

14th Meeting - December 20, 1960

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Board Member Hillis Lory, in the Chairman's absence. The following Board Members answered roll call: Waldron E. Leonard, Joan Butler, F. Merritt Ruhlen, Merton S. Parsons, and Hillis Lory. Berge Thomasian entered at 8:10 P.M. Theodore S. Heriot was absent.

No action was taken on Fairfax County Library Board's request with respect to the transfer of some School Board property in Vienna to it, Mr. Parsons reporting that negotiations with the Town have not reached any point where progress in this respect could be made.

Recommendations were submitted for the naming of proposed school constructions. By motion of Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Ruhlen, and carried, schools were named as follows:

Feltman ---- W. T. Woodson High School
Facchina ---- Thomas Edison High School
Tyson's ---- George Marshall High School

Action on the naming of the elementary school in east Herndon was deferred to another meeting, for Mr. Heriot's recommendation. The Feltman tract school was named in honor of Mr. Woodson as an exception to existing Board policy that schools be named for prominent persons, now deceased.

The Board listened to complaint of Eugene Simpson and Brother, contractors on the Edgar Allan Poe Intermediate School, about the purported lack of cooperation with them by the architect and School Board staff member resulting in a hold-up of payments to them in the amount of approximately \$56,000, though extent of uncompleted work is only about \$5,000, lockers to be installed, and unavailable at the present time, constituting \$2600 of this sum.

Mr. Parsons, Chairman of the Board Committee on Warehousing and Distribution facilities, stated he wished a Board and staff visitation of such spaces presently utilized throughout the County, probably on December 30, and that he would confirm this tentative date with Board Members.

The Board received copies of detailed reports from each high school itemizing the various activities which are sources of revenue to each school and the distribution of such funds. There apparently is a wide variance of activities, appropriation of funds, etc., influenced of necessity by each school's financial status, potential receipts, student body, etc. The Department of Research made a brief resume and analysis of the reports, for the Board's quick review. Board Members indicated they wished to study all the reports submitted. Request for this information was prompted by pleas for financial assistance from the Board for the purchase of band uniforms, and the Board's feeling that some uniformity, and perhaps more equitable distribution of funds, should be directed to assist principals in the financing of the many school activities which are beneficial to the student body. This prompted comment from Board Member Leonard that the Chamber of Commerce is formulating a request that the School Board discourage so much solicitation by high school students among local businessmen, but rather encourage financing of many high school projects through some other means. This was thought to be one of the topics to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Board with representative group of principals, or, more specifically, with high school principals.

Public Hearing on the school budget was set for February 2 at 8:00 P.M. at the Annandale High School, general distribution of the budget to be made January 3, with adjustment in timing as may be necessitated by Board of Supervisors' scheduling of budget hearings and advertisement. It was felt this would give all interested organizations sufficient time to study the budget and make constructive comments at the public hearing.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a set of Dr. Wann's reports on his study of School Board organization and administration, first step in considering the Superintendent's request for an efficiency study of the School Board's administrative organization.

By motion of Mrs. Butler, seconded by Mr. Parsons, and carried, resolutions as follows were adopted authorizing condemnation for site acquisitions in the areas of Tyson's Corner and Keene Mill Estates, should it be necessary to follow this course of action to secure the most suitable parcels of land:

WHEREAS, The Fairfax County School Board desires and plans to construct a public secondary school along the south side of Route 7, between the City of Falls Church and Tyson's Corner, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the said Fairfax County School Board has determined that the need for the school still exists and that the location of this secondary school should be on lands owned by D. M. Mills, F. A. Mills, Mrs. Thelma S. Rose, L. B. Rose, Irving Burkhardt, Mrs. Marjorie M. Feaster, and Wilbert Robertson; and

WHEREAS, negotiations to purchase the above said lands have been unsuccessful.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board does hereby authorize its attorneys to proceed through condemnation to acquire title to the abovesaid properties in the name of the Fairfax County School Board.

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County School Board desires and has plans to construct a public elementary school on a tract of land within the subdivision of Keene Mill Estates along Route 644, west of Springfield, Virginia, on a parcel reserved by the Fairfax County Planning Commission from the said subdivision; and

WHEREAS, efforts to negotiate a satisfactory contract for the purchase of the tract of land from L. G. Meltzer and Associates have been to no avail; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be an expressed need for an elementary school at that location.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County School Board hereby authorizes its attorneys to proceed through condemnation to acquire title to this property in the name of the Fairfax County School Board.

Before final determination and acquisition of site in the Tyson's area, it was thought advisable that Mr. Ashburn of the Planning Staff of the County make another explanation to the Board on suitable, accessible, and available properties for a high school site in the general area.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M., by adopted motion of the Board.


CHAIRMAN


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