

how proud they were of the fact that it was proven. It was a community concerted effort that this thing could be done in an orderly fashion, and that we are just boiling mad that we get penalized for the tremendous effort that we put on it, when we should have,—the many hours that we put on it, when we could better have been doing something else we would have been paid for, and then to have somebody 'way off at a distance try to penalize us for saying that we hadn't made an honest effort, we hadn't made enough progress,—we don't like it.

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 Mar. 6, 1970.

EXHIBIT "J": CLOSED MEETINGS, ETC.

Mr. E. M. Rountree, County School Superintendent, Telfair County opened meeting by introducing Board Members and presented the following people:

Dr. Frank Mann, Chairman of Board
Mr. Barclay Williams, Board Member
Mr. Rob Stanley, Board Member
Mr. Z. T. Wooten, Board Member
Mr. Billy Walker, Board Attorney
Mr. Joe Smith, Principal of Telfair County High School
Mr. Marvin Dixon, Coordinator, Title I, Telfair Co. Board of Ed.
Mr. Howard Purdue, Foreman of Grand Jury presently in session
Mr. Jeff Smith, Past president, McRae-Helena PTA
Mr. Foster Poore, President, McRae-Helena PTA
Mr. Dave Billings, President, Roydon Wear, Past president PTA
Mr. Murphy McRae, President, Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Rountree—"We had a two hour discussion with these people Tuesday afternoon, July 26, 1966, and they had two major points they wish to present to us. They went through the ramifications of the guidelines and meaning of it, so I'll turn the meeting over to them to discuss it, and we will begin questioning."

Mr. Hazel—"Mr. Rountree do you feel sir that in a business like this we are discussing the school boards problems and situations that we should have people here that are not members of the board."

Mr. Rountree—"Board meetings are always wide open Mr. Hazel by law, and we wanted some of our patrons to know what we are facing because this matter has to be brought to the public, and these people represent various organizations and this is not what we call an open meeting at all."

Mr. Rich—"I believe I called you earlier and talked to Mr. Dixon and made it clear that since we expected to get down to brass tacks that we did not expect any members of the press or members of the public to be present, and I think we made our position clear the other evening."

Mr. Rountree—"That we would not have press representatives".

Mr. Rich—"And members of the public and we stated that pretty clearly the other day, I thought."

Mr. Rountree—"You just don't want the public to know what we are required to do?"

Mr. Rich—"No, I think we made it clear that you could certainly speak to members of the public afterwards, but we felt a meeting itself should remain confidential, because when we are discussing these matters, we are supposed to keep it between the board and us."

Mr. Rountree—"Mr. Rich, since it is your word against mine and you tried to prove me out a lie about what Mr. Kruger said—I think we need somebody to uphold and support us; Mr. Barclay Williams, what did Mr. Kruger say about a faculty member who refused to transfer?"

Mr. Williams—"He said, fire him."

Mr. Rountree—"Mr. Rich, you said he didn't say it, didn't you?"

Mr. Rich—"I said I didn't believe he said it—I don't think we need to get on that."