

April, 7, 1944

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Board met at 8.10 P.M.

Present W. Paul Cecil
John E. Guy
Elmer R. Jarboe

Being a special meeting the minutes were not read.

The Board proceeded with consideration of transportation of children to schools not receiving State aid and also with consideration of the 1944 levy.

The Clerk recommended that \$36,000.00 be provided for transportation of children to schools not receiving State aid, for the school year of 1944-1945, and suggested that a tax rate of \$1.50 could be fixed for the year 1944.

Messrs Wm. E. Tobin, Jno. H. T. Briscoe and Wm. G. Fenwick, calling themselves a committee representing a Taxpayers Association (names of persons composing this Association they refused to divulge) attended the meeting and gave the Board the benefit of their knowledge (?) and experience (?) in making up levies.

No action taken by the Board on any subject under consideration.
Board adjourned at 11.20 P.M.

Clerk

April, 11, 1944

Board met at 10.00 AM.

Present W. Paul Cecil
John E. Guy
Elmer R. Jarboe

Minutes of preceding ~~meeting~~ regular meeting read and approved.

Board executed deed to Paul W. Dunbar Jr. for the James Thompson tax sale property, 1st Dist.

Board committed James S. Wathen to Rosewood State Training School, as of ~~Mar~~ March, 30, 1944 and Committed Mabel Young to Crownsville State Hospital, as of April, 17, 1944.

Board instructed it's Attorney to contact the Board of Public Works and find out if the payment of a bonus of \$60.00 to each teacher in the public schools of the County, under the 1944 act, and of \$80.00 to each such teacher prior to January, 1, 1945, under the 1943 act, would qualify the County to receive a refund of \$27.00 per teacher as provided in the 1943 act for any County providing as much as \$140.00 per teacher prior to Jan, 1, 1945.

Mr Dorsey reported that he had talked, by telephone, with Mr Joseph McCusker, Secretary to the Board of Public Works and that Mr. McCusker said the payments as noted above would qualify the County to receive the \$27.00 per teacher refund from the State.

The Clerk was instructed, that as soon as the Court costs are received from the Clerk of the Court, to proceed with writing up the 1944 levy as recommended by him on April, 7, 1944, except that the amount recommended for teachers bonus ~~was~~ was to be cut \$2430,00, the amount that will be refunded to the ~~the~~ County by the State. This amount to be temporarily advanced from the Com. gen. Fund. and replaced when the State makes the refund, and to use a tax rate of \$1.49 with the remainder of the amount saved on the bonus to be placed in the Surplus.

Motion by Commissioner John E. Guy that: This Board will place in the 1944 levy a sufficient amount to pay a bonus to each teacher (including supervisors, principals and attendance officers) employed in the public schools of St. Mary's County, receiving an annual salary of less than \$3000.00 on May, 1, 1944, of \$20.00 per month for the months of May, June and September 1944, a total of \$60.00 per teacher; and that the \$20.00 per teacher will be paid to the Board of Education of St. Mary's County in the months of May, June and September 1944 if approved by the Board of Public Works of Maryland. And that an additional amount sufficient to pay each such teacher \$80.00 over and above the \$60.00 per teacher, as hereinbefore provided, will be provided prior to January, 1, 1945, making a grand total of \$140.00 per teacher. The \$ 80.00 to be paid at such times as may be agreed upon by the County