

1922 IPS Board of School Commissioners

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Speech by Charles Barry Board President: "We had in this campaign a matter of bigotry..."

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Letter from W.B. Denison on how to properly present the board a petition for a "colored high school"

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Lee Burns (Chamber of Commerce, Citizens School Committee, Butler board) speaks for an IPS No. 66, and a new Shortridge.

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Letter from Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce General Secretary John B. Reynolds noting the chamber cooperate and assist along any lines possible.

April 18, 1922

Discussion regarding attorney had not been very for condemnation proceedings new Shortridge site at 34th and Meridian St.

April 25, 1922

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New west side high school. Mr. C. C. Baker, on behalf of the Hawthorne Parent-Teachers Association says 1.8 acres in the field on Washington St. just west of Belmont is available.

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Board discusses of building program.

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Use of school building for teaching Hebrew language denied.

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Increase the school population due to last year's new attendance law discussed.

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Mrs. Otto J. "Daisy" Deeds, president of the White Supremacy League, wants separate school for "colored children."

Mr. George W. Beaman, Mapleton (38th St.) Civic Association and Federation Civic Clubs, presents resolution for separate schools based on statistics about high amounts of TB in "colored neighborhoods" and "colored children."

Board with Commissioner Haslap, chairman on the Committee of Instruction, about conversion of school No. 4 to "colored school" for fall of 1927.

p. 228 Board receives letter from Bishop F. D. Leete, president of the Indiana Council of Methodist Episcopal Churches commending the board's decision to allow reading of the scriptures (*King James Bible*) without sectarian comment in IPS schools.

September 19, 1922

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A petition was submitted for a new colored 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 colored high school “conveniently located in main colored residential population of the city.”

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Mr. George Buck, principal of Shortridge High School, speaks endorsing a need for an “all-colored” high school.

September 26, 1922

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The Rev. C. G. Baker, on behalf of a Westside delegation presented argument to support a new Westside high school. Offer the 18 acre site at Washington and Belmont. The delegation claims Westside students had to pass afternoon dance halls in downtown Indy to it from school. A proposal was submitted by schools committee of the Federation of Civic Clubs, by George W. Beaman and C. H. Bird.

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Protest against conversion of school No. 4 to an “all-colored” school.

October 3, 1922

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I.U. wants to offer classes in Eugenics at Shortridge.

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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.

October 10, 1922

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Delegation for a new Northside high school. Those who spoke for a new Shortridge were 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.

October 17, 1922

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 Scholl League to offer suggestions. The CSC backs out, saying it would be “useless.”

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Report on building program construction of schools, 30, 62, 76, 70, 38, 75, 67, and 23. Commissioner Barry against it—will cost too much.

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Northside (Shortridge) committee petitions again; the board says they’re working on it.

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November 21, 1922

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The proposed colored high school has legality issues. Issue is sent to the board attorney, Mr. Baker.

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Site for new Westside and colored high school discussed. Commissioner Haslap moved to create a committee.

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

November 28, 1922

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A delegation of 16 led by lawyer Brokenburr protests an “all-colored” high school: Mrs. Oliver Martin, Iwen Armstrong, Lionel Artis, Wm. Cannon, Belle C. Norrel, B. S. Fisher, R. B. Smith, Chas. R. Durenbury, Estlla Ballenger, Grace Hicks, Dr. Lucian B. Meriwether, Samuel A. Grizzle, Verna S. Gray, A.P. Kelly, and James Martin.

December 5, 1922

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Board President Berry says school construction is too costly.

December 12, 1922

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A delegation of 7 protests an all-colored high school: Dr. A. J. King, Dr. O. W. Langston, Rev. Lewis Berry, Rev. Henry L. Herod, Mr. R. L. Bailey, Henry W. Lewis, and Mr. F. B. Ransom.

Mrs. E. Settles of the American beauty club protest too.

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A report from Commissioner Haslap, board Committee on Instruction, notes there are 800 “colored high school” students. Says the students need their own school. Report was passed to all commissioners present. William Allison was absent.

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Letter from the Chamber of Commerce President O. B. Iles, Vice President Lucius M. Wainwright, Treasurer Felix McWhirter, and General Secretary J. B. Reynolds supporting building program. Also, chamber’s Chairman of Education Committee Phillip Zoecher stated the chamber will help with building program.

December 26, 1922

Chamber of Commerce requests building program carried out as soon as possible to save money.

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Commissioner Mrs. Haslap recommends Westside high school be built and called High School of Commerce, and that the land be purchased for it in the colored high school.