

The Lexington School Board met in the Circuit Court Room at twelve o'clock noon June 19, 1936. A large committee of colored citizens appeared before the Board, and the Board proceeded to the consideration of the request of this committee for a continuation of a Third Year High School at Lyllburn Downing School.

Upon full consideration of this request and after hearing from a number of citizens attending the meeting, the following order was unanimously adopted:-

WHEREAS, for the year 1934-35 this Board acceded to the desire of certain citizens and instituted a Third Year High School course at Lyllburn Downing School with an additional teacher and a reasonable tuition fee for all High School pupils, it being expressly understood that the continuation of the Third Year High School depended upon a material increase in the number of High School pupils and the united support of the colored citizens of Lexington; and,

WHEREAS, the result of this experiment was a marked decrease in the enrollment and attendance at this High School; and,

WHEREAS, at the special instance and request of the same group that this plan have a fair trial for another year, this Board, to further test the advisability of the plan, continued the Third Year High School for the succeeding year 1935-36 with no difference in results; and,

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the School Board in the administration of Lyllburn Downing School, as well as all other schools in Lexington, to give due consideration to attendance, scholarship,

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at 10:00 a.m. on June 29, 1951. A large number of
board members appeared before the Board, and the Board
acted on the recommendation of the Board of Education for
a resolution of a plan for the school of 1951-52
which was adopted by the Board. The Board also
acted on the recommendation of the Board of Education
for a number of changes in the school, the following
being the most important ones:-
1. For the year 1951-52 the Board decided to the
and of certain changes in the school and the Board
approved the following changes which will be effective
at the beginning of the school year 1951-52:
First, the Board decided to increase the number of
board members from seven to nine in the month of
September and the Board of Education of the Board of
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Education. The result of the agreement was a board
in the month of September and October of 1951-52.
Second, as the school business and affairs of the
group that this plan have a full effect for another year, the
Board, as further seen the advisability of the plan, continued
the Board for the year 1951-52 the succeeding year 1952-53 with
no change in results, and
THIRD, it is the duty of the Board to see that the
proposed changes in the school, as well as all other schools
in the district, so give the best possible education, and

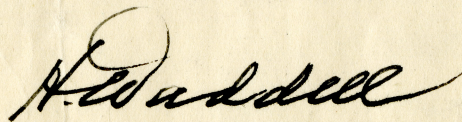
amount and sources of income; and,

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that there has been insufficient interest shown on the part of the colored citizens of this community in a Third Year High School course, that the three year High School plan with tuition charge on all pupils has deprived a number of colored children of any High School privilege whatsoever, and that under such conditions the interest of the colored children of Lexington can be best served by an adequate two year High School course without tuition charge;

It is therefore ordered that the Third Year High School at Lylburn Downing School be discontinued for the session 1936-37 and that a Two Year High School course as formerly conducted be offered for this coming session.

The Board was deeply impressed with the earnestness and sincerity of the appeal and feels that if the Two Year High School should have the sincere cooperation of this committee and the colored citizens generally, it would enable the Board to work out the future development and growth of Lylburn Downing High School in a sound and satisfactory manner.

The foregoing is a true copy of the resolution of the Lexington School Board.



CLERK.

CHAIRMAN.

