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LOCAL EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING

January 28, 1969

The Local Education Commission met at the Instructional Services Center at 11:30 a.m. on January 28, 1969 with the following in attendance:

Voting Members

Mr. Walter Allen
Mr. J. H. Cawthon
Mr. Walt Davis
Mr. Dick Lane
Mr. Devereaux McClatchey
Mr. A. B. Padgett
Mr. Marthame Sanders
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Guests

Mr. Dave Clark
Mr. John Ferguson
Mr. John Grindle
Mrs. Dorothy Guy
Mr. Nick Powers
Mr. Jerry Wootan

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Curtis Henson

Mr. Wallace Stewart stated that there were two primary purposes for the meeting: one, to receive the various reports and two, to decide what to do with them.

Before receiving the report from Mr. John Ferguson, Mr. A. B. Padgett reviewed the authorization granted by the commission to his committee to secure professional assistance in studying the legal structure required to merge the two school systems. He then introduced Mr. Ferguson who gave the report. Comments and questions concerning the report follow.

A question for further consideration was that maybe the Board should be

composed of enough members at large to match those elected from the respective districts plus one additional member at large so that there would be an odd number. This would give both the representation from the people plus other features desirable for a school board.

The statement in Section 12 concerning annual vs. continuing contracts needs to be clarified.

In Section 14 dealing with purchases over \$1,000. should be stated so that it would not be cumbersome or burdensome upon the board chairman who, as it is now stated, would have to sign thousands of purchase requests.

Concerning land and other trust funds, an expression was made that it should be determined if complications or difficulty would arise if an attempt were made to transfer the title of such property to another school system such as the new one being proposed.

Section 20 should be changed to state that the county could not levy taxes on property inside the city limits for school bond purposes.

The trustees for the pension board for the City of Atlanta teachers cannot be abolished since the pension fund covers all city employees including teachers.

It was stated that November, 1970 would be the earliest date to vote on a constitutional amendment, therefore, there did not seem to be any undue haste in presenting recommendations to the local delegation.

The question was asked, what does the Local Education Commission do now with all the material and data gathered and compiled to date?

Mr. Dick Lane made the motion that the Local Education Commission, through the executive committee, forward a copy of all materials from the Local Education Commission to the chairman of the Fulton County and DeKalb County delegations for study and appraisal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walt Davis and passed unanimously. A cover letter from the chairman of the commission is to accompany the report presented.

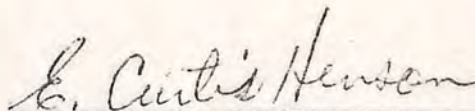
Mr. Powers then gave his report concerning teacher benefits. He gave an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of each aspect of teacher benefit programs in both the Atlanta and Fulton County school systems along with suggestions to improve coverage in each system.

Both Mr. Powers and Mr. Ferguson are to make corrections identified during the meeting and send corrected copy to the chairman of the commission.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Approved By: _____

Chairman


Recording Secretary