

May 27, 1952

All members and their attorney were present today. Board met earlier today due to planned meeting with the Bd. of Education in the morning and the Budget Hearing set for 2 p.m.

After approving vouchers for salaries and expenses the Planning Commission had a very short meeting with the Commissioners. The Board agreed to return the old Public Landing at Abell's Wharf, in exchange for Deed to 75 ft. R of W, with 30 ft. across the road for a new Public Landing. Deeds have been signed by all parties and are now being recorded etc.

Starkweather axes;- Mr. Abell reported on his visit to the home of Mr. Starkweather at Hollywood, the old Weems Hutchins place. He feels that since no improvements have been made for more than 10 years, and also that due to land taken by railroad and SRC, about 4 acres, the taxes are too high. He was instructed to reduce them as he felt proper, and in all such cases he had the authority of the County Commissioners to make such reduction as was necessary.

Meeting with Bd. of Education (Mr. Johnson and Miss Dent) and the architect they had secured to design plans for the new Public School in Leonardtown. The Commissioners desire a 12 class room, consolidated school with auditorium, home ec. room etc., fully equipped cost not to exceed \$250,000.00. Mr. Johnson was very urgent in his request that the Commissioners visit Banneker and see what a fine school it is, and plan Leonardtown school somewhat similarly, but the Comms. did not have time to make the visit today. They have set the price at \$250,000.00 and this will necessitate the borrowing of about \$60,000.00 which together with other funds is carried in the Budget appropriations. They do not desire to pay any more for the school and request that the plans be such that later, if necessary, additional rooms can be added. A long discussion was held relative to the proposed school and it was stated that to plan a school for this price, which will include architect's fee, will take a great deal of time.

7 Gables Creek- James Barnes reports that road to creek is in bad condition, needs black top.

Road between Claude and Henry Guy's needs a pipe lowered to drain

Lynch Wood asks that ditches be cared for- this is ~~not~~ a public not a private road. No action. Mr. Alvey will look at the road

Discussing the Willows ^{gutter & curb} J. Boesville Road, Mr. Thompson said that one mile of black topped road now costs between 90 and \$100 thousand. The road to the proposed school at Lexington Park area will cost about \$70,000.00. Housing Project will build curb and gutter on one side, Zantzinger et al to build same on other side. Mr. Thompson explained it is harder to put in the drainage without the curb and gutter.

A. J. Jones, Jr., representing the Town Commissioners called about the water main at Tom Bond's lot. Some Town Commissioners have the idea it was installed by the County Commissioners. It will cost about \$600 to repair same. Board took no action.

States Atty to Ocean City

Mr. Mattiarly asked if the Commissioners would assist in defraying his expenses to Ocean City where he is obliged to attend the States Attorney convention. The association holds 2 meetings annually, one in Baltimore and one in Ocean City. He defrays his expenses at Balto. The Board agreed to allow \$50 for the Ocean City trip, June 6-8.

PFA and others attend Budget Hearings.

The Budget Hearing was attended in the afternoon by members of the several PFA's, Miss Dent and others. Since it was explained that the tax rate is set in Nov since the Tax Bills have to be printed made up and sent out in Jan. the rate had already been established but there could be changes in the amounts allocated the different offices in the County Government. Interest was manifested only in the increment for teachers and in the new public school for Leonardtown. It was explained that \$16,000 was in the Budget for the increment and \$60,000.00 for the new school in Leonardtown. It appears that there is trouble in securing teachers for St. Mary's due to the fact that other counties are offering better salaries. The schedule for increment to salaries of teachers is included in these minutes. Miss Dent stated that there are now 6,000 children under 6 years of age in the County.

Board adjourned at 3:30 to visit the Erosion Relief Project at Tall Timbers, where the recent storms have caused much damage to a section of the wall. Mr. Bowen has made a re-survey of damage and estimated cost of same for remaining is \$2,000.00.

approved

Leonard S. Alver,
president.

Expenses for travel \$600- per yr allowed Dep. Secy.

Sal of Atty & Co Com increase to \$1200.- per yr

" " Clerk & Phy " to 125 per mo.

Full time Janitor for Health Dept allowed

" " County Agent "

Fred Moulton, Mech. Md - Employee 5/22/22 J. P.

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Schedule for Increment to Public School Teachers'

Effective Sept. 1, 1952

No. of Teachers	Basic Pay Sept. 1952	Annual Increment	Total Salary	Increment Total
24	\$2,300.00	\$300.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,200.00
20	\$2,300.00	\$200.00	\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00
22	\$2,400.00	\$100.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,200.00
18	\$2,600.00	\$100.00	\$2,700.00	\$1,800.00
1	\$2,700.00	\$100.00	\$2,800.00	\$ 100.00
7	\$2,800.00	\$100.00	\$2,900.00	\$ 700.00
				<u>\$16,000.00</u>