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July 1, 1966 Science  
July 1, 1967 Business Education, Music, Industrial Arts,  
Driver Education, Home Economics, Arts and  
Crafts, Agriculture, Art and Safety  
July 1, 1968 Language Arts  
July 1, 1969 Social Studies  
July 1, 1970 Mathematics

When the official adoption reports from the State Department of Public Instruction have been received by the Superintendent, the procedure that has been followed for many years is one in which the Superintendent delegates the responsibility for textbook evaluation and recommendation to the instructional department.

In the instructional department the consultant assigned to the particular subject matter area up for adoption works with a committee of teachers to organize and conduct the evaluation and recommendation procedures.

Dr. Mertz then called on Mr. Edwin J. Day, Consultant for Science, who gave a very complete report and booklet which was prepared for the Board to identify members of the various science textbook committees and guidelines for the study, evaluation, recommendation, and final adoption of the science textbooks.

Mr. Estal C. Smuts, Consultant for Industrial Arts, also gave a very complete report and booklet on procedures used in adopting industrial arts textbooks.

Dr. Mertz concluded the report by stating that he felt these procedures are representative of the methods used in selecting textbooks for use in the Fort Wayne Community Schools.

The Board commended Dr. Mertz, Mr. Day, and Mr. Smuts for their comprehensive and enlightening reports.

Robert C.  
Harris  
Elementary  
School

Under the item of new business on the agenda, President Peters announced that it was necessary to select a name for the new elementary school in the Tamarack Addition area of St. Joseph Township.

Mr. Potterf suggested the name of Robert C. Harris, a long time principal in the school system who started his work teaching mathematics under Mr. Croninger at Central High School.

Mr. Potterf further stated that "after Mr. Harris retired he, like many other school teachers, continued to be useful in a very unique way. He was the national representative of the Retired Teachers' Association in Congress, and he did a great deal of work on legislation for the senior citizens at his own expense. I would like to recommend him as a person we wish to honor with the naming of this new school."

A motion was made by Dr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Torborg, that the new school in St. Joseph Township be named the Robert C. Harris Elementary School. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Mr. Potterf said, "I am deeply touched by the Board's response. Nothing could please me more than the action you have taken. I thank you very much."