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Held at the Cartersville School Board, Cartersville, GA

further discussion of those same problems. There being no further busi-

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MINUTES OF MENTING APRIL 5, 1950

Regular meeting held & P.M. April 5, 1950 with all members present.

A petition from Dr. W. R. Moore and 114 other colored citizens was read, discussed, and Supt. Brandon and the Secretary were instructed how to reply. A copy of the reply is attached.

Supt. Brandon reported onthe activities of the Basketball season and rendered a written report indicating there was \$405.37 in the Athletic Fund Bank account. The report ordered filed.

Considerable discussion was held on the progress of the work in connection with the Bond Issue for a new high school. Revised plans of the building were inspected and Mr. Brandon soid he was arranging to have them checked by the State Architect.

Mr. Brandon was asked to retire, and an election held, by which, he was re-elected as Supt. of City Schools, for the next year. Other elections were deferred at his request until a later meeting.

The Supt. showed the Board's number of college reports, showing grades of entering Freshmen, graduates of the previous year.

Much enthusiasm and interest was shown by all members of the Board in the plans for the new high school, and all members appeared to be in accord on the program.

Plans for advertising the Bond Election were discussed, but details deferred to a later neeting, when more definite plans can be made.

No further business, the meeting adjourned.

A. W. Morris, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Eduction was held at the City Hall on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 8:00 P.M. All members were present including Supt. Brandon. Supt. Brandon reported on the receipts and expenditures of the football team of the Summer Hill High School. They took in \$1,040.74 and spent \$1,007.63, leaving a balance on hand of \$33.11. We also had a report of the Cartersville High School Association for the football neason for 1950. Their receipts were \$11,387.24, and they spent \$9,932.53 increasing their cash balance at the beginning of the season of \$103.07 to \$2,012.73. There was also some discussion of the purchase of equipment for the new High School, which is under construction, and Mr. Brandon asked to confer with the Building Committee and City Council and proceed to secure such equipment that they agreed upon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

E. C. Kopris, Secretary

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He also submitted a paper from the State Department of Education outlining the necessary items for a Supt. and also containing the following paragraph.

"Due to the full-time responsibility of the superintendent, it is difficult for him to leave for long periods of study. By special arrangement with the Division of Certification, A County Superintendent of Schools, who holds the Teacher's Professional Four-year Certificate, may establish eligibility for the Su-4 while making progress toward it at the rate of one course per year."

Attention was called to the fact that immediately following the February meeting of the Board, a tour of the schools had been made by the Board of Education, during the course of which a number of needed repairs had been recommended and filed with City Manager, Riley Milam. It was the consensus of opinion of the Board that none of these recommended repairs had been made even though the recommendation had been suggested approximately ninety days ago, and that the rest rooms in both the Cherokee Avenue and the Douglas Street schools were in a deplorable condition.

Mr. Bob Stiles of the County Board of Education was received at the meeting and he reported that the County Board on May 6th, 1952 had approved the attendance of the Euharlee High School pupils in the new Cartersville high school building beginning with the new school year. He also reported that the County Board of Education had agreed to join with the City Board of Education for the purpose of erection and operation of a new colored high school building.
Mr. Stiles asked the cooperation of the City Board in taking care of this increased number of county pupils who would attend the city school. He was assured by the City Board of theirfull cooperation, and that the children would be cared for in the same manner as the city pupils.

It was also agreed that both the city and county boards would see that a suitable committee of colored citizens would be provided for approval of the site of the new colored high school before erection began.

James Smith and Harold Choate were appointed as a committee to cooperate with the County Board of Education in connection with the building of the new colored school, in as much as the present committee would retire on account of their terms having expired with this meeting.

Mr. John I. Parker, principal of the Cartersville High School asked for and was granted an opportunity to appear before the Board. Mr Parker, in quite a lenghty discussion reviewed his ideas of the policy of conducting the school and went into considerable detail regarding some of the troubles he had had with discipline among both the pupils and teachers during his two years service.

At the end of this discussion, it was the unanimous opinion of the Eoard that Mr. Parker was honestly trying to do a good job and that while some difficulties had developed, he had handled his position in a matter corresponding with the school policy and it was agreed that

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Cartersville was held at the City Hall on April 2nd, 1952 at 8:00 P.M. The following members were present:

J. W. Hodge, Glen Williamson, James Smith, M. W. Morris and Supt. Brandon.

There were also present representatives of the County Board of Education, those present being, Mr. Bob Stiles, John K. Headen, W. P. Harris and Mr. W. A. Ingram who is the City Attorney.

