

DOCKET NO. 173

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In Re: Merger of the School

Districts of the Townships of Cooper,  
Graham & Morris, Clfd.Co. and West

Keating, Clinton County  
VERSUS

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: MERGER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF COOPER, GRAHAM AND MORRIS, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, AND WEST KEATING, CLINTON COUNTY : NO. 7 February Term, 1961

PETITION FOR MERGER

TO HONORABLE JOHN J. PENTZ, PRESIDENT JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

The petition of the Clearfield County Board of School Directors respectfully represents:

1. That the State Council of Education, under date of July 16, 1953, approved the plan of the Clearfield County Board of School Directors for the re-organization of administrative units and attendance areas in Clearfield County, a copy of said approval being hereto attached.
2. That Unit No. 1 of said plan is composed of the School Districts of the Townships of Cooper, Graham, Karthaus and Morris in Clearfield County and of the Township of West Keating in Clinton County.
3. That at a meeting of the Clearfield County Board of School Directors held January 9, 1961, a resolution was adopted to petition the Court to have the question of merger of the School Districts of the Townships of Cooper, Graham and Morris in Clearfield County and of the Township of West Keating in Clinton County submitted to the electors of the said districts, a copy of said resolution being hereto attached.
4. That under date of January 24, 1961, the Department of Public Instruction gave permission to the Clearfield County Board of School Directors to place on the ballot the question of the formation of a merger of the School Districts

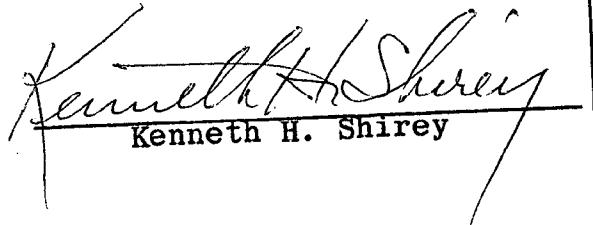
of the Townships of Cooper, Graham and Morris in Clearfield County and of the Township of West Keating in Clinton County.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that your Honorable Court approve the within petition for merger of the above mentioned school districts, frame the question relating to the same and certify it to the County Commissioners of Clearfield and Clinton Counties for submission to the electors of each district affected thereby at the Primary Election to be held in Clearfield and Clinton Counties, Pennsylvania, and the several school districts herein mentioned on May 16, 1961 in accordance with the Public School Code of 1949, P.L. 30, Section 263 (24 P.S. 2-263) as amended.

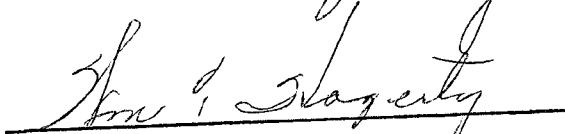
  
J. Gale Frank, Jr.  
Attorney for Petitioner

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA : : SS :  
COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD : :

KENNETH H. SHIREY, being duly sworn according to law,  
deposes and states that he is the duly elected Secretary of the  
Clearfield County Board of School Directors and as such officer  
he is authorized to execute this verification and further that  
the facts set forth in the said petition of the Clearfield County  
Board of School Directors are true and correct to the best of his  
knowledge, information and belief.

  
Kenneth H. Shirey

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1961.

  
Tom J. Tracy

PROTHONOTARY  
My Commission Expires  
1st Monday Jan. 1962

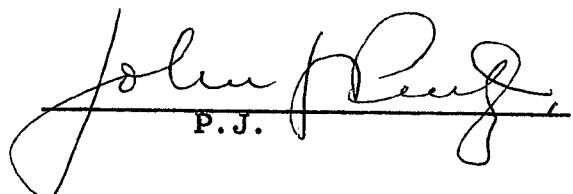
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IN RE: MERGER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF COOPER, GRAHAM AND MORRIS, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, AND WEST KEATING, CLINTON COUNTY : : No. February Term, 1961

ORDER

NOW, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1961, the plan of the Clearfield County Board of School Directors for reorganization of the administrative units and attendance areas in Clearfield County having been approved by the State Council of Education and the petition for merger of the School Districts of Cooper, Graham and Morris in Clearfield County and of the Township of West Keating in Clinton County of Unit No. 1 of said plan having been presented by the Clearfield County Board of School Directors, it is ORDERED and DECREED that the question of merger shall be submitted to the electors of the School Districts of the Townships of Cooper, Graham and Morris in Clearfield County and of the Township of West Keating in Clinton County at the Primary Election to be held May 16, 1961 and that the questions framed for the said districts as attached to this Order are hereby certified to the County Commissioners of Clearfield and Clinton Counties for submission to the electors in the School Districts set out herein.

