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LOCAL EDUCATION COMMISSION
FULTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
OCTOBER 2, 1964

The Local Education Commission met Friday, October 2, 1964, at 2:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Fulton County Administration Building with the following members present:

Mr. P. L. Bardin	Mrs. Alan Ritter
Dr. R. H. Brisbane	Mr. Wallace H. Stewart
Mr. Otis M. Jackson	Mr. William M. Teem
Mr. Alan Kiepper, Ex Officio	Mr. Fred J. Turner
Dr. John W. Letson, Ex Officio	Dr. Paul D. West, Ex Officio
Mr. Thomas M. Miller	Mr. James White, Jr.

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Minutes of the September 10 meeting of the Special Committee for Legal Services were read and discussed. During this discussion, it was pointed out that the Commission has an unencumbered balance of between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Consensus seems to be that a contractual agreement should be drawn between the lawyers and the Commission. This agreement should set forth the duties, expectations and obligations of each party involved. Also, a copy of the minutes of the September 10 meeting of the Special Committee should be sent to each lawyer.

The point was made that the only financial commitment to the lawyers is that the Commission will pay them on an hourly rate for services rendered. The total cost of their services will depend upon the number of hours they devote to the work of the Commission. There are no minimum fees, retainer fees or other such fees involved in this agreement.

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Dr. Pierce was asked to identify services other than legal which are needed. He stated that the legal and educational aspects of the study are so entwined it is hard to say exactly what can be classified specifically as one or the other. However, it seems appropriate that the Commission should design the desired new school system first and then have the legal counsel describe the legal steps required to create the system. The degree to which legal and educational aspects are interwoven were pointed out by citing the retirement plan for the new system or the amortization of the existing bonded indebtedness of the two systems. Again it was pointed out that the final report of the Commission must be a package plan which includes the totality of dissolving two systems and creating a new one.

Mr. Kiepper asked if it would be desirable or necessary to secure the service of a management consultant firm to help with the organizational structure of the new system. He pointed out that some systems have used such services. The reply was that there are many kinds of services needed and that this may be one. Nashville-Davidson County used the service of a management consultant firm when they combined the two school systems.

Mr. Turner then made the motion that the Commission approve the action of the Special Committee concerning the selection of the two lawyers on an hourly basis; however, the hourly rate must be approved by the Commission before services are requested. Mr. White seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Dr. West stated that various news reporters are being advised of the meetings of the Commission, but that apparently their schedules are preventing them from covering the Commission meetings.

Dr. Pierce reviewed the brief he had developed as a result of the charge received at the last regular Commission meeting. However, before giving a detailed analysis of the brief, Dr. Pierce stated that if the report is accepted, the question of whether merger is desirable will be settled. Attention then can be focused upon describing the kind of

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new school system needed. He also stated that the brief in its present form should be treated as a tentative and confidential document. Each point in the brief was then reviewed and explained in considerable detail by Dr. Pierce.

Official action by the Commission concerning the brief will be taken at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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October 5, 1964