

School Group Meets Monday; Hearing On Segregation Is Held

The Hillsboro Board of Education met Monday night in special session to discuss the court action on alleged segregation which opened Wednesday at 11 A. M. in U. S. district court at Cincinnati.

The five members of the board, Marvel Wilkin, John H. Brown, Elmer Hedges, Wilfred Faul, and Dr. William Lukens, and the superintendent, Paul L. Upp, went to Cincinnati early Wednesday for the hearing. All had been subpoenaed

as witnesses. James Hapner, city solicitor, represented the board as its regular legal advisor.

At the Monday night meeting, the board went over the petitions filed by the National Association for Advancement of Colored People and discussed their stand in the case at some length.

SCHOOL enrollment records and other data were requested by the plaintiffs in the case.

Dr. Roland Campbell, professor at Ohio State University, visited the local schools Monday to gather data on the situation at the request of one of the plaintiffs' attorneys, Russell L. Carter of Dayton.

Dr. Campbell has been subpoenaed as a witness for the Cincinnati hearing. He visited all three elementary schools Monday and is expected to prepare a brief for the court action.

The hearing was set by Judge Druffel last Wednesday after he had denied a petition by attorneys for the National Association of Colored People for a restraining order against the local board and superintendent.

Other petitions by the NAACP, requesting a temporary and permanent injunction against the school board, was the subject of the Wednesday session.

The group is seeking to restrain the board from refusing admission

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to colored children at the Webster and Washington Schools.

MEANWHILE, in Columbus, Governor Frank Lausche issued a statement on racial segregation, commenting that "my belief is firm that in a few school districts of Ohio, a wrong is being committed on Negro children."

The statement did not name any particular areas but Hillsboro is one of the few locations, if not the only one, in Ohio where the question has arisen. At least, it is the only one publicly accused of alleged segregation.

The governor expressed the hope that "wrongs would be rectified," adding:

"Based upon the provisions of the Declaration of Independence, the constitution of the United States, the recent announcement of the U. S. Supreme Court, and upon natural law, every child, regardless of color, is entitled to be treated on equal basis in our schools."

The governor's statement continued, "The teaching services and the school building facilities should be of an equal nature. Establishing separate quarters and separating children on the basis of color is not in conformity with either the letter or spirit of the law."

Asked if his words "a few school districts" referred to other than the Hillsboro situation, Lausche said he had only unofficial reports of other cases. These reports were not complete enough to permit him to identify the other districts, he said.

Hillsboro school officials said they had no public comment to make on Lausche's statement.

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First Home Game Is Set

Indians Meet Waverly Tigers Here Friday

Waverly Tigers, undefeated and unscored on, will roll into town Friday night to open the at-home season for the Hillsboro High School football team. The game is set for 8 P. M.

The Tigers have rolled to two victories in games to date, posting a 28-0 victory over New Boston in their opener and then downing a plucky Grove City aggregation, 13-0, last week.

Like the rest of the early-season opponents of the Indians, the Waverly crew will bring a big line