

August 26, 1963

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Lower Merion Township was held in the School Administration Building, Ardmore, Pa., on the above date at 7:30 P.M. with Mr. Hippel in the Chair.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, McGowin, Walther and Weinstein.

Superintendent Koopman and your Secretary

Call for the Meeting was read as follows:

TO: Members of the Board

Dear Member:

A special meeting of the Board of School Directors will be held in the School Administration Building, Ardmore on Monday, August 26, 1963 at 7:30 P.M. to take action on the rezoning of the Ardmore Avenue School attendance area and for general purposes.

Very truly yours,
John R. Stinner /s/
John R. Stinner
Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RE: ARDMORE AVENUE SCHOOL

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Mrs. Jeffers moved and Mr. Harman seconded that the Board close the Ardmore Avenue School and assign the pupils to Wynnewood Road School, Bryn Mawr School, Penn Wynne School and Penn Valley School, as detailed in plan III.A. 1. on attached sheet 1-C.

At this point (7:47) Mr. Hippel adjourned the meeting of the Board to the auditorium of the Ardmore Junior High School to accommodate the large audience attending this Board meeting. The special meeting of the Board reconvened in the Auditorium of the Ardmore Junior High School, at which time Mr. Hippel asked for expressions of opinion on this question from the audience. From an audience of about 300 people, approximately 50 addressed the Board. The audience was composed primarily of people from Ardmore, Wynnewood, Penn Wynne and Bryn Mawr.

Mr. Hippel read telegrams approving the Board plan from Arthur M. Rubin and Solomon Ellis and a letter of approval for the plan from Theodore R. Mann.

Rev. T. S. Clements stated the proposed plan for the Ardmore Avenue School was acceptable to the NAACP Committee that had met with the Committee of the Whole on July 1, 1963.

After the public discussion of the question, Mr. Hippel adjourned the meeting (10:17) to the Board room where the meeting was reconvened at 10:32.

The roll was ordered called on Mrs. Jeffers' motion closing Ardmore Avenue School with the following result: Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, McGowin, Walther and Weinstein.

Carried

August 20, 1963

PLAN III - A-1 - CLOSE ARDMORE AVENUE SCHOOL - ASSIGN ALL PUPILS FROM ARDMORE AVENUE AND THE SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASS PUPILS TO FOUR DIFFERENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:- WYNNEWOOD ROAD, BRYN MAWR, PENN WYNNE AND PENN VALLEY. SHELTERED WORKSHOP WOULD HAVE TO SEEK NEW QUARTERS.

Grade	WYNNEWOOD ROAD	Center of Simpson to Spring; Center of Walnut and Rittenhouse to Lancaster	BRYN MAWR	Holland Ave. from County Line to Locust and all west of that point	PENN WYNNE	Greenfield Ave., Greenfield Terrace, Park Terrace to center of Simpson between County Line and Spring, center	of Walnut and Rittenhouse to Lancaster	PENN VALLEY	Both sides of Holland Ave., Lancaster Ave. to Locust
K	(2) 44 +	0 w 7 c = 51 (2)	(1½) 75 +	0 w 2 c = 77 (1½)	(4) 80 +	3 w 8 c = 91 (4)	(4) 80 +	0 w 1 c = 81 (4)	
1	(2) 45 +	1 w 6 c = 52 (2)	(2) 58 +	0 w 5 c = 63 (3)	(3) 79 +	4 w 13 c = 96 (4)	(3) 86 +	0 w 3 c = 89 (3)	
2	(2) 45 +	1 w 9 c = 55 (2)	(2) 52 +	0 w 5 c = 57 (2)	(3) 80 +	5 w 14 c = 99 (4)	(3) 78 +	1 w 3 c = 82 (3)	
3	(2) 55 +	0 w 11 c = 66 (3)	(2) 50 +	0 w 7 c = 57 (2)	(3) 78 +	5 w 8 c = 91 (3)	(3) 85 +	0 w 5 c = 90 (4)	
4	(2) 45 +	3 w 7 c = 55 (2)	(3) 72 +	0 w 6 c = 78 (3)	(3) 81 +	1 w 12 c = 94 (4)	(3) 85 +	0 w 2 c = 87 (3)	
5	(2) 60 +	2 w 10 c = 72 (3)	(2) 63 +	0 w 8 c = 71 (3)	(3) 85 +	2 w 8 c = 95 (4)	(3) 83 +	0 w 5 c = 88 (3)	
6	(2) 50 +	1 w 9 c = 60 (2)	(3) 60 +	1 w 4 c = 65 (3)	(3) 82 +	5 w 6 c = 93 (4)	(4) 100 +	0 w 4 c = 104 (4)	
Totals	344 +	8 w 59 c = 411	430 +	1 w 37 c = 468	565 +	25 w 69 c = 659	597 +	1 w 23 c = 621	

() Numbers in parentheses refers to the probable number of sections per grade.

September 16, 1963

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mrs. Jeffers, seconded by Mr. Harman, the Board accepted the resignations and approved the appointments listed on attached sheet 4-D as recommended by Superintendent Koopman. Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, Loesche, McGowin and Walther.

CarriedCONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS

The list of conventions and meetings associated with the conduct of the affairs of the District for the 1963-64 school year was presented as per attached sheets 5-D. On motion of Mrs. Jeffers, seconded by Mr. Bickell, the Board authorized the personnel recommended by Superintendent Koopman to attend the respective conventions and meetings, Items 1-14 and 16, at the expense of the School District including Principals and Administrative Assistants to Principals attendance at AASA Convention for a period of two days with an allowance not to exceed \$50. Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, Loesche, McGowin and Walther.

