

August 16, 1966

Present: All commissioners.

Board of Education

Dr. R. E. King, Jr., Mr. Kanowicz, Mr. H. Ocker, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Dohrman, Mr. K. Abell, Mr. W. Groves, Mrs. Kitty Barnes. Mr. Dohrman presented data sheet concerning status of the Vocational Technical Center and reviewed same with those present. (Copy in files.)

General discussion concerning grade composition of schools. Mr. Ocker said they were having a problem so far as the 9th grade students were concerned. The recommendation is that the high schools be 9 through 12, and they will put Great Mills on such an operation. Junior high schools will be 6, 7, and 8, and the remaining grades will be the grammar schools. By the end of September a final answer on this arrangement will come from the state and they will know exactly what to do.

Their needs are for \$2,540,000, and this figure includes the 8th District Elementary School. If application is made this month to the State Loan Pool the money would be forthcoming in October. Our allocation will depend on how much money is available and where it is needed in the state. If the \$279,000 for the Great Mills High School is gotten, this will carry them through to June of 1967. If the grand total of \$2,540,000 is requested, there is no guarantee that this amount will be granted to the county. There is 38 million dollars available. They are asking for a commitment of this amount to be received in increments as it is needed. Dr. King said that the 38 million is not frozen in the sense that it is not available, but it will not be given to the county by allocation as it usually has been.

Concerning the size of schools, Dr. King said that 18 classrooms in an elementary school, with 30 children in a class is standard, and they do not like to exceed this. Nor do they like to exceed 1500 to 1800 students in high schools. (Mr. Guyther came in at this point.) Dr. King also stated that this is the last year for "freedom of choice" enrollment. He said further that they have a committee working on a ten year projection so that in the fall, they will have a long range projection of school needs.

Mr. Burch asked for a choice of projects. Mr. Ocker said that if they could ask for the whole amount, they would not have to come back and ask for more money. If not, then the \$677,000, with a firm commitment that the other funds would be available as needed. The \$677,000 would be out of money available now and the other monies would be from monies available at the time of request. The state wants the actual needs for each period applied for, and Mr. Ocker said they would have to apply immediately for the \$677,000. The money is available approximately two months after the application is made.

They will be ready for bidding on the Great Mills High addition in about three or four months, and hope to tie in with the new sanitary system. Mr. Ocker said that perhaps Mr. Kanowicz and Mr. Donaldson might contact state officials and get a firm commitment as to when this money would be available. A breakdown of the way funds

are available will be sent to Mr. Donaldson, and a breakdown of enrollment in each school, and how many mobile units are being used and what the additions will accomplish. Dr. King said that the sheet presented would carry them through June 1968.

Mr. Guyther asked if the Board of Education had ever considered withholding 2% instead of 10% as a retaining fee. Mr. Dodson said they do this using 5% and have used 10%. They want to be sure that the sub-contractors are getting their money by withholding a given amount. Reductions are made in the retainage fee as the job progresses. They must have something to insure that the contractor will come back if the job is not satisfactory or is not completed.

After further discussion in the afternoon, the commissioners approved participation in the State Loan Pool in the amount of \$677,000 for immediate needs, and they signed the application.

### Roads

Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Bond reported they have completed Mechanicsville-Chaplico Road to Halfway House at a cost of \$13,508.22. Palmer Road cost \$3,747.36. These figures do not include the priming coat or overhead. Surface treatment will begin Friday morning. Cost estimates by Junior Raley for Hollywood Dump Road - \$10,837.30, Langley Road - \$3,360, Strickland Road - \$9,600, all of these figures include overhead.

Oiling schedule - \$128,000 estimate made by Mr. Hall did not include 10% overhead, and Mr. Bond stated it will cost \$146,709.64, including overhead. The SRC wants a letter as to how the funding for these projects will be handled. After general discussion, the commissioners and Mr. Donaldson agreed that the county would reimburse the SRC for monies spent. Mr. Bond said that the estimate of \$146,000 is probably high, and the cost would probably be about \$140,000, but he would rather make a high estimate now and have enough money to do the work.

The commissioners reviewed the oiling schedule with Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo to determine which projects might be eliminated in order to cut the cost. Was reduced approximately \$62,000 after revision. Added were Buzzard Point, John Lynch, Wilmer Palmer and Mainway Roads.

### Watershed

Mr. John Hall presented letter regarding this project for St. Mary's County, with map showing location of property and owners. These owners will have to be approached about granting the required easements, and Mr. Hall said that his office cannot do this. He suggested that one man be in charge. If the land could be donated this would be the ideal way to handle this, but the sponsor must get the easements. An evening meeting will be arranged in Mr. Hall's office for further discussion.

### Briscoe Park

Mr. W. Sterling and Mr. R. Cooper, presented lease for the park, but it does not provide for any entrance into the park. The property is owned by St. Clements Shores, Inc., (Mr. Weiner, Mr. W. Dorsey, and Mr. Sterling). They are willing to give the right of way for the entrance road, approximately 900 to 1,000 feet.

The St. Clements Shores residents have formed an association and Mr. Cooper stated they do not have any money to take care of a survey that would have to be made for the road. Mr. Pantaleo was called into the meeting and informed regarding this matter. He will inspect the area and survey same and write a description of same. It was explained to Mr. Pantaleo that the association is leasing the land from St. Clements Shores, Inc.

#### Strickland Road

Mr. Paul Wollenborg and delegation from this area requested that something be done about this road in the 8th District. Mr. Burch informed them that the road is on the schedule. Mrs. Strickland said that the road to her house is not in the county system and the grader will not go over it. She stated that the right of way had been given to the county, and she would give enough to have a 40 foot right of way, but could not speak for the other people on the road. Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Bond will meet with some of these people for a physical inspection of this road.

#### Bellwood Lane

Deed accepted, will be recorded and road will be placed in county system.

#### Scholarships

Commissioners tuition scholarships to St. Mary's College awarded from list of eligibles as follows: Business - Sandra Netherton, Park Hall, Maryland, James E. Fletcher, Leonardtown, Maryland. Education - Daniel Dameron, Dameron, Maryland, and David Schieble, Ridge, Maryland. One year scholarship in Education awarded to George Merchant.

Vouchers #26708 through 26765 approved for payment and signed by Mr. Burch.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President