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Official Report of the July Proceedings of the Board of Public Instruction.

The Board of Public Instruction in and for Marion County, Florida, met in special session the 20th day of June, 1904, for the puspose of estimating the income of the school fund for the year commencing July 1st, 1904, and ending June 30th, 1905, and the expenses of operating the schools during the same time, fixitg salaries, making appropriations and such other business as might come before it.

G. S. Scott, Chairman; B. P. Blitch and J S Grantham were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that for the year 1904 and 1905 the schools have been operated just within the income, that by the 1st of August the board would have $1,000 more than enough to pay all outstanding warrants. That the same time last year it had on hand $2,000 more than enough to pay all outstanding warrants, the difference being caused by the insuring of all school buildings which cost nearly $1,000, but comes only every five years.

The Board then estimated the resouces and expenditures for the next term as follows:—

RESOUCES.

County levy for 1904	$18,000.00
Back Taxes	800.00
Polls of 1904	2,500.00
Back Polls	500.00
Redemption of Lands	2,000.00
One Mill Apportionment	6,000.00
Interest on State Funds	1,900.00
Other Incidentals	400.00
Total	$32,100.00

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Teachers	$28,000.00
Commission to Treasurer	750.00
Salary of Superintendent	900.00
School Board	250.00
Postage	60.00
Printing	100.00
Interest	500.00
Repairs	300.00
New Buildings	500.00
Conveying Pupils	300.00
Office Help	100.00
Miscellaneous	350.00
Total	$32,060.00

The term for all colored schools was fixed at five months. The term for all white schools was fixed at five months, but the board agrees to operate all white schools five and one-half months, provided the district or patrons will pay for an additional half month making the term six months.

The appropriations for salaries were then fixed as follows:—

All schools were left the same as last year except the following:—

INCREASED IN SALARIES.

	Per Month
Blitchton	$10.00
Fellowship	5.00
Charter Oak	5.00
Long Lake	5.00

DECREASED IN SALARIES.

	Per Month
McIntosh	$10.00
Lowell and Reddick, (combined) (but the $15.00 will be used in conveying the Lowell pupils to Reddick)	15.00
Shiloh	5.00
Central	15.00
Ebenezer	10.00
Fontville	10.00
Dunnellon	20.00
Candler	5.00
Linadale	5.00
Electra	5.00
Grahamville (and only one Tearcher allowed.)	15.00
Eaton Creek	10.00
Mill Creek	5.00

The above decreases do not mean that the salaries of many of the schools will be less than last term. Many of the districts are in good financial shape and are able to supplement salaries more than ever before. For instance, Dunnellon paid her principal last term $60.00 per month and her three teachers $130.00 per month, which the board reduced it to $110.00. Dunnellon is able to supplement sufficient to pay the principal $100 per month, and has so recommended.

McIntosh paid $65 last trem, but will pay $75 to the principal next term.

The Board based the pay on the averages of the schools and also the financial condition of the districts, but in no instance were the salaries put lower than the general average requried, on account of the good financial condition of the district.

The Board then made the following appropriations for repairs and new buildings.

Reddick and Lowell schools to be united and a new house built, $150. The Reddick district was further granted the right to borrow sufficient money to complete the building which is expected to cost between $800 to $900.

Romeo school granted $62.50 for new building. McIntosh and Fort McCoy, granted $75 each for repairs. Marshville $8.50 for repairs. Blitchon $21.33 for painting and repairs.

William Hogen resigned as supervisor of Marshville school and Mr. E. B. Marsh was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

J. N. Marshall was appointed trustee of the Candler school to fill the place made recant by a tie vote during the election between Geo. H. McCullough and I. N. DeLong.

The first Monday in July coming on the fourth of July, the board adjourned to meet the second Monday in July.

W. D. Carn, Secretary

The Board of Public Instruction in and for Marion County, Florida, met this the 11th day of July, 1904, in regular session, in lieu of the regular time of meeting on the first Monday. Minutes of the Special meeting of June 20th, read and approved.

The Boardconsidered the reestabbishing of the South Lake Weir school, and decided, that if a good, first class male teacher can be secured for the school, it is the opinion of the board, that it will be best to keep the school united and that the matter remain undecided until the trustees make their recommendation for teacher or until the board has time to see if it can secure the teacher desired.

It was ordered that the County Commissioners be asked to make a five mill levy for county school purposes on all real and personal property in the county. That even a five mill levy is not sufficient to put the schools on the high standard the Board desires, or that the people are demanding, and less than five mills will so greatly cripple the shools, that the board would either have to shorten the term or make it impossible to employ an efficient corp of teachers.

Mr Freeman and Whistnont, two trustees of the Belleview school asked for promission to put down a well, pain tthe school houseand fence the yard. The same was granted, all to be paid from the district funds.

Blitchton school was granred $30 to put down well.

An election was call to be heid at the Ebenezer school house on Saturday, August 13th, 1904, for the purpose of creating a Special tax school district, fixing the rate of millage and electing three trustees.

The appointment of teachers was then taken up, but so may applications and requests from patron, supervisors and trustees were before the board to give them more time to select their teachers, that the appointments withthe exception of about half a dozen, was referred until the 1st, Monday in August.

W. D. Carn, Secretary.

A RETRACTION

In the May number of the Ladies' Home Journal we published, in the article entitled "the 'Patent-Medicine' Curse," an analysis of Doctor Pierce's Favorate Prescription," in which that preparation was represented as containing, among other ingredients, tincture of digitalis, tincture of opium, and alcohol. Immediately upon publication of the number a suit for damages was instituted by the R. V. Pierce Medical Company, of Buffalo, New York, proprietors of the preparation in question, against the Curtis Publishing Company, based upon the claim that none of the three ingredients was contained in the mediene.

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Upon the filing of the suit, we, of course, immediately looked into the published analysis. It appears that this particular analysis had been made, if made at all, fully twenty-five years ago. We, thereupon, employed three leading chemists in different cities to make an analysis of the preparation from the bottles bought in the open market. These analyses, one and all, now show to us conclusively that not a single one of the ingredients mentioned by us in the analysis quoted—that is, either digitalis, opium or alcohol—was contained in the bottles analysed. We then—the president of this company and the writer—personally visited the R. V. Pierce Medical company, at Buffalo, and were there convinced that the officers of the company were absoutely truthful in their claims that not one of these injurious ingredients was contained in "Doctor Pierce's Favor-Prescription." Naturally, since the analysis we printed have been proved erroneous, the deduction made in connections with this preparation were unwarranted and unfounded..

Under these circumstances it is now perfectly plain to us that this magazine was unintenitonally, but nevertheless absolutely misled in making the original statement, and we hereby, of our own volition, make this unqualified acknowledgment of our mistake to the R. V. Pierce Medical Company and to our rearders.

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