The Creation of Broward County

BROWARD'S NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM

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"Joint Meeting"

Broward and Dade county school boards held a meeting in Miami Wednesday for the purpose of settling upon certain details in connection with the transfer of the three school districts from Dade to Broward upon the organization of the new county. Broward county was represented by C. D. Kittredge chairman, F. L. Neville board member, and J. M. Holding superintendent of public instruction. Some time ago the Dade county board sold the old Ft. Lauderdale school building to the men who were to constitute the board of county commissioners of Broward county for fourteen thousand dollars [actually $12,000]. Attorney for the Broward board reported adversely on the project and the sale was not made. [Sic.]

The assessed valuation of that part of Broward county from Dade is $1,710,468. Broward’s pro rata share was determined as being sixteen and eight hundred and sixty-five one thousandths part. [Sic.]

The act creating Broward county provides that the basis of division shall be determined from the books of the county auditor, who shall make a statement to the Broward county board on Oct. 1, or soon after.

Cash funds of the several funds due Broward county board was paid as follows: cash surplus $2,988.05, bond district 1 $631.88, district 8 $257.68, district 10 $534.35, general fund $1,316.98.

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"Board of Public Instruction Meet"

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Important Business—School Bonds Sold to State Bank

Mrs. Louisa Parker is Appointed County Truant Officer

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Board of Public Instructions met Monday and Tuesday.
Was organized Monday and report made to State Superintendent as required by law.

First Tuesday in each month fixed for holding regular meetings.
The Hallandale school bonds were sold to Ft. Lauderdale State Bank for $15,025.00, with accrued interest. Bidders were John Nuveen of Chicago, who bid $14,275.00. First National Bank of Miami bid $15,006.00. Ft. Lauderdale State Bank was awarded the bonds.

Superintendent Hall of Miami was present and turned over all papers and transcripts pertaining to this bond issue. Attorney for Board was instructed to take necessary steps for validation of bonds. Architect Geiger of Miami was present and presented outlines of plans of new school to be erected for Hallandale which were favorably received by the board.

Fort Lauderdale Herald was made the official organ of the Broward County School Board.

Mrs. Louisa Parker was appointed attendant officer for schools of Broward county, with a salary of $50, per month and travelling expenses.

The Board then proceeded to divide county into three school districts. First district represented by J. D. Butler, includes all of Broward which was taken from Palm Beach county.

Second District takes the Fort Lauderdale voting precincts.

Third District remainder of County south of Fort Lauderdale.

The special tax districts were renamed and numbered. Deerfield special tax district No. (1), Pompano No. (2), Fort Lauderdale (3), Dania (4), Hallandale (5). Mr. Goodbread asked that a school be established at Mr. Whidby’s for 13 or 15 children who have no way of attending school, referred to Superintendent Holding and Chairman Kittredge with power to act.

All teachers who were appointed by Dade County Board of Public Instruction were appointed by Broward Board at same salaries named by Dade county Board.

An advice of Boards attending Board entered into contract with county commissioners of Broward County for the taking over of the old school building which they intend to convert into a Court House.

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"School Census 1915 Compared to 1896"

The population of the lower east coast and Broward county is rapidly increasing, as is shown by the last school census of Broward county, which is as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1
Deerfield, white 55, colored 59
DISTRICT NO. 2
Pompano, white 99, colored 50
Whidby, white 20
DISTRICT NO. 3
Ft. Lauderdale, white 421, colored 75
DISTRICT NO. 4
Dania, white 98, colored 26
Davie, white 73
DISTRICT NO. 5
Hallandale, white 61, colored 36
Pembroke, [Pembroke] white 13

In 1896, when all the territory from St. Lucie Inlet to Key West was called Dade county [this is incorrect; the majority of the Keys had been part of Monroe County since 1823] the total school census was 640 children. Since then Monroe, Palm Beach and Broward counties have been formed, and the school census of Broward county today is almost twice as much as the combined census of all four counties twenty years ago.

Then the houses were small frame two room buildings, where only the different grades were taught, and very meagerly. Now, twenty years later, something less than one million dollars have been spent in the four counties for public school buildings, all of which are well equipped. [Illegible paragraph follows].

Superintendent James Holding visited many of the schools last week and found them in good condition.

The Board has contracted for a concrete cistern for the school in Fort Lauderdale. A large tank is being installed at the Davie school this week.

Broward is paying $330 a month for transporting the children to school. Mr. Holding is much pleased with the schools and is very much interested in the work. The ice and water costs something over $30 for Ft. Lauderdale per month.