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Superintendent Elzey presented Board members with the results of a survey conducted by the West Bend, Wisconsin school district as to the desirable enrollment in a senior high school. There were 1239 principals from six surrounding states who replied to the questionnaire without any reasons being asked for or given. In general administrators of schools of less than 1,000 enrollment recommended larger enrollment while administrators of schools of more than 1,500 recommended smaller enrollments.

The Superintendent also distributed copies of a resolution adopted by the Executive Board of the Ann Arbor Teachers association requesting reconsideration of the adopted starting date of the 1964-65 school year. Board members referred this to the Administration.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Laurence Jones, President of the Northside P. T. O. asked the Board about its plans for opening Thurston School next year. He expressed concern about the crowded condition at Northside should this not take place. Mr. Jones was informed that it is the present intent of the Board to open both Thurston and Lawton for 1964-65.

Clarence H. Falstad, Jr. read a letter stating that the Board was "fostering and encouraging segregation" by building a seven room school on the Overridge site for all white children from wealthy families while expressing a concern about segregation at the Jones School. Mr. Falstad contended that the Jones School Committee on which there was Board representation which had been set up to arrive at some recommendations as to how the school might be desegregated would recommend closing the school to give the Board and Administration an "excuse" to move the administrative offices to Jones.

In reply President Coudron stated that there was no Board representation on the Committee. Such Board members as attend are present in the capacity of resource people. He also stated that Falstad was determining what the Committee's recommendation would be even before the committee had arrived at it. Trustee Gotz stated that the Board doesn't use "excuses" for its actions but makes decisions on the basis of reasons. Superintendent Elzey stated that as long as two years ago the Administration had already found it necessary to move some of its personnel to Jones School. Trustee Williams stated that the Jones School Committee was concerned with the educational opportunities of the school children in the Jones area and not the future use of the school.

BOOK REPORT - THE NON - GRADED HIGH SCHOOL

A report on the book, The Nongraded High School, by B. Frank Brown, Principal, Melbourne High School, Melbourne, Florida, was presented by Scott Westerman, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. A nongraded school is defined in the book as "a school which makes arrangements for the individual student to pursue a course in which he is interested, and has the ability to achieve, without regard either to grade level or sequence." A feature of the school which Mr. Westerman reported as being particularly worthwhile is a program of independent study open to students of exceptional ability.