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LOCAL EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 19, 1967

The Local Education Commission met in the Board Room of the Fulton County Administration Building at 9:00 a.m. on April 19, 1967 with the following in attendance:

Members

Mrs. Ethel Brooks
Mr. J. H. Cawthon
Mrs. Joseph Ford
Mr. Otis Jackson
Mr. Alan Kiepper
Dr. John W. Letson
Mr. A. B. Padgett
Mrs. Alan Ritter
Mr. Kenneth Stringer
Mr. William M. Teem, III

Dr. Paul D. West

Consultants and Staff

Mr. James Groton
Mrs. Martha Gaines
Dr. Curtis Henson
Mr. A. C. Latimer
Dr. Truman Pierce

Mr. Otis Jackson served as Chairman and introduced the new members of the Commission.

Recognition was given to the passing of Mr. P. L. Bardin in December. It was announced that a wreath was sent in the name of the Commission. Members of the Commission reimbursed Mr. Kenneth Stringer for the wreath.

The Commission took recognition of the death of Mr. Fred J. Turner who was an invaluable member of the Commission and who had devoted many years of his life in service to the Atlanta Community. It was agreed that a resolution of sympathy be sent from the Commission to Mrs. Turner.

Mr. Latimer gave a brief report of the work of the lawyers and the problems encountered. He proposed that the Commission hire a lawyer and a secretary to spend full-time on the research required for the report, and that office space be rented in the First National Bank Building. The work of the lawyer would be supervised by Mr. Latimer and Mr. Groton who would be responsible for the final draft for the report. The estimated cost will be approximately \$1,300 a month.

Mr. Cawthon made a motion that the Commission approve the plan as outlined and that Mr. Latimer and Mr. Groton proceed as expeditiously as possible in employing the staff members and completing the work outlined. The motion, seconded by Mr. A. B. Padgett, was unanimously approved.

Dr. West read a resolution from the Grand Jury appointing Mr. Otis Jackson to the Fulton County Board of Education. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Jackson.

The Commission unanimously elected Mr. Otis Jackson to continue to serve as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Kenneth Stringer as Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission during 1967. The office of Chairman will be filled at the next meeting.

Dr. Letson was requested to propose a replacement for Mr. Turner.

An expression of gratitude was expressed to Mr. Alan Kiepper for his capable and dedicated services which he has rendered to the County, the School System, and to the Commission. His leaving Atlanta will be a great loss to the total community. The Commission wished for him Godspeed. Mr. Kiepper expressed appreciation for the kind remarks and asked that his name be kept on the mailing list of the Commission.

Dr. Pierce made a brief progress report. He stated that this Commission, unlike previous Commissions, had made the decision that the two school systems should be joined as soon as possible. The Commission had taken the position that this decision and the plan developed would fulfill its obligation. However, the delegation felt that a more complete plan should be presented and instructed the Commission to develop a more comprehensive plan of combining the two systems. Consequently Dr. R. L. Johns was employed to develop the unit on finances and business management and Dr. Willard Elsbree and Dr. John Phay to develop the section on personnel. Both reports are scheduled to be completed by June 1st. A copy of these two reports will be sent to the members of the Commission prior to the next meeting which will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday June 19, 1967.

Mrs. Martha Gaines was instructed to make the appropriate news releases and to feel free to contact members of the Commission for advice and consultation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Attachments

Approved By: _____
Chairman

Recording Secretary