

SPECIAL MEETING

May 8, 1948

Board met at 2 p.m., in Law Library, Court House .
Present Capt. Matt R. Bailey, President, Messrs J.
Frank Raley and J. Frank Bailey, J.H.T. Briscoe, attorney
and A.F. King, clerk

This meeting was requested by Rep. Oliver Guyther who headed a delegation composed of the members of the recently formed St. Mary's Educational Planning Committee, the personnel of which- representing each district of the County- comprised Mrs. Louis Abell, St. Inigoes; Geo. R. Quirk, Park Hall; Zach Fowler, Chaptico; Mrs. Compton Swann, Tall Timbers; Mrs. Wm. Dixon, Sand Gates; Lawtence Henderson, St. Geo. Island; R.B. Broun, Jr., Leonardtown; Wm. H. Mattingly, Abell; Julian Mears (c) Jarboesville, the other member of the committee was not present.

Miss Lettie M. Dent, Supt of Pub. Schools was also present.

Mr. Guyther, in presenting the program (Building and Repairs) of Pub. Schools in the County said in substance:-

This is a 10 yr building program, to be financed over a period of 25 years. It calls for the elimination of 1 and 2 room schools to be replaced with Consolidated ~~and~~ Elementary Schools at Mechanicsville, thereby saving cost of transportation and repairs. There are 29 buildings, 1 and 2 rooms, 15 white and 14 colored, 3 brick and 26 frame. The present population of the County is 31,000 four years ago it was 14,000. Population will remain static for the next 4 years. Quoted the Sherbow Act-Incentive Fund, State will give four times the amount the County raises. If this program is adopted it will bring St. Mary's County up to date.

PROGRAM

Margaret Brent High School- 300 pupil capacity in 1950
will be 350- proposes 4 new class rooms, shop,
cafeteria etc. cost \$90,000.00

Great Mills High School 6 new class rooms, gym, auditorium
Remove frame bldg now in front of brick structure
\$189,000.00

Ridge 1 room school 45 pupils renovation \$10,000.00
building additional room, heat, light
indoor toilets

St. Geo. Island, to be abandoned and children transported to
Valley Lee. Valley Lee has no school at present, new

one to be constructed, in the meantime electrify St. Geo. Islane and use until new school is ready.

Frank Knox. Agreement with Navy for use until Navy capacity is reached, then not available to outside children.

Great Mills Elementary to be reopened, repaired
add cafeteria, 2 toilets cost . \$36,000
(school has been closed several years.)

River Springs Elementary renovate \$1,000.00 .

Clements, in good condition, add heat, water and toilets
66-70 pupils \$1,000.00

Committee asked Commissioners to approve expenditure of \$904,000.00 for carrying out this program. For immediate use of \$200,000, and for additional \$704,000 after passage of Enabling Act.

Carver Hts dormitory to replace Jarboesville High colored Miss Dent informed that the building might be secured for \$3,500 and will require about \$8,000 for remodelling for school use. Letters to FPFA and Con. Saescer on this matter dictated and signed by JHTBriscoe, sent copies of same to Miss Dent.

Mr. Briscoe announced that Commissioners agree upon submission of referendum for amounts necessary. It was urged that the amount of \$200,000 necessary for erection of Consolidated School at Mechanicsville be approved by the Board NOW. Mr. Frank Bailey favored this but Capt. M.R. Bailey and J.F. Raley favor submitting referendum on any bond issue.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p/m/