ST. AGNES WORKERS FIRED IN DISPUTE

161 teachers are appointed

Dr. Vernon S. Yavrina was named assistant superintendent for secondary, vocational and adult education in Baltimore public schools and 161 elementary and secondary teachers were appointed Thursday.

The action came in a meeting of the School Board.

Since Aug., 1956, Dr. Yavrina, 47, has been director of junior and senior high schools.

He succeeds Thomas A. Van Sant, who retired last month after 50 years with the Department of Education.

Dr. Yavrina's appointment is effective immediately.

IN ADDITION to the appointment of teachers and persons in special areas, the board approved the appointment of Mrs. Amy H. Weaver, vice principal of Mary E. Rodman Elementary School No. 145 to acting principal of Henry Highland Garnet Elementary School No. 103.

She will fill in for Mrs. Lena K. Lee, who has been granted an extended sick leave.

Members of the board also heard reports on registration and retention fees in adult education, mathematics in elementary and secondary schools and a vandalism report for August.

Martin H. Raitz, president of the Public School Teachers Association, asked that the board "reconsider" charging fees for non - credit courses in adult education.

"Since the fees were instituted, enrollment in non - credit elementary courses has declined, and PSTA feels the fees are the major factor."

Enrollment declines in Americanization and elementary courses have been the sharpest, he said, because persons usually attracted to them are not in a "favorable economic position."

"Even charges which may seem minor to us can be a burden for them," he added.

The board delayed action on Mr. Raitz's report.

MISS CATHERINE BRUNNER, supervisor of elementary education; Daniel W. Davis, vice principal of Barclay Elementary School; and Frank Scott, principal of Douglas Elementary School, gave reports on arithmetic in elementary schools.

Mrs. Brunner told the board that arithmetic in elementary school is not taught mechanically, but efforts are made to "encourage thinking."

Mr. Rochowiak said elementary schools are attempting to develop the ability of the pupil to reason arithmetically, so he can figure out a problem when he forgets rules of arithmetic.

They were members of a team which developed a guide for arithmetic course of study for elementary schools.

William J. Gerhardt, supervisor of mathematics in secondary, vocational and adult education, said a guide for mathematics program has been developed in approximate fifties of pupils.

• • •

THE MONTHLY vandalism report, presented by Joseph Supervisor of Buildings, showed 601 cases of Mrs. vandalism damage had been done, to school buildings by vandals.

Robberies by entry, accounted for 16 offenses; there were 7 broken windows, two offenses of attempt to enter, and single and four miscellaneous offenses during August.

Teachers appointed:

Elementary: Mrs. Ruth Ann Bailey, Mrs. Ruth Ann Bailey, Mrs. Ruth Ann Bailey,