

September 24, 1964

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Skokie Public Library with the Board of Trustees of School District No. 68, held in the Lecture Room of the Skokie Public Library September 24, 1964, at 8:00 p. m.

Skokie Public Library Board of Trustees present: Conroy V. Erickson, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Mrs. Daniel Petty and Louis Weingartl and Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

Members of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 68 present: Bernard Kaplan, President, Wilbert Liebow and Samuel N. Turiel, and Superintendent Wesley Gibbs.

Also present: Mr. James W. Hammond, Architect, and Mrs. M. Sarver, secretary.

The meeting was held for discussion by both Boards as to what action would be taken toward a bond issue referendum which would include expansion of the present central library and erection of a branch library at the north end of Skokie, located at Gross Point Road and Kenton Avenue, adjacent to Old Orchard Junior High School, and purchase of property by School Board of District 68 for additional space.

School District 68 stated that there is much enthusiasm for the site and the Library.

Question asked by the Library Board: In the event the school portion of the bond issue should fail would School District 68 still be able to acquire the property? Reply: yes.

Question by School District 68: Has the Library Board been able to crystallize their thinking on the site and would it be possible for School District 68 to buy the property they want? The answer was: yes.

School District 68 inquired if the Library Board was still thinking of December 5 as the voting date for the bond issue referendum. Answer: yes.

Explanation by the Library Board that this meeting was called to determine from all views whether it would be better to have a separate or combined vote. School District 68 stated it would help their cause to have the Library with them and vice versa. Confidence was expressed that their area would be most instrumental in carrying the vote.

Library Board questioned: If school fails and library passes - what happens at that point? School Board answered that somehow or other they will acquire that land because they need it.


The Library Board stated because it is necessary for them to present a resolution at a meeting of the Village Board for their approval, no definite action could be taken at this meeting.

Discussion of voting dates brought the focus back to December 5 as a reasonably good date.

School District Board members offered to use their publicity machinery for both bond issues. Suggestions for publicity were: distribution of a brochure, assistance by the League of Women Voters for speaking engagements, taped recordings which could be used in many places including the school building and perhaps carried on some Chicago radio channels. A set of slides might also be prepared.

In order that all information to the newspapers would be coordinated and approved by both Boards, a news release was prepared and copies distributed to each member.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p. m.


Selma Petty Secretary