

August 5, 1964

PRELIMINARY SKETCH OF PITTSFIELD ADDITION PRESENTED

Mr. Eino Kainlauri presented a preliminary sketch of the Pittsfield addition. The proposed addition incorporates the existing structure and in effect "covers" it on three sides. It provides for the enlargement of several of the existing classrooms. Several residents of the district were in attendance and expressed themselves as being more than pleased with the proposed building. Board members were primarily of the same opinion. As presented, however, the addition is well above the amount budgeted. Mr. Kainlauri was instructed to direct his efforts toward reducing the cost. A spokesman for the group stated that although they had one of the worst physical plants in the school system they have had a very fine staff of teachers.

PURCHASE OF FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL SITE

For some two months the Board has had an option on a 56 acre parcel for a future high school site in the northwest quadrant of the school district just north of the intersection of Maple and Miller. All factors considered it was the Superintendent's opinion that the site would be a satisfactory one for a future high school. It was pointed out, however, that it would not necessarily be a site of the third high school.

Trustee Crippen supported by Trustee Withey moved (1) that the Board exercise its option and purchase the 56 acres for the appraised price of \$ 120,000.00 and (2) that the officers of the Board be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Yeas - Trustees Crippen, Gots, Pradkon, Schumacher, Bolt, Mrs. Lilley, Withey and President Miller. Nays - None. The president thereupon declared the motion carried.

GRIEVANCE POLICY ADOPTED

Trustee Schumacher supported by Trustee Crippen moved that the following grievance policy be adopted:

See annex 65 - 40

Mr. Richard Dennard one of the head custodians in the school system asked whether or not the Board had any regulations which forbade his joining the Union. He was informed there was no such regulations and that membership in the union was subject only to such provisions as are set up by the Union. He stated that he had asked the question because he had received a letter from Mr. Rolland Wurster to the effect that head custodian "could not join" the Union. The administration was directed to follow up on the claim and send a correcting follow-up letter if necessary.

REPORT ON RACIAL IMBALANCE ON THE SCHOOLS

Board members agreed to set - up a procedure for arriving at some conclusions on the recommendations to correct the ill effects of racial imbalance in the school system. Trustee Withey will prepare a statement of the problem he sees as being fourfold. It was decided that Trustee Schumacher, who has already submitted a procedure and President N. Edd Miller will draw up an order of specific items with the first one scheduled for the meeting of Wednesday, August 12. It is hoped that action be taken on one or more of the items. Donald R. Belle from the audience suggested that a better job of "selling" be done on the conclusions reached since in his opinion many thinking people are not convinced that the

conclusions reached are adequately supported by the data. In reply Board members stated that this might well be true but that there are several undesirable conditions known about the situation which do not need to be supported by data.

FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF TRANSFORMERS APPROVED

Trustee Withey supported by Trustee Schusacher moved that \$1,673 be approved to replace three 37½ KVA dry transformers with 50 KVA oil filled transformers. One of the 37½ transformers had been "burned out" by lightning. With the exception of \$100 deductible this loss is covered by insurance. It was deemed advisable to use this money for the transformers of greater capacity since the smaller ones were at the limit of their capacity and are more susceptible to damage by lightning.

The motion carried.

The president declared the meeting adjourned at 12:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

George Balas  
Secretary-Treasurer