The purpose of this joint meeting of the City and County Boards was the for discussion for plans for the building of a joint colored high school.

Mr. Ingram stated that he had just returned from a visit to Atlanta where he discussed the matter of obtaining funds from the State for the purpose of the erection of such a school with the Attorney General, Department of Education, and the State Auditor. Mr. Ingram stated that the administration's attitude was favorable towards the building of a joint high school of the character especially where funds of the City and County had already been depleted by plans for the building of other schools. He stated that the City and County would have to make an agreement to build the school jointly. The title would have to be acquired to the building site and then an architect must be employed to draw plans for approval of the Euilding Authority and after these plans had been approved, that the title to the site would have to be transferred to the Building Authority, and that thereafter, the Building Authority would issue Revenue Anticipation Certificates which could be sold to provide the funds for the building. These Revenue Certificates would be repaid by returns over a period of twenty years, such returns to be realized from and paid from allotments to the City and County under the Minimum Foundation Plan.

After discussion, the following motion was made by James Smith and seconded by M. W. Morris and passed unanimously, that we proceed to prepare an agreement between the City and County Boards of Education to construct, maintain and operate over a period of a minimum of twenty years, of a joint high school for the colored race for City and County pupils, subject to approval of the City Council and the County Board of Education, and that the City be the responsible authority of the planning, constructing and equiping of the school building. There was considerable discussion of a location for this joint City and County colored high school building. The representatives of the County repeatedly brought up the question of the feasibility of locating the proposed school outside the city limits of Cartersville.

However, the City of Cartersville, with its present Summers Hill high school, has been providing for the County colored high school pupils for a number of years, and it was eventually agreed that the most logical site would be on land adjacent to the present Summers Hill high school in the city limits of Cartersville.

Professor J. S. Morgan, the principal of the Summers Hill colored high school, was invited to come to the meeting and hisopinion was asked as to the attitude of the colored people, both City and County, and he expressed himself as being in accord with the location of the proposed high school on Summers Hill, and that in his opinion it would please the majority of the pupils and patrons of the colored high school.

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The Board of Education met at the Cherokee Ave., School for a call meeting to interview Mr. William H. Redfern, architect, to get his views and policies in connection with the building of the proposes new negro High School.

Mr. Redfern presented a list of a number of counties in which his firm had done the architectural drawings and supervision of school buildings and hospitals. Among these were hospitals at Summerville and Rockmart. Mr. Redfern advised his firm preferred to draw all plans and protect his firm by supervision throughout the building. Er. Redfern agreed however that would follow the recommendations of the State Board on the question of supervision.

The question of grading and excavation before construction going into the cost of building upon which his fee would be figured was raised. He said it would not be if done by the County and City.

Another subject discussed was dri wall construction. He said they would keep a man on the job during the brick laying to be aure of a dry wall.

There being no further questions the Board agreed to give Mr. Redfern an answer Friday, July 11th, upon completion of our investigation of his firm.

The Board ajourned until Friday night July 11th.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Cartersville Board of Education met at the Cherokee Avenue School.

Members present were John Hodge, Glenn Williamson, James Smith and J.H.Gilreath, Jr., Superintendent Brandon met with Board.

The purpose of this meeting being to report on our investigation of Mr. William H.Redfern, architect, and his firm. After some discussion it was agreed that all reports were good. A motion was made by Glenn Williamson, seconded by James Smith, that we employ the firm of Redfern and to draw preliminary drawing etc., to go before the State Department for approval and to follow their recommendations on the supervision of the building.

Superintendent Brandon reported he had contacted the State Building Inspector and visited the New High School and was studying the specification. He was to report to Mr. Brandon again on Monday.

The subject of the Kindergarten was brought up again and tabled until a future meeting when all members are present.

A letter from City Manager Riley Milam to Chairman John Hodge was read. It advised that the City Council had approved the expenditure of \$5,221.87 to cover equipment and supplies for the New High School provided materials and equipment would be purchased on competitive bids.

The procedure to follow on building the new negro school was discussed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

J.H.Gilreath, Jr., Secretary

Mrs. Margaret Hester, 2nd 311 Alh toona Dr.

Pauline Humphrey, 2nd 116 West Cherokee Ave.

Maggie Irick, 3rd 205 West Cherokee Ave.

Elizabeth Bradley, 3rd 201 West Main St.

Mrs. Jean Olive Daugherty, 3rd 207 Leake St.

