

SCHOOL PLACES STILL UNFILLED BY BOARD

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superintendents until a private conference could be held with Mr. Graf.

Other Action Delayed.

Not only the selection of assistant superintendents is being delayed, but the board has not yet approved a list of supervisory and administrative officers or building principals, which is contingent on who are the appointees to the assistant superintendents. Dr. Hester denied that the instruction committee is attempting to strip the superintendent of his power to make his own appointments, as required by law, but admitted members of the committee have in mind some persons they wish to see in the places. Among these persons is understood to be at least one woman from out of the city.

The meeting was mild compared with that of last Friday, when heated charges predominated. About the only business brought into the session was authorization to Walter J. Twiname, business director, to prepare a resolution to borrow \$50,000, June 20, to aid the local tuition fund.

Many in Attendance.

The meeting was attended by the largest number of persons in years. There were about 100 citizens present, many of whom were unable to crowd into the board room and stood just outside the doors. The majority of them attended to urge retention of Miss Julia E. Landers as director of visual education, while a large number asked that Miss Georgia Alexander, ex-district superintendent, be made one of the assistant superintendents.

Charles L. Barry said in connection with the appointment of Miss Alexander, he felt certain "that you will be entirely satisfied with our solution of the problem."

Those who spoke in the interests of Miss Alexander were Ralph Dunberger, an attorney, and Judge T. J. Moll. Their speeches in praise of Miss Alexander were loudly applauded.

The question of retention of Miss Landers was brought up by a committee representing the League of Women Voters, composed of Mrs. Maude Swift Anthony, Mrs. Henry Beck and Mrs. W. T. Barnes. Mrs. Beck asked whether visual education was to be continued in the schools and whether the office of director was to be continued.

Promises Consideration.

Mr. Barry replied the board would give the matter the most careful consideration, which has been the stock response to delegations for several months. Several other speakers, including Dr. Hannah Graham, Miss Eleanor Barker, Frank Baker and Alvin Bueker urged that the work be carried on and that Miss Landers be retained as director of the department. Miss Barker pointed out that the board discharged Miss Landers after she had organized the department on a par with that of any other city.

A petition that the board continue vocational training, a department which was combined with manual training, was presented by Robert I. Marsh, an attorney, who said several thousand citizens had signed it. Mr. Graf replied that in combining the departments, vocational training will not be limited, but, instead, will be extended.

Resolutions urging race segregation in public schools, which have been passed by the Mapleton Civic Association and the White Supremacy League, were presented to the board and taken under consideration. Mrs. Otto Dueda represented the White Supremacy League, while the Mapleton Civic Association was represented by George W. Beaman. This announcement was made by the board that school No. 4, 828 West Michigan street, will be converted into a colored school next fall in order to accommodate the rapidly increasing colored population in that part of the city.

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