Forbuss, right,

and Virginia Brewster during break. NAACP President Lovell Gaines is behind Forbuss.

that some other elementary school be used as a Sixth Grade Center.

Assemblyman Marion Bennett had reminded the School Board that it had reneged on a promise it had made to integrate Mabel Hoggard School by placing some of the children of the Twin Lakes district into the school.

Flora Edwards spoke to the point of more equally integrating the school by reminding the Board that 79 white students in the Mabel Hoggard area have been granted zoning variance to attend schools in other areas.

Los Angeles Atty. Joseph Duff, the Western Regional Counsel for the NAACP, who was asked to attend the meeting by local NAACP President Lovell Gaines, told the School Board that it had violated the U.S. Constitution by the manner in

nions concerning the conversion of their neighborhood schools. He offered to meet with the Board to discuss alternatives to its present proposals, in order that it not commit an additional violation to the U.S. Constitution.

Other parents from other Las Vegas schools spoke on the problem of crowded school conditions, suggesting that the elementary school system be converted to a year-round system to alleviate overcrowding and that the year-round schooling be extended through the eighth grade.

School Board President Dr. James Lyman, supported by Trustee Lucille Luske, proposed that the Board do a survey of the Las Vegas community to find out exactly what parents want to do about school facilities for their children. The ramifica-

the Board to seek legal counsel to ascertain exactly what it could and could not do within the law, before polling parents. He was supported and thanked by Mrs. Holst for his suggestions and concern.

Trustee Forbuss commented on the implications and complications inherent in the various proposals for change that had been made.

Trustee Virginia Brooks Brewster, the School Board's only black member, told the administration that it had failed by not giving the black community an alternate to its proposal to convert Hoggard School into a Sixth Grade Center. She asked the Board to listen to the suggestions of the community and to offer some alternatives and choices.

At a Monday meeting held at the Mabel Hoggard School, Trustee

she remains opposed to converting Mabel Hoggard School into a Sixth Grade Center. She proposes that the School Board wait a year before deciding whether the last elementary school in West Las Vegas should lose its exclusion from the county's integration plan.

"I think we need to be innovative," she said. "I think we need to come up with something different than Sixth Grade Centers."

The School Board is scheduled to vote on the proposed change during the April 21 School Board meeting.

It was reported Wednesday in the Las Vegas Sun that Brewster's statements were under attack by Lovell Gaines, local NAACP president; Assemblymen Marion Bennett and Loney Chaney.

CAESARS PALACE

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Oleg Cassini, Robert "Lou Grant" Walden, Rosie Greer, Parker Stevenson, Rafer Johnson, Dave Debusschere, LeRoy Nelman, Norm Crosby, George Plimpton, Brodie "CHIPS" Greer, Sam 'Flash Gordon' Jones, songwriters Alan & Marilyn Bergman, Ahmad Rashad, Peter Stone, Gene Scott, tele-

vision producer Gary Smith, Olympic legend Bob Mathias and others.

Unlike most star tennis tournaments, the Alan King-Caesars Palace Tennis Classic celebrity event winds up a prestigious week of Grand Prix competition that awards pro points in total only behind the four Grand Slam events. The King-Caesars Classic is a major stop on the pro tour.

Exercise Class At Doolittle

The Doolittle Community Center is now taking sign-up for the womens exercise class to be held Tuesday and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. So women with nothing

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