CarriedMAIN LINE SCHOOL NIGHT-HARRITON HIGH SCHOOL OF L. M.

On motion of Mr. Harman, seconded by Mrs. Forster, the Board approved the use of the facilities of Harriton High School of Lower Merion for the Main Line School Night Association classes to be held on Tuesday evenings September 24 through November 26, or through December 3 if it is necessary to extend some of the classes. Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, Loesche, McGowin and Walther.

CarriedAPPROVAL OF TREASURERS OF SCHOOL ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

On motion of Mr. Harman, seconded by Mrs. Jeffers, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Alfred Castaldi, Principal of the Cynwyd School and Miss Myrtle Newton, Principal of the Wynnewood Road School, as Treasurers of the school activity accounts in their schools, with Girard Trust-Corn Exchange Bank as depository for these accounts. Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, Loesche, McGowin and Walther.

CarriedAREA TECHNICAL SCHOOL PROGRAM-MONTGOMERY COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Harman, seconded by Mr. McGowin, the Board adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that because a program of technical education is offered by the Technical Division of Lower Merion High School, and that this Technical Division may become, under recent legislation, a state approved area vocational education center or school for school districts in more than one county, the Board of School Directors of the School District of Lower Merion Township does not wish to participate in the organization, establishment and operation of an area technical school in the present Montgomery County Plan, and further because of the uncertain development of the inter-county plan, the Board reserves the right to reconsider participation at some future date. Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, Loesche, McGowin and Walther.

Carried

ARDMORE AVENUE SCHOOL SECURITY

On motion of Mr. Loesche, seconded by Mr. Walther, the Board authorized the maintenance department of the School District to add to the security of the premises of Ardmore Avenue School by closing all gates and entrances to the grounds and by nailing a fine mesh security screen to all fenestration, at the basement and first floor elevations, not presently screened, at a cost not to exceed \$1000. Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, Loesche, McGowin and Walther.

Carried

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

On motion of Mr. Harman, seconded by Mrs. Jeffers, the Board approved:

- a. Payment to H. A. Kuljian & Company of \$7,249.26 for services rendered in connection with revisions to drawings and specifications for construction contracts and preparing projects for rebidding-Alterations and Additions-LMHS and AJHS.
- b. Final payment to Philadelphia Fire Retardant Company in the amount of \$4500 for completion of their contract for work at Bryn Mawr School.
- c. Payment to the Cardell Company in the amount of \$133.00 for seven additional locks required for the Bryn Mawr School.

Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, Loesche, McGowin and Walther.

Carried

BIDS

At this time bids for furniture, auto shop equipment, janitorial equipment, office equipment and printing of report cards were read aloud and recorded as per attached sheets 6-D.

On motion of Mr. Harman, seconded by Mr. Loesche, the bids for item 2, vacuum cleaner, item 6 and 7, air pump and pressure rinser for bus garage, items 8 and 8A, accounting machines, items 9 and 9A, typewriters, and item 10, calculator were referred to the Purchasing Committee for study and recommendation to the Board at a later meeting. Ayes unanimous.

Carried

CONTRACTS AWARDED

On motion of Mrs. Jeffers, seconded by Mrs. Forster, the Board awarded the contract for item 1, pupil chairs, to American Seating Company for their bid of \$732.80. Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, Loesche, McGowin and Walther.

Carried

On motion of Mr. Harman, seconded by Mrs. Jeffers, the Board awarded contracts for item 3, engine pre-heaters and item 4, a hydraulic mobile shop crane to Casanave Supply Company for their low bids of \$147 and \$311 respectively. Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, Loesche, McGowin and Walther.

Carried

On motion of Mr. Loesche, seconded by Mr. Bickell, the Board awarded the contract for item 5, battery charger to P & B Specialties Company for their low bid of \$8 each for a total of \$96.00. Ayes Mmes. Forster and Jeffers, Messrs. Bickell, Harman, Hippel, Loesche, McGowin and Walther.

Carried

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board:

SECTION I - ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Item One

The schools opened on Tuesday, September 3, 1963. All professional teaching positions were filled on the opening day of school. The children reported for the first time for a full day of school on Thursday, September 5. Attached to this report is a tabulation of enrollments of the various schools on Monday, September 9, 1963. The number of pupils enrolled corresponded very closely with the number predicted last spring. Children who attended the Ardmore Avenue School last year were assigned to the elementary schools as directed by the Board. All of the schools opened in an orderly manner with a minimum amount of confusion.

Item Two

The maintenance work scheduled for different buildings in the district has made satisfactory progress. Some of the larger items of renovation are not completed even though they are scheduled. The principal projects in this category are:

Office renovation at the Merion School.
Stage lighting at Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School
New windows in the front of the Bala School.
The set-up for auto body shop work at the Lower Merion High School.

Item Three

The prime contractors for the building construction project relating to the Ardmore Junior High School and the Lower Merion High School have started their work. The old garage building, the junior high shops and the Colton house have been removed from the site. Adequate progress has been made in demolishing the rear section of the old high school building.

The mechanical contractors are now laying sanitary and storm water drainage lines and making the necessary adjustments to the heating and utility services to permit operation of the buildings while construction is under way. A firm schedule for rate of completion of the project is to be submitted at the job meeting on Friday, September 20.

Item Four

Schoolmen's Week will occur on October 10 and 11. Children will not attend school on these dates. Professional staff members will attend in-service meetings on Thursday, October 10. On October 11 the professional staff will attend convention sessions at the University of Pennsylvania.