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County Vocational-Technical Center conference room.

The budget for the 1987-88 school year was the chief topic of two special board meetings, the first of which was a "working" session

Rahall Staff Visit Slated

Congressman Nick Rahall's mobile office staff will visit three locations in Wyoming County next week to help constituents with any problems they may have in relation to federal programs.

A member of Rahall's staff will be in the county Tuesday, March 17, at the following locations and times:

Bud Post Office, 9-10 a.m.

Ravencliff Post Office, 11 a.m.-noon.

Coal Mountain Post Office, 2-3 p.m.

ing a reduced student population and subsequent lower state aid for personnel salaries.

Interim Superintendent Gerald Short explained that state aid is provided for salaries based on student enrollment. If the student population drops, state aid is reduced. Counties maintaining a personnel force above the levels authorized in the state aid formula must pay the entire salary of each employee over the authorized number.

At present, the county has more teachers and service personnel than the enrollment justifies under the state aid formula, so reductions must be made, Short said.

Attrition will take care of a part of the overage, with several employees retiring or otherwise leaving the system. The board is to meet soon to discuss means of accomplishing the remainder of the necessary reduction in force.

Lawyer

Frank Blackwell's legal seeking reinstatement as superintendent of schools has delayed again in Wyoming Circuit Court, this time because of a late change in counsel on the school board.

Blackwell, ousted as superintendent last year on charges of insubordination and neglect of duties, was to have his day in court Monday on a writ of mandamus petitioning reinstatement to the position.

The court appearance was postponed until next month, however, after Assistant Prosecutor Harlan Tiller stood down as the board's counsel, citing a conflict of interest.

The board subsequently retained Mullens attorney D. C. Moler and a new court date for April 28 was set.

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