Mrs. Lucille E. Roberts, 4th 640 Vest Ave.

Mrs. Pauline Pierce, 4th 147 N. Erwin St.

Mrs. Frances Waldrop, 4th West Ave.

Edna Smith, 5th Rte #4

Mrs. Allen Mayes, 5th N. Erwin St.

Mrs. Boryl Giddens, 6th 116 Wost Cherokeo Ave.

Mrs. Anne L. Long, 6th 121 Luckie St.

Aileen Jack son, 7th 201 West Main St.

Mrs. Charles Gilreath, 7th Etowah Drive

E. C. Burton, Principal West Avenue

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Alma Hudson, Home Ec. 24 St. Francis Flace

Buatrice Morgan, English, Latin, Music 168 Jones St.

James S. Morgan, Jr., Lath, Shop, Coach 168 Jones St.

James S. Morgan, Sr., Principal 168 Jones St.

Nancy Louise Robison, English, Library 112 West Carter St.

Etoile Shropshire, History, Civics 8 Lee St.

Amanda White, English, Commercial 108 Lee St.

Alzina Williams, Math 24 St. Francis Place

Mourice Williams, "ath 108 Lac St.

Edwina Woodard, Civics, Science St. Francis Place

SUMMER HILL SCHOOL

Minnie C. Smith, 1st Route #2, Box 175

Pearlie C. Lay, 2nd 303 South Tennessee St.

Bessie Shell, 3rd 21 Collins St.

Emogene Carter, 3rd 5 Walker St.

Mary E. Kay, 4th 4 Courant St.

Estelle Centy Callier, 4th Rts. #4, Box 216

Ethel M. Moore, 5th 311 N. Bartow St.

Fannie C. Richards, 6th 15 Mull St.

Dahlia C. Harland, 6th 4 Courant St.

Annie Mas anderson, 7th 101 Fite St.

Robert L. Cotton, 8th 516 West Main St.

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careful considering the matter a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously adopted, referring this particular request to the Cartersville Ministerial Association for clearance, since this activity would fall on the Sabbath Day. This procedure was considered in keeping with a previously adopted policy of the School Board directing that all matters of a religious nature, not directly sponsored by the schools, be referred to the Ministerial Association for clearance.

The Superintendent made the following reports to the School Board:

- A. That attendance in all the schools was back to normal 94% attendance throughout the system on this particular day.
- B. That two Business Administration Evening Classes one in Bookkeeping and one in Typing had been organized with an enrollment of 27 in each class and Mrs. Ted Dunn as Instructor. The Board was reminded that this is a self liquidating project.
- C. That a check in the amount of \$2,251.CO, representing final payment of the 1956-57 claim for Federal Funds for children of federally related parents had been received and deposited with the City Clerk. This payment brought to a total of \$11,253.CO funds received from this source for the 1956-57 School year.
- D. That the Hamrick Coal Company, a local concern, was the low bidder with a quotation of \$10.20 per ton delivered in the coal bin for the three carloads of stoker coal needed for the current season.
- E. That the old Home Ec Building at the Summer Hill Elementary School plant had been prepared to house the evening class for Veterans, thus relieving the expensive necessity of opening up the entire elementary plant on the evenings that the class was in session.
- F. That the total cost for those attending the annual School Board Convention in Athens, Ga. was \$29.28 and that Superintendent Acree had been reimbursed for this expenditure.
- G. That expenditures for the operation of the current school program were well within the approved budget, with one exception, namely, that of haintenance and Operation. The Superintendent suggested that the Layor and Aldermen be appraised of this situation at an early date and that they be requested to approve energency expenditures in this connection for the rest of the school year.
- H. Lastly, that our High School was in the process of being reclassified for participation in Athletic and Literary events by the Georgia High School Association and that careful consideration should be given to this all important matter by each Board member preparatory to making an official request for any change in our present classification.

Wr. william Greene, one of the two depresentatives from Bartow County and one of the City Attorneys, theenled the Board meeting at the invi-

The Superintendent reported that he had attended by request a meeting of the Advisory Committee appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, on Tuesday evening, August 5 and that he had been questioned relative to the inclusion of school projects in an anticipated city wide bond issue. The Superintendent informed the Board members that he had advised the members of the Advisory Committee that he would have to refer the matter to the School Board for its consideration and action.

