

County School Board Embarks On Occupational Program

On motion of board member Mrs. Alice Wilder and seconded by Mrs. Sue Stapleton, the Santa Cruz county office of education has embarked on a program that would see establishment of a regional occupation center program.

A cooperative affair calling for participation of the three high school districts in the county, the program would broaden the vocational education offering at the high school level and would see a coordinated program among the high schools.

In principle, all three high school district superintendents—Denzil Morrissey of Santa Cruz, Richard Fickel of San Lorenzo Valley, and Glen Smith of Pajaro—have agreed to participate.

Total budget for the work to create and implement the center in the 1966-67 year would be \$130,000.

Taking a long look ahead, the county office said regional classes could be held in each of the

three high schools where a specialty has developed. Pajaro Valley could open up its agricultural program to the other high schools. Santa Cruz could open its printing program and SLV could make available its special high school program.

Mrs. Wilder's motion called for acceptance of the regional occupation center report "as presented to the board, based on a legal agreement of acceptance by the three high school districts."