

JOINT MEETING OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SMITH AND ROBB TOWNSHIPS
AND THE CENTER-ROBINSON SCHOOLS OF POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA

October 24th, 1956.

A joint meeting of the school trustees of Robb and Smith townships and the Center-Robinson Schools of Posey County was held on Wednesday, October 24, at the Wadesville School at 8:00 P.M.

Attending this meeting were Gordon Rogers, Trustee of Smith Township, Mason Price, Trustee of Robb Township, and Carl Kohlmeyer, Eugene Morlock, Norman Wade and Allen Hicks, members of the Board of School Trustees of the Center-Robinson Consolidated Schools. Charles Roberts, Principal of the Wadesville School, William Hendrickson, Principal of the Robb Township School, and Eldon R. Crawford, Superintendent of Posey County Schools, were also present.

The purpose of this meeting was to determine the necessary steps and procedures for reorganizing the above named school systems into a single Metropolitan district, such reorganization having become possible and necessary as the result of the Special school election held on October 23rd in the said districts.

It was pointed out that the law required that a public hearing be held on the matter of selecting an official name for the new school district and that public notification of the time and place for such hearing should be published in the newspapers. Agreement was reached that the notice should be published in the Cynthiana Argus, Poseyville News, and Mt. Vernon Democrat on October 26th, and that the meeting date for the public hearing be set for Friday evening, November 2, at 7:30 P.M. in the Wadesville school building.

It was recognized that the services of an attorney must be acquired in order to advise the proper procedures in the matter of reorganization. The name of Mr. Ralph Schuler of Poseyville was proposed. Motion was made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Price that Mr. Schuler be asked to serve as the legal advisor in the matter or reorganization, also as the official advisor to the Board of the newly formed Metropolitan District. It was suggested that Mr. Schuler be contacted, and if he accepted the offer, to request him to prepare notices, for publication in the newspapers dated October 26th, setting the date of November 2nd for a public hearing in regard to the official name of the new school district. This was done.

It was also planned that at the November 2nd meeting, other important steps of official reorganization should be carried out and prior preparations made for such action as follows:

- A. (1) Adoption of an organization resolution declaring the reorganization officially achieved.
- (2) Copies of such resolution to be sent to the State Department of Public Instruction and other appropriate agencies.
- (3) Said action should be filed and recorded in the proper county offices.

It was decided that Mr. Schuler should be asked to prepare the resolution.

B. Organization of the school officials of the merging corporations into the first board of the metropolitan district.

C. Transfer of balances in the school funds of the various merging corporations to the new corporation. Preparation for this by officers of individual corporations should be made as follows:

- (1) Posting of financial records and determining book balance in the tuition and special school funds; also the cumulative building fund in Center-Robinson.
- (2) Listing of unexpended balances in each appropriation of the various funds.
- (3) Drawing checks in the amount of the book balances payable to the new school corporation.
- (4) Listing of all financial obligations yet unpaid.
- (5) Estimates of needs in various appropriations for balance of calendar year 1956.

D. Preparation, signing, and decision on publication of emergency appropriation request for balance of 1956 calendar year.

- E. Discussion on transfer of properties, that is, land, buildings and equipment, from merging corporations to new corporation.
- F. Consideration of merger of Bethel township with new corporation, possible signing of joint resolution, and public notice of same.
- G. Appointment of Superintendent, secretarial services, headquarters for superintendent and board offices, office equipment and supplies.
- H. Authorization to purchase necessary record forms.
- I. Bond for treasurer, etc., President.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M. with the understanding that the next meeting on November 2nd will be held at the Wadesville school at 7:30 P.M.

Signed Mason Driel
Trustee of Robb Township

Gordon Rogers
Trustee of Smith Township

Carl Kahlmeyer
President of Center-Robinson
Consolidated School Board

Alla Fische
Vice-President of Center-Robinson

Norman Wade
Secretary of Center-Robinson

Eugene Mallock
Treasurer of Center-Robinson

Recorder: Eldon R. Crawford
Eldon R. Crawford, Superintendent
Posey County Schools.