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The Marti School Board of Trustees Meeting May 14, 1963

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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Marti School was held at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 14, 1963, in the Mead Board Room. Mrs. Robert Hughes, Jr., Chairman, presided. The following members answered roll call: Mr. Bridge, Mrs. DeCamp, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Kuhns, Mr. Lewis, Mr. H.T. Mead, Mrs. Marti, Mrs. Nevin, Mrs. Mahoney, Miss Rosenthal, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wood.

Minutes of the last Board Meeting were approved as mailed.

Mrs. Hughes announced that the efforts of the Housing Committee had met with success and that St. Paul’s Church had agreed to let the school use 7 classrooms and an assembly room for the year 1963-64. Rental is to be between $500 and $1000 for the year and we are to pay the additional expense of daily cleaning by a professional firm. Kindergarten through 6th Grade will be housed in this facility. All grades are to be separate and two new teachers will be hired, this being an additional salary expense.

There was a discussion of the two articles on the School, which had appeared in the Dayton Daily News and the forthcoming article in the Kettering Oakwood Times. It was felt that publicity of this kind would aid enrollment for next year.

Mr. Taylor submitted the Financial Report for April, noting that some bills were not reflected in the expenses as they had not been paid due to the School’s cash shortage. He reiterated that the expected deficit of $3500 by August was certain to
materialize. He also presented a projection of next year's budget using the new tuition schedule which predicted a deficit of $6000 not including additional expenses occasioned by the occupancy of St. Paul's Church. Mr. Lewis suggested that these figures be presented to the Finance Committee and that the additional teacher and occupancy expenses should not be undertaken unless the Finance Committee felt that the deficit could be underwritten. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mahoney felt that the efforts of the Enrollment Committee to increase enrollment could offset at least a portion of the deficit.

Mrs. Marti announced that 6 Freshmen and 6 Sophomores scored in the 98th or 99th Percentile in the NEDT Tests, and the Juniors showed uniformly high scores in the Iowa Tests. She remarked that these scores reflected a still higher quality of teaching in these grade levels. Mrs. Marti also stated that we are still short a 4th and 6th Grade teacher and that every effort was being made to fill these vacancies and to get contracts signed for those teachers who have already been interviewed.

Mrs. Mahoney announced that Mrs. Cote had recently completed a survey of uniform needs and that Rikes would carry these. A Discussion of the advisability of making uniforms obligatory at all times followed. It was the feeling that no opposition would be encountered in the Lower School, but Mrs. Marti felt that certain difficulties would be evidenced in the Upper School. Mr. Lewis suggested that if uniforms were made obligatory in the Upper School, the implementation of this policy should be left to the Uniform Committee.

Mr. Mead suggested that the first sentence of the General Information Sheet of the Application Blank be re-written to read "Pre-preparatory and College Preparatory" instead of "College Preparatory". Mrs. Smith said that this change would be incorporated when the next printing was made. Mr. Mead also offered to have duplicating
done for the school on the Mead Corp. machines. This offer was gratefully accepted.

The date of next month's meeting was held in abeyance.

Respectfully submitted,

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