

MARCH 18, 1982 - 7:00 P.M. An informal meeting was held by the City Board of Education with Chairman John D. Shelton, Jim Silvers, Ray Weddle, Rodney Harbin in attendance and the City Council with Mayor Burdette, Aldermen Lewis, Cox, King and Pack in attendance at the School Superintendent's office on North Wall Street.

Chairman Shelton welcomed the Council to the meeting and outlined the need for the meeting.

School Supt. Ken Smallwood and Ray Weddle gave background information on the past City/County school relationships. Mr. Smallwood explained the current contract between the City/County school systems. The contract expires June, 1984, but effective January, 1984, the county school system must pay 75% of the local effort (based on the county's cost) for all high school students educated at Calhoun High School. The county will continue to do the busing. The County may remove the students in June, 1984, but it must give the city school system six month's notice.

Mr. Smallwood explained that in earlier conversations with the County Board and their representatives, their first priority was to move the students if a facilities plan could be approved by the state. Their second priority was to negotiate a long term contract with the City.

At this point, Chairman Shelton asked the Council to voice their feelings regarding the situation.

Mayor Burdette stated that he felt the city system could operate with either choice, a long term contract between the city/county or for the county students to be removed. Either course would relieve the city taxpayer.

Alderman Pack - first priority would be to remove the county students and reduce the size of the city system.

Alderman Lewis - the long term contract would be no problem, if the total number of students was reduced and maintained at a lower level than is now in attendance


Ald. King - the long term contract with limited number of students would be fine as long as the county pays 100% of the local share per student based on their cost.

Ald. Cox - stated either course would be beneficial to the city taxpayer.

After further discussion of anticipated annexations, the general consensus seemed to be to maintain a quality school, working with the county in the best interest of all the students and to relieve the city taxpayer of the 100% of the local share effort for the county students.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:


Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk-Treasurer