

August 29, 1967

Present: All commissioners.

Board of Education

Dr. R. E. King, Mr. H. Ocker, Mr. H. Graves, Mr. Dohrman, Mr. H. Kanowicz, and Mr. W. S. Donaldson. The low bid for the Chopticon addition is \$594,501, which is favorable, but they need \$14,501 to do everything they would like to do. Bids and alternates reviewed. General discussion concerning \$8,000 difference in cost for the electric partition for the gymnasium and the one at Great Mills High School. The cost of the latter was \$14,600, and the one for Chopticon is \$22,000. Dr. King said they will investigate the difference, and the funds they are requesting will be less if the cost of the door is reduced.

Patuxent River Bridge

After general discussion the commissioners agreed unanimously that their first choice for location would be upper Town Point, and second choice, Half Pone Point at Cuthbert's wharf. Mr. Burch telephoned Mr. Gott of Calvert County, and was informed that the Board will not approve any location above Hungerford Creek.

Day Care Center Transportation

Mr. Guyther, Mr. J. Barnes, Mrs. L. Kelley, Mr. Sayler. A day care center has been established in the basement of the Holy Face Church, Great Mills, and they are requesting assistance in transporting the children. They have been using a station wagon furnished by the church, but must relinquish this when school opens next week, and will be without a vehicle. This is a twelve month program under EOA, receiving 10% for operating costs and ten cents per mile for transportation, but nothing for a vehicle.

Mr. Burch explained that this is an additional request, and there is nothing available in our current budget to cover it. Mr. W. Heslop and Mr. J. Leeds, from Hughesville, came into the meeting at this point. General discussion of facets of the program, and that there are six people on the staff, plus four Neighborhood Youth Corps youngsters who help.

Mr. Guyther reviewed the law regarding school buses, and said that the commissioners are authorized to establish such bus routes as are needed for children not attending state aided schools in the county. He suggested possibility of hiring a vehicle for ten cents a mile, and then next year funds for a new bus could be included in their budget. If the ten cents does not cover this cost, then it could be supplemented by the commissioners.

Mr. Leeds stated that EOA says they cannot own a vehicle, but he feels this could be worked out. If the commissioners would purchase a vehicle, they would be willing to lease or rent it. So far as insurance is concerned, Mr. Guyther advised that the commissioners can place this under the blanket policy for the county.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the commissioners with a map indicating the bus routes, number of children, etc., and will present a proposal along the lines suggested by Mr. Guyther.

School Bus Contracts

Messrs. Frank, Ellis, Joseph Harding, Douglas Wathen, Samuel Bailey, Sr., Joseph Hancock, Alton Bailey, James Hodges, Jr., W. O. E. Sterling, O. R. Guyther, Paul Raley, and Mmes. Edna Bell and Mary A. Hunt.

Mr. Sterling said he was representing the operators, who would like to have their contracts on a term basis, rather than renewed from year to year. Some of them are buying a new bus, or buses, and will pay for them over a period of years, usually five, and having a term contract would give them some security. They are also requesting that their compensation be increased at least 10%, as they have had no increases, other than mileage, since taking the contracts.

Mr. Hodges mentioned that there is a regulation this year requiring a driver to take an examination using the bus he will be driving. He feels this might discourage people from driving even though they are capable. Mr. Raley advised Mr. Hodges that this is a state law, and the state police will give the test, and the commissioners have no jurisdiction here.

Dog Regulations

The commissioners approved and signed Resolution #67-3A "Dog Regulations for St. Mary's County", which will be advertised for four weeks in both local papers, and become effective October 1, 1967.

Payments Approved

The commissioners approved payment of the following:

C. R. Moore - \$110.00 for drafting property lines on St. Andrews Road plans, as approved by Mr. Pantaleo.

G. W. Joy - \$60.00 for plats of "Old Patuxent" showing the road to Jones Wharf.

Insurance Buyers Council - \$56.00 for review of plans and specifications of new Civil Defense building for insurance purposes.

Human Relations Commission

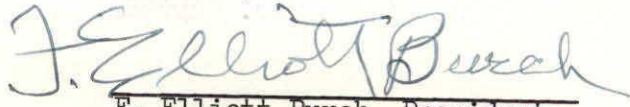
The commissioners were advised that Mr. Henry J. Fowler has appointed Mr. William A. Burch as his appointee to this commission, and this appointment completes the new commission membership.

Scholarship

The commissioners agreed to award a one year scholarship to St. Mary's College to Philip R. Abell, Hollywood, Md. Mr. David Schieble has withdrawn from the college and there is one year remaining on the scholarship awarded to him. Mr. Thompson, Director of Admissions, will be so notified of this action.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President