Laurel Unit Construction Slated Soon

COLTON — Colton's newest school, to be constructed soon on W. Laurel Street, will be known as the Dr. Paul J. Rogers School.

By unanimous vote, the Colton Joint School District adopted a resolution Monday night commending Dr. Rogers for his 25 years of service to the elementary district, 20 of those years as district superintendent, and authorizing the naming of the school in his honor.

The action of the board apparently was a complete surprise to the district superintendent as the item had not been included on the tentative agenda.

A framed copy of the resolution was presented to Dr. Rogers. It reads:

"Whereas, Dr. Paul J. Rogers has served the citizens of the City of Colton and its surrounding areas for 25 years in various capacities within the Colton Joint School District; and

"Whereas Dr. R o g e r s has served as district superintendent for 20 years and during this period has provided outstanding and distinguished leadership and has been instrumental in directing, planning and constructing district educational plant facilities; and during these years it has grown from a single school

to its present size of seven schools; and

"**Whereas, the Colton Joint** School District will construct a new school to be located on W. Laurel Street in the City of Colton;

"Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved by the board of trustees of the Colton Joint School District, w i t h the unanimous recommendation and desire of the district school principals, that the Laurel Street School be dedicated to Dr. Paul J. Rogers, superintendent of schools for said district and

"Be it further resolved that the Laurel Street School be and the same is hereby named the Dr. Paul J. Rogers School.

"Be it further resolved that this resolution of appreciation and recognition be spead upon the minutes of this board and a copy hereof presented to Dr. Paul J. Rogers."

The resolution was signed by Rudolph F. Corona, president of the board of truestees; Rosemary S. Phelps, clerk; Norman A. Neste, E. M. Anderson and John H. Kok, members.

"It was one of the great moments of my life time," said Dr. Rogers in referring to the honor.

Plans for the new Dr. Rogers School have been sent to the state division of architecture for checking and approval. When the approved plans are returned, the board will call for construction bids.

The resignation of Robert J. Gutermuth, business manager of the district since July 1, 1959, was received. Gutermuth has accepted a similar postion with the Rim of the World district.

In other action the board:

Authorized the employment of Dr. Margaret Alexander for part time service as pediatrician under the Economic Opportunity Program.

Employed three part time bus drivers, Richard Reed, David Olsen and David Perez, and two cafeteria substitutes, Gloria Aguilera and Betty Henderson.

Approved bus stops for the 1965 - 66 school year and class schedules in the various schools for the same period.

Approved sharing construction costs of a fire wall in the warehouse on Miller Drive used jointly by the Colton Union High School and elementary schools.

Granted permission to Colton Club to place boxes at schools for a toy collection project and to the Republican Council for use of the Junior High School cafetorium.

Recommended that the Colton Joint Unified School District continue to employ the present auditing firm in Osheroff and Fess for another year for the Colton Joint School District.

Authorized the staff to prepare application projects for funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Heard report that the McKinley School addition was approximately three-fourths complete.

Authorized the attendance of Miss Linda Wilke at the New Teachers Conference in the Hilton Statler Hotel, Los Angeles. Expenses will be shared jointly by the Colton Teachers Association and the board of trustees.

Heard report from Albert M. Andon, principal at Lincoln School, that a verdict of "no negligence on the art of the school district," was reached in a jury trial last month in the case of a child who was injured on the school ground more than a year ago. Parents of the child had brought suit against the school district.

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