April 24, 1969

Present: F. Elliott Burch

J. Wilmer Bowles George R. Aud W. S. Donaldson B. H. Sterling

Meeting convened at 9:00 A.M.

Budget

Budget review occupied entire day, except for appointments indicated below.

St. Jerome's Subdivision Roads

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed his letter of recommendation to place Cedar Lane and Circle Lane, located within this subdivision, in the county system. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed that said roads should be accepted as follows: Cedar Lane - 40' in width, from the easterly side of Route 235 to and including Lot 10, for a distance of approximately 3,605 feet. Circle Lane - 40' in width, from the northerly side of Cedar Lane and running in a northerly direction to and including a cul-de-sac at the end, and terminating at Lots 7 and 8, for a distance of approximately 650 feet. Bond has been posted for these roads by the developer.

Board of Education

Dr. R. E. King, Jr., and Mr. Harry Ocker. Mr. Burch informed these gentlemen that the Commissioners unanimously agree that taxes should not be increased this year, and are in a position to balance the budget by appropriating an increase of 10% over last year to the Board of Education; \$550,000 will be the supplemental allocation. If more than this amount is granted, the budget cannot be balanced.

Dr. King asked if we could match Charles County so far as the tax rate is concerned? He was informed that the Commissioners do not feel they can increase taxes at all, what with the increase in the sales tax, the 50% income tax, state increase in real estate tax, etc. Dr. King said that the amount mentioned would mean drastic cuts in some area of the Board of Education budget. If this is final, they will have to ask the Commissioners to cooperate and indicate where the budget should be cut, as required by the law, then they would be protected in not being thrown back into negotiations with the Education Association again.

Dr. King and Mr. Ocker agreed that they would call a special board meeting and come back and meet with the Commissioners next week. Mr. Burch suggested that the Board of Education indicate in their budget what funds are state, federal, etc., and Dr. King said this can be done. Mr. Ocker stated they had expected to be cut, but not in such a large amount. Their supplemental request was \$1,067, 978.00.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch, President

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