

MINUTES

LOCAL EDUCATION COMMISSION  
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE  
FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FULTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

JULY 31, 1964

The Local Education Commission met at 2:00 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Fulton County Board of Education for the primary purpose of reviewing the proposed plan of study developed by Dr. Truman Pierce.

Members present were:

P. L. Bardin, Chairman	Fred J. Turner
Otis M. Jackson	James White, Jr.
Dr. James L. Miller, Jr.	Alan Kiepper, Ex Officio
Mrs. Alan Ritter	Dr. John Letson, Ex Officio
W. Kenneth Stringer	Dr. Paul West, Ex Officio

The minutes of the June 19 meeting were approved. The minutes of the July 2 meeting of the Steering Committee were read and approved as amended.

Prior to making a detailed presentation of the proposed study plan, Dr. Pierce stated that the plan had been developed with the assistance of Superintendents Letson and West and Dr. Martin and Dr. Henson. He also stated that the proposed study outline was intended to reflect an understanding and awareness of past studies, current conditions and projected developments of the metropolitan area. (A copy of the plan was distributed to Commission members present and mailed to members absent).

It was emphasized that the proposed plan is intended as a starting point and that changes may be made at any time as the study progresses.

Mr. White stated that the question before the Commission is: Should the two schools be combined? This question needs to be answered as soon as possible and members of the Commission should be in a position to answer questions and points favorable and/or unfavorable to combining the schools so that they can inform the public and receive reactions.

It was pointed out that although the last Local Education Commission did not specifically recommend consolidation at the time, it did outline a ten

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year improvement program designed to bring the Atlanta and Fulton County Schools closer together and leading ultimately to a single school district. Many of these cooperative and uniformed programs have been realized. Based on these studies and other information the Commission should now assume that it will proceed upon the premise that combining the two systems is desirable.

There was agreement that the next step is to prepare a brief which states: (a) findings, conclusions and recommendations of previous studies, (b) advantages and disadvantages of consolidation and (c) data to prove or support the position to consolidate or not to consolidate. This brief will serve as common information to all Commission members and as a review of previous studies. Dr. Pierce will develop the brief and include Items I and V of the proposed plan of study in it. He will present the first draft of this brief to the Commission in September.

The motion was made that since all previous studies have pointed toward the desirability of combining the two school systems, the present Commission accepts the tentative position that combining the two school systems will be recommended and that attention be focused upon implementing the steps outlined in the proposed plan of study presented by Dr. Pierce, however, the Commission has the right to change this decision at any point during the study. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was pointed out that the laws should be examined and provisions made so that the two systems could combine without loss of revenue, services, benefits, etc., for either system and/or for the employees.

Mr. Turner made the motion that within the limits of finances available at the present time or in the future, the officers of the Commission be authorized to employ legal counsel and other needed services. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ECH/dh

August 4, 1964

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman



Recording Secretary