

JONES SCHOOL TO BE CLOSED AFTER 1964 - 65 SCHOOL YEAR

Trustee Bolt read the following document:

Since I assumed my duties as a member of the Board of Education two months ago a portion of each weekly meeting has been devoted to the problem of de facto segregation in the Ann Arbor School system. Two years ago a committee of the Ann Arbor Board of Education reported on the problems facing certain of our city elementary schools. One of the recommendations resulting from this "inner city" study was the closing of Jones School. More recently an even more intensive and more publicized report has been received by the Board of Education from Citizens Committee again recommending the closing of Jones School. I would like to commend both our present president, N. Edd Miller, and former president Al Courton for the fair and equitable treatment that this report has been given. Under their direction we have had meetings with the Administrative Council and two formal public hearings. In addition comments from the public have been invited and received at each of our regular weekly board meetings. A great deal of material has been gathered and much thought has gone into the problem. Further discussion without a specific motion would need to be classified as a "dynamic inactivity". In attempting to crystallize my own thinking as well as that of some of the

1. Jones School be closed as an elementary school at the end of this school year (June, 1965)
2. A Pre School Program be opened during this coming school year (before or at the beginning of the second semester), initially for the Jones attendance area children with eventual availability of the pre-school program for children in the Ann Arbor school district meeting criteria to be set up.
3. I further move that a program director (co-ordinator) be appointed without delay to implement the above recommendations. The following comments are included in this motion as guidelines and not limitations in the co-ordinators work:
 1. In accomplishing the above objectives the co-ordinator is urged to utilize professional as well as nonprofessional specialists from within our school system as well as from the University. The co-operation of presently active civic and social action groups (Community Center, Human Relations Commission etc.) should be sought. The following specific programs should be initiated immediately:
 1. Education and direction for Jones School parents as well as parent-teacher groups of host schools.
 2. Discussion-learning sessions for potentially involved teachers.

3. Evaluation of present Jones School students and recording of their special needs.
4. Hiring of additional remedial teachers or other specialists dependent on needs as revealed in point 3 above.
5. Inclusion of multi-racial materials into the curriculum.

It is expected that the program director would initiate and coordinate plans for the move as well as supervise during an unspecified period of time after the move is in effect.

Trustee Withy supported the motion.

There was discussion during which time it was decided to record the complete content in the minutes.

The motion carried.

Dr. Albert Wheller, president of the local chapter of N. A. A. C. P. urged that the Board move rapidly into the new program because there is "great unrest" in the Jones School area.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPORTIVE AND PREPARATORY SERVICES
AT JONES AND OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Elzey provided the Board with the following recommendations relative to preparatory and supportive services.

See "memo" from Superintendent Elzey dated 8-26-64.

The meeting was declared adjourned by the president at 11 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted

George Balas
Secretary-Treasurer