

## The events leading up to and through the creation of Attucks and Washington, and the relocation of Cathedral and Shortridge, and Butler College

**1921**

**Jun 11** 1921 Butler may relocate

**Jun 12** Resolution by Shortridge alumni for new school is adopted

**Jul 14** Hilton U. Brown/*Indianapolis News* elected Butler Board President

**Jul 27** Aley accepts presidency of Butler

**Oct 24** Citizens School Committee formed. Some members are: J.W. Atherton, Lee Burns, T.C. Howe, A.V. Brown, Pres. Edgar Evans, Mrs. Phillip Zoecher

**Oct 21** President Harding's speech—blacks should have broader economic, political, and educational advantages, but never aspirations for social equality.

**Nov 8** Citizens School Committee wins election over Better Schools League

<b>Mayor's Race</b>	Lew Shank ( <i>Republican</i> ) <b>won</b> Beat Thomas Carr Howe in primary Many Democrats voted for Shank	Ralston ( <i>Democrat</i> ) lost  Many Republicans voted for Ralston
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<b>IPS</b>	<b>BETTER SCHOOLS LEAGUE</b> Ran IPS between ??  Majority Faction until Jan '22 Tutwieler, Crippin, Bert Gadd <u>Minority Faction Jan '24</u> Al Smith, E. Willis	<b>CITIZENS SCHOOL COMMITTEE <u>won</u></b> Formed in Oct 24, 1921 Known as: "Little schools slate"/"News Slate"  <u>Majority Faction for Jan '22</u> Dr. Mary Haslap, Chas L Barry, Adolph Emhart <u>Minority Faction Jan 24</u> Chas Yoke  Fred Bates Johnson--former <i>Indpls. News</i> reporter
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A Mr. George Beaman, a member of the Federation of Civic Clubs and an independent running on racial segregation in schools, loses

### Citizens School Committee

Lee Burns John W. Atherton (Butler College) T. C. Howe	Hilton U. Brown ( <i>Indpls. News</i> /Butler College) Mrs. Phillip Zoecher Edgar Evans
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Supported by Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Civic Clubs, Women's Clubs, *Indpls. News*

### Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

Lee Burns John W. Atherton T. C. Howe Hilton U. Brown E. O. Snethen	Chas Jewett Paul Buchannan Mr. Phillip Zoecher Mrs. McWhriter George Buck (Principal Shortridge HS)
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**1922**

**Jan 23** W.B. Dennison asks new board for the proper way to petition for an all black local high school

**March 14** Lee Burns speaks to board for an IPS No. 66, and a new Shortridge.

**April 11** Letter from John B. Reynolds, general secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, tells the board the chamber would cooperate and assist the school board along it,

**April 25** New west side high school supported by Rev. C. C. Baker, on behalf of the Hawthorne PTA. He says 18 acres in the field available on Washington Street.

Board discusses of building program.

Use of school building for teaching Hebrew language denied.

**May 11** Land is purchased at 14th & Meridian for a \$1,000,000 for a new Cathedral H.S.

**May 22** Shortridge PTA has final meeting to discuss new school/location

**May 27** The *Indianapolis Times* headlines “Segregations of Negroes Urged.” The newspaper reported on the first meeting of the newly formed Federation of Community Civic Clubs (Pres E.O. Snethen, Ed. Comm. Chair. Geo Beaman--both members of the Mapleton Civic Association, the city's largest civic group representing north west/38th St. area passes resolution for an all black H.S. The meeting was held at the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

**May 29** “The Negro Problem,” *Indianapolis Times* editorial. Blacks lured from south with promises of high wages and social equality in order to increase the Republican vote. Those who have been deceived and thus disappointed have turned to crime.

**May 30** Board discusses increase the school population due to last year's new attendance law.

**June 12** Butler takes 90 day/\$200,000 option on Fairview Park at 46<sup>th</sup> and Sunset Ave.

**June 13** Geo Beaman, representing Federation of Civic Clubs, presents group's resolution for a separate high school--sites data on the high amount of T.B. among blacks.

Due to increase the “rapidly increasing colored population in that part of the city,” board talks about the conversion of school No. 4 to “colored school” for fall of 1927. Teachers otherwise assigned to No. 4 will be assigned to No. 5.

**June 13** Mrs. Otto J. Deeds, White People's Protection League and local leader of certain women's groups also asks IPS board for an all-black H.S.

**July ??** Chamber of Commerce adopts two resolutions. One encourages cooperation between the chamber and the present/future IPS Board. The other resolves that board consider an all black H.S. Committee members relevant here are: Hilton U. Brown (Butler board, head of *Indianapolis News*), Char. Phillip Zoecher, Geo. Buck Shortridge Principal, Lee Burns, Chas. L. Barry IPS Bd. member.

**September, 1922** IPS High School population numbers: Shortridge 1,953; Manual 1,885; Tech 3, 916

**Sep 19** A petition was submitted for a new all-Black high school by Mr. G. A. Millett, chair of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Committee on Education. The committee met the previous Wednesday to discuss the petition. As well, they sent a letter to the board last June. The petition suggests a Black high school conveniently located in the main Black residential population of the city.

Mr. George Buck, principal of Shortridge High School, speaks endorsing a need for a Black high school.

**Sep 26** The Rev. C. G. Baker, on behalf of a Westside delegation presented argument to support a new Westside high school. Offer the site at Washington and Belmont. The delegation claims that Westside students had to pass afternoon dance halls in downtown Indianapolis to it from school.

A proposal of support for Westside HS was submitted by schools committee of The Federation of Civic Clubs Mr. George W Beaman and C. H. Bird.

**Oct 3** p. I.U. goes to board: wants to offer classes in Eugenics at Shortridge.

White citizens protest the conversion of school No. 4 to all-black supposedly due to the overcrowding at No. 5. They fear the subsequent loss of property value regarding the homes they bought around No. 4.

**Oct 10** Delegation for a new Northside high school. Those who spoke: James M. Ogden (Chamber of Commerce), Alvah J. Rucker, Henry L. Dithmer, George L. Denny, Lee Burns (Citizens School Committee/Chair of Chamber of Commerce Ed. Committee), and Robert S. Fulton.

**Oct 17** Citizens School Committee (CSC) asked for a delay in the final action regarding the building program. Delegation was Mr. Edgar A. Evans (CSC) and Mr. J. W Atherton (Butler University). Mr. Emhart asked CSC and Citizens School League to offer suggestions. The CSC backs out, saying it would be “useless.” Report on building program construction of schools, 30, 62, 76, 70, 38, 75, 67, at 23.

**Oct 31** Northside [Shortridge] high school committee petitions again; the board says they are working on it.

**Nov 21** The proposed “colored high school” has legality issues. Issue is sent to the board attorney, Mr. Baker.

Site for new Westside and “colored high school” discussed. Commissioner Haslap creates a committee.

Protest against proposed high school by Mr. Brokenburr representing the Better Indianapolis League.

**Nov 23** Butler's Fairview Park deal will be closed by Dec. 31

**Nov 28** A delegation of 16 led by Mr. Brokenburr protests an “all-colored high school.”

