

in to see it. Certainly, any meeting that you take official action and have minutes of that meeting, I don't believe you could refuse to show that to someone, if he came to ask for it. Is that your understanding of the law?

Mr. RICH. Well, I am not sure what it would come to, but we certainly don't anticipate that the Board will take any official action. And meetings where we felt the Board would not take official action were generally worked out—in presenting a proposed recommendation or amendment to the plan, the desegregation plan, and then the Board has considered at a later date what action it will take on a proposed amendment, and I think that's what we are going to end up with this evening.

Mr. PARKER. Well, now, our understanding of this meeting is this: Every Board member here feels conscientiously that our plan of desegregation has been orderly and in accordance with the law, and that our progress toward desegregating the schools has been reasonable. We have tried mighty hard to cooperate and to comply. We have suffered some criticism for trying so hard and for going as far as we have gone, and we don't believe there is a citizen in Spalding County that can stand up and face us and say that we haven't made an honest, sincere, effort to comply with the law. We know that there is not a citizen that will stand up and face us and deny that we haven't made such an effort. Our only purpose in hearing you is to see wherein you criticize what we have done and what do you say that we should do in addition to what we have done, and our decision as to whether that is reasonable and under all the conditions in this county will be decided upon after we have had time to give it due consideration.

G. W. PATRICK,
Superintendent, Griffin-Spalding County Schools.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of December 1966.

J. C. WEBB,
Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large.

My Commission Expires March 6, 1970.

(The following excerpts are taken from the official records of the Meeting of the Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education on August 11, 1966, referred to on page 1 of Exhibit "A".)

EXHIBIT "B": ARBITRARY AND INCONSISTENT JUDGEMENTS

Mr. PERLMAN. Well, although I think this increase does represent some progress, I think it does fall short of what the Commissioner's expectations were. The Commissioner's expectations were expressed in terms of substantial progress. But the review we have made of the system has led us to conclude at this time that—if we look at the total picture, both student performance, coupled with the fact that faculty desegregation does not measure up to what the Commissioner's requirements were in the faculty area, we can say that we have concluded that this number, although it is some progress, it does not meet the Commissioner's expectations of substantial progress. And we are going to—I think one of our purposes in coming tonight is to make a few suggestions as to what the—

Mr. PARKER (interposing). What you have just said is merely an expression of an opinion. I expressed an opinion that it was substantial progress, and you expressed—

Mr. PERLMAN (interposing). The Commissioner has suggested that when we review the results of a school system's desegregation plan, we look at the total picture, the amount of student desegregation, and coupled with the amount of faculty desegregation, and when we look at this total picture, the suggestions that the general plan that the Commissioner sets up, has suggested that we apply, would lead us to conclude at this time that this does not meet the Commissioner's expectation of substantial progress, and I believe—

Mr. PARKER (interposing). In other words, in your opinion it may not meet his expectations?

Mr. PERLMAN. Well, I will have to say that we were given—

Mr. RICH (interposing). The pertinent thing is that I am sure Mr. Patrick went to some of the meetings where Dr. Kruger spoke and explained the guide-