

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD.

- Q. If the school is located in Purcellville would the Purcellville people donate ten acres of ground?
- A. Nothing of the kind has been said.
- Q. The supervisor from Mt. Gilead District is here. Would there be any question about increasing the taxes, Mr. Rogers?
- A. I do not think the farmers are in a very good condition to tax any more.
- Q. How do you think the majority of the taxpayers will feel over the thing?
- A. I have not seen a majority. I know the general howl is too high taxes.
- Q. Is the increase of taxes a question at this time, or is the cost any greater to build a high school at Purcellville than at Lincoln?
- A. The building is not the only proposition. We would have to sell the cottage and reinvest and the shop would have to be considered. The cottage would be sold at a loss and we would have to put an acre of ground with it.
- E. I feel the land and loss on the building would have to be paid by those who wanted it moved.
- We could build the same building at approximately the same cost at either place.
- Q. Has Purcellville made any offer of land or otherwise?
- A. Not so far as I know.
- Q. It seems to me that the time for them to have made a statement

would have been at this meeting so the Board could act upon it.

Q. How was the location first made at Lincoln?

A. The proposition came from the people to put up the building and they put up the money. The District Board at that time did not want to build it. In this case the School Board is planning to build the building.

Charlie Ford suggested to use the Round Hill building and not build the high school. (Applause)

Q. If the building were put up at Purcellville, what would be the action of the Jefferson District.

A. At present, as I see it, we have a surplus of buildings in our district. The complaint is that we have not the attendance to fill them. That being the case it looks as though Jefferson District would not want to put up more buildings. Purcellville helped on the Round Hill school and we paid back the score when we built the Purcellville building.

Q. Then the question is up to Mt. Gilead.

The complaint is the crowded bus. This is because the children from outside of Purcellville come in the bus and the bus is already over-crowded.

S. I do not see why the bus cannot stand the present crowd for such a small distance. We are going to have Will Steele put a bar across the top and the children can stand up for that short a distance. The bus is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ T. capacity and will easily carry the children.

Q. What would be the difference in ^{cost in}hauling the Purcellville children to Lincoln or the Lincoln children to Purcellville?

A. There would be the children from North Fork and those from Lincoln. I do not think there would be a great deal of

difference in the cost.

S. We are running one bus from Purcellville and one from Hamilton. The Purcellville bus has one of the students to run it and one of the teachers rides on it. From Hamilton we have a splendid man to run the bus.. The Purcellville bus has (to be frank) a teacher who is not a good disciplinarian.

If we had a teacher who was a good disciplinarian the proposition of the Purcellville bus would be O. K. We have considered having the Hamilton man bring the Purcellville children also, but that would mean that the Hamilton people would have to start $\frac{1}{2}$ hour earlier in the morning and then come to Purcellville and get them. Then in the evening Mr. Lowe would have to take the Purcellville children home and then come and get the Hamilton children. It would make them get home so late.

Q. How far is it from the center of Purcellville to Davis' corner?

A. One-half mile.

Q. What difference would you figure would there be in erecting a building in Purcellville or at Lincoln?

A. It would be the difference in the cost of the cottage and the shop.

My idea is to build a building just what we need so that it could be enlarged. If a Purcellville school were built it would be necessary to build it larger to answer the coming needs.

Q. Would it effect the enrollment if the school were built in Purcellville instead of Lincoln?

A. If the school at Purcellville got any more children, they would come mostly from Round Hill or Bluemont.

- Q. What is the argument in favor of building at Love's corner instead of at Lincoln?
- A. The argument is that it would be shorter for all pupils.
- E. It is ^{worth} a great deal to have the high school and the grade school together. Our methods of teaching the first grade and the seventh grade children is just as different and they are in the same building. There is decided argument in favor of combining the two. If the building is in Purcellville with a bus being run from Lincoln, I do not see any advantage in having the pupils separated. A child on his way from Hamilton would not be saved much by coming to the Love's corner to Purcellville, or to Lincoln.
- I think the agricultural part of the thing would be the objection. They would object to its being in town.
- I do not think it would be acceptable in the town. They want the outside setting.
- S. I am opposed to having a high school and a grade school together. The playing of the high school and grade school children together is a greater proposition. There is a wonderful difference at Lincoln since we separated them.
- E. I do not think this would be so difficult. There is one boy in the Purcellville school who took charge of the play grounds and they were helpless to deal with the situation. The teachers managed to work it out.
- S. If you had teachers enough to direct the whole play it would be a wonderful thing, but I have not been able to get the teachers to do it.
- E. If the building is put at Lincoln, it will take more than one bus to haul the children from Purcellville to Lincoln.

calamity such as this, I would not see Lincoln deprived of its advantages of the High School.

Mr. Ford. I am with Lincoln.

Mr. Smith, do you care to vote?

Yes, I will give a vote. This Board is composed of five men who are very little affected, Mr. Ford may be affected somewhat and I am affected, but I wanted the opinion of the neighbors first. These are men who think about school matters all the time and are more familiar with the situation of schools than I. I do not know what the future will be; one or two things may happen. Purcellville may double in population. In that case they would have to have a high school up here and I do not want to do anything that will make me regret the action I have taken today. I want to do the best thing when the people consider it the best thing. Or, the Jefferson District may in time decide that it is to their interest to have a high school here.

I vote for Lincoln.

The vote was unanimous for Lincoln.

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Q. What is the wish of the Board in regard to Mr. Emerick's getting off the fence?

A. That is not necessary at this time.

The proposition before us is whether to build the new building at Purcellville or rebuild at Lincoln. The law requires that we must select the site and the site must be approved by the superintendent. The proposition is \$20,000 insurance with grounds and two buildings at Lincoln. Purcellville has made no offer or anything to offset Lincoln's offer.

E. Assuming this Board think best to locate at Purcellville they would make demands on the Purcellville people to do thus and so. If the money is not contributed, they could withdraw the offer.

Q. How many of those were patrons, do you think were represented this morning?

A. The patrons from Hamilton were mostly represented and the sentiment is to keep the building where it is. The Hillsboro people petitioned for it at Purcellville.

It was moved and carried that a vote be taken on the proposition.

Q. How do you want to take the vote?

A. By call vote.

Mr. Norman. I am for Lincoln.

Mr. Gum. For Lincoln.

Mr. Sowder. I am for Lincoln.

Dr. Brown. I am for Lincoln.

Mr. Hall. I am for locating the school at Lincoln. I feel this Board owes an obligation to the people who contributed to the school at Lincoln and I would not be willing to remove the school from that location. In favoring Lincoln, I do not think I am injuring Purcellville's claim for a high school, for they have a claim, but in time of