After much consideration of the very definite and well established needs for a new cafeteria at the Douglas Street Elementary School and a new elementary plant and additional high school units at Summer Hill, the Board instructed the Superintendent to advise both the Mayor and Aldermen and the Advisory Committee as follows:

Inasmuch as the School Board has been requested by the Advisory Committee appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to make some expression relative to school building needs which should be included in any anticipated bond issue, the members of the School Board make the following recommendation.

Even though the members of the School Board are hopeful that additional funds will be made available at the State level for meeting such pressing local needs as a new cafeteria at the Douglas Street Flementary School and a new elementary building and additional high school units at Summer Hill, they have no way of making certain that such State funds will be forthcoming in the immediate future or that either or both of the referred to projects would be covered by such state funds as might become available. Therefore, members of the Board recommend that the following funds be provided in any local bond issue which might be proposed for the immediate future in the City of Cartersville:

a. Cafeteria at Douglas Street Elementary School

\$45,000.00

b. Purchase of equipment for new Elementary School and High School units at Summer Hill

\$15,000.00

The above action was unanimously endorsed on a motion made by Mr. Hullinax and seconded by Mr. Harris.

The following personnel were recommended to the School Enard by Superintendent Acree:

- 1. Mrs. Pauline Kinnebrew as a member of the Summer Hill School staff at a salary of her state certificate pay plus the regular \$300 local supplement.
- 2. C. R. Mullinax as Janitor of the Atco Elementary School at a weekly salary of \$44.00.

The above recommendations were unanimously endorsed by the Board on a motion made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Mullinax.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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The Cartersville School Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office.

.11 members of the School Board and the Superintendent were present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Superintendent Acree.

inutes of the previous meeting were unanimously adopted.

ills in the amount of \$790.77 were presented to the Board by the Superintenent and were unanimously approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Mulli-ax and seconded by Mr. Chapman.

uperintendent Acree reported to the Board the total expense of the trip of the Superintendent and the President of the Board to the Annual Convention of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in the School Board expressed their appreciation to President Bridges and uperintendent Acree for their efforts in metting the Cartersville High chool reinst ted and the Summer Hill High School approved by the Southern essociation for the first time.

ollowing a brief discussion of the question of renting the High School uditorium for Sunday usage, a motion was made by Mr. Chapman, seconded by r. Kullinax and unanimously approved, stipulating that any usage of the uditorium on Sunday by non-school related individuals or groups wherein admission charge is to be made, shall be cleared with the Cartersville inisterial Association. This is to be considered as an amendment to the riginal statement of policy by the Board concerning the use of the High chool Auditorium by non-school individuals or groups.

he possible annexation of the Atco village to the City of Cartersville nd the effect of such anticipated action upon the program of Public ducation in the City of Cartersville was given lengthy consideration. Usequently the Board unanimously agreed that the mayor and Board of lith a complete statement of information and/or agreements pertaining the absorption of the responsibility of administering a public school rogram in this village by the School Board. This information is desired the earliest possible date inasmuch as the School Board must of necessity of formulating over-all plans for the 1958-59 school year within the

he Superintendent recommended to the School Board that Certersville High chool be reclassified for the chauling two year period, being moved from egion 3 AA to Fegion 3 A. After a brief discussion during which it was sinted out that the average daily attendance of the Cartersville High School sbarely enough for classification as an "A" school, much less as a "AA" that I was unanimously decided that an official request should be filed ith Lr. Som Burke, Secretary of the Georgia High School Association to the ffect that our High School be classified as an "A" school for the next wo years.

aperintendent acree recommended ars. Fred Williams to replace Mrs. Allen ayes on a full time basis until ars. Mayos is in a position to resume her ull time duties. The Board unanimously approved this recommendation with

THE SUPERINTENDENT INFORMED THE BOARD THAT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON READING WAS TO BE HELD AT THE CONTINUING CENTER FOR EDUCATION, CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA. ATHENS. JULY 6-10, 1959. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FROM BUDGETARY FUNDS OF THE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$35.00 FOR THOSE TEACHERS DESIRING TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND WHO WERE WILLING TO BEAR THE BALANCE OF THEIR EXPENSE. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A MOTION BY MR. MULLINAX AND SECONDED BY MR. HARRIS.

