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:-

STEPREAS, for the year 1934-55 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,

WEIGHAS, 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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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 Lyllburn 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 Lyllburn Downing High School in a sound and satisfactory manner.

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

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