

Board Vote Spells End for Miller

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had no way of enforcing authority. Testimony also was given that students and teachers apparently were encouraged to "run to Dr. Miller with every little grievance."

MILLER SAID THAT the chain of authority was not changed and that he continued to tell personnel to submit their complaints, in writing, to the board. He added that students, as citizens, had the same rights to submit complaints if "they didn't like the way things were being done. Policy established a procedure for complaints."

In response to the accusation that he kept the school in a state of agitation and turmoil, Miller said much of that resulted from the establishment of a detention program — which, he said, he suggested but did not "order" — and the

fact that some members of the faculty "told everyone it wouldn't work, so it didn't, and that was blamed on me."

Chief Brown testified that when a group of students were driving downtown during the noon hour, he went to Miller to see if the school's automobile policy had been changed. He said Miller was belligerent and "became irrational."

Miller said Brown came to his office and asked why he was not enforcing the policy. Miller said he was not aware there was such a policy but later discovered there was. He said he then encouraged students not to break policy but work to change it.

Brown also said that Miller became irrational on the phone the night of April 14 when two rocks were thrown through a window of Miller's home.

MILLER RESPONDED that he was upset about the incident and that Brown

seemed to think it was funny and laughed about it.

Accused of misrepresenting his past by stating on an application for certification that he had never been convicted of a felony, Miller said, "That was 20 years ago. I had just gotten out of the Navy, I had problems and I got into trouble. I paid my time. The court later gave me the opportunity to enter a not guilty plea, and the court dismissed the charges and I was released from all penalties. Therefore, to the best of my knowledge I haven't been convicted of a felony."

Miller's reply was related to information entered in the record of the hearing concerning a felony charge brought against him in King County, Washington, following a 1955 incident.

NUTTLEMAN TOLD THE board that since neither he nor his client had had

an opportunity to read the transcript of the conversation with Miss Tensvold, who was interviewed by Miller for a position in the Bridgeport Schools, that they did not wish to discuss it at the hearing.

When questioned about some of Miss Tensvold's statements, Miller asked if she was under oath at the time the deposition was made. Told that she was not, Miller replied, "Well, I am."

At the conclusion of his testimony, Miller referred again to the accusations of agitation and turmoil. Said Miller: "If I could start this much trouble this fast, I should be with the CIA helping to start revolutions in foreign countries."

Mrs. Charlotte King, a bookkeeper at the school, was the only other witness called by the defense.

The hearing was then opened to questions and comments from the public and about six persons, including both parents and students, responded