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE PROPOSITION OF PRO-MOTING SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY CONCLUDED THAT PLANS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED PER PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE FOR REMEDIAL SUMMER SCHOOL WORK AT BOTH LEVELS AND THAT INTERESTED PUPILS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF TAKING SUCH NEW WORK AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT OFFERING. FURTHERMORE, A TUITION FEE OF \$20.00 PER UNIT (I) OF NEW WORK WAS ESTABLISHED ON A MOTION BY MR. MULLINAX AND SECONDED BY MR. HARRIS AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

THE SUPERINTENDENT REPORTED TO THE BOARD THAT THE VETERANS ACADEMIC CLASS PREVIOUSLY TAUGHT BY MR. HUDSON AND FOR WHICH MR. J. E. BRIDGES HAD BEEN ELECTED BY THE BOARD AS INSTRUCTOR AT THE MARCH MEETING. NO LONGER EXISTED SINCE EACH OF THE VETERANS ENROLLED THEREIN HAD HAD THEIR TRAINING INTERRUPTED BECAUSE THEY FAILED TO REPORT FOR THE CLASS AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE SUPERINTENDENT FURTHER ADVISED THE BOARD THAT A PERSONAL CHECK WITH STATE DEPART-MENT OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SCHOOL BOARD HAD HANDLED THIS PARTICULAR CLASS HAD MET WITH THE COMPLETE APPROVAL OF STATE OFFICIALS.

AFTER CAREFULLY REVEIWING THE EXISTING CLASSROOM CONDITIONS AT THE SUMMER HILL SCHOOL PLANTS, AND WITH MUCH EXPRESSED CONCERN RELATIVE TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE SPLENDID RELA-TIONS WHICH HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED BETWEEN THE WHITE AND COLORED CITIZENS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY . THE SCHOOL BOARD. BY UNANIMOUS FOTE, CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE WISE TO INVITE A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF CITIZENS OF NOT LESS THAT 15. AND NOT MORE THAN 25 TO MEET WITH THE BOARD AND FURTHER CONSIDER ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR RELIEVING THE INADEQUATE CONDITIONS EXISTING AT THE SUMMER HILL SCHOOLS. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE SUPERINTENDENT AGREED TO CONFER WITH EACH OTHER IN THE SELECTION OF AND INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS to neet with the Board for this purpose.

THE SUPERINTENDENT INFORMED THE BOARD THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$40,000.00 OF INSURANCE HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT ON THE CHEROKEE AVE. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING WITH THE COTTON STATES INSURANCE AGENCY.

THE SUPERINTENDENT INFORMED THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT HE IS WORKING ON THE 1959 SCHOOL BUDGET AND WILL BE PREPARED TO PRESENT SAME TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AT THE REGULAR JUNE MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD. HE PROMISED TO GET COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE JUNE MEETING.

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MR. BOB NELSON, OF THE NELSON INSURANCE AGENCY, REPORTED TO THE BOARD ON PROGRESS MADE RELATIVE TO
PLANS PERTINENT TO THE NEW WAY OF HANDLING ALL SCHOOL
INSURANCE. AFTER A RATHER DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF
THE MORE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER. THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN ON A MOTION BY MR. BRADLEY,
SECONDED BY MR. CHAPMAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED:

- A. ALL BUILDINGS ARE TO BE INSURED AT 50% OF VALUE, AND THAT AAA BUILDINGS BE INSURED AT 80% OF VALUE.
- B. THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF HIMSELF, MR. CHAPMAN, AND MR. MULLINAX, TO WORK WITH MR. NELSON IN PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING OTHER PHASES OF THE INSURANCE PROGRAM, WHICH RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AT THE JUNE MEETING FOR APPROVAL.

The question was raised as to the next step to be taken by the School Board relative to certain current school problems, the Summer Hill classroom situation in particular, following the meeting this evening with another, the third, group of community leaders. After careful consideration of the matter, it was unanimously decided on a motion by Mr. Chapman, seconded by Mr. Bradley that the Board would invite the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and all those having attended either of the three meetings referred to, to meet with the Board on Tuesday evening, May 26th at 7:30 for the purpose of further considering said matters and attempting to reach certain conclusions relative to such action as should be taken.

THE SUPERINTENDENT REMINDED THE BOARD MEMBERS OF PLANS FOR THE COMMENCEMENT SEASON AT BOTH THE WHITE AND COLORED HIGH SCHOOLS ENCOURAGING EACH OF THEM TO BE PRESENT FOR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE BOARD ADJOURNED TO MEET WITH A GROUP OF CITIZENS IN THE HOME EC SEWING ROOM FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFORMALLY DISCUSSING SEVERAL PHASES OF THE TOTAL SCHOOL PROGRAM.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

SECRETARY COLLE

PRESIDENT