By the Court,

  
John F. Reed  
P.J.

TOWNSHIP OF COOPER

Do you favor the merger of the School District of the Township of Cooper with such of the following School Districts in which the majority of the electors shall vote in favor of such merger: Townships of Graham and Morris in Clearfield County and Township of West Keating in Clinton County.

TOWNSHIP OF GRAHAM

Do you favor the merger of the School District of the Township of Graham with such of the following School Districts in which a majority of the electors shall vote in favor of such merger: Townships of Cooper and Morris in Clearfield County and Township of West Keating in Clinton County.

TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

Do you favor the merger of the School District of the Township of Morris with such of the following School Districts in which a majority of the electors shall vote in favor of such merger: Townships of Cooper and Graham in Clearfield County and Township of West Keating in Clinton County.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST KEATING

Do you favor the merger of the School District of the Township of West Keating with such of the following School Districts in which a majority of the electors shall vote in favor of such merger: Townships of Cooper, Graham and Morris in Clearfield County.



THE SUPERINTENDENT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
BOX 911, HARRISBURG

July 16, 1953

Mr. Kenneth H. Shirey, Secretary  
Clearfield County Board of School Directors  
Bigler, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Shirey:

You are advised that the State Council of Education has approved the following plan as submitted by your County Board for the reorganization of administrative units and attendance areas in Clearfield County, with certain provisos and exceptions as noted herein, in accordance with Section 262 of the School Code:

Unit No. 1 Cooper-Morris Joint

Cooper Township	
Morris Township	8 elementary centers
Graham Township	1 junior-senior high school
Karthaus Township	
West Keating Township (Clinton County)	

NOTE: Any elementary construction which is undertaken should seek to reduce the number of attendance centers.

Unit No. 2 Upper Meshannen Valley Joint

Beccaria Township	
Coalport Boro	
Irvona Boro	
Jerden Township	
Gulich Township	11 elementary centers
Glen Hope Boro	1 junior-senior high school
Ramey Boro	
Bigler Township	
Houtzdale Boro	
Woodward Township	
Brisbin Boro	

NOTE: Any elementary construction which is undertaken should seek to reduce the number of attendance centers.

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Unit No. 3 Harmony Joint

Barnside Township	
Chest Township	2 elementary centers
Westover Bere	1 junior-senior high school
Cherry Tree Bere (Indiana County)	

NOTE: Approval is granted for this Unit. However, it is recognized that this Unit is small and will have difficulty in providing an adequate program and services at reasonable per pupil cost. It is therefore urged that this Unit seek to join with one of its neighboring administrative units for administrative purposes even though more than one secondary center is maintained within the area.

Unit No. 4 DuBois Area

DuBois City	
Bloom Township	
Brady Township	10 elementary centers
Huston Township	2 junior high schools
Sandy Township	1 senior high school
Treutville Bere	
Union Township	
Falls Creek Bere (Jefferson County)	

NOTE: Any elementary construction which is undertaken should seek to reduce the number of attendance centers.

Unit No. 5 Curwensville Joint

Curwensville Bere	
Ferguson Township	
Greenwood Township	6 elementary centers
Grampian Bere	1 junior-senior high school
Lumber City Bere	
Penn Township	
Pike Township	

NOTE: Any elementary construction which is undertaken should seek to reduce the number of attendance centers.

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Unit No. 6 Clearfield Area

Bradford Township	
Clearfield Borough	
Covington Township	12 elementary centers
Girard Township	1 junior high school
Goshen Township	1 senior high school
Knox Township	
Lawrence Township	
Pine Township (no directors or schools)	

NOTE: Any elementary construction which is undertaken should seek to reduce the number of attendance centers.

The following districts have been released to become part of an administrative unit in Centre County:

Boggs Township  
Chester Hill Borough  
Decatur Township  
Osceola Mills Borough  
Wallacetown Borough

The following districts have been released to become part of an administrative unit in Indiana County:

Bell Township  
Burnside Borough  
Mahaffey Borough  
Newburg Borough  
New Washington Borough

The Department of Public Instruction will be guided by this plan in evaluating applications for approval of school building construction and requests for changes in school organization. In the event that future circumstances make advisable a modification of this plan, it is requested that a petition for change be made by the County Board to the State Council of Education and be supported by data showing need for change.

Sincerely yours

/s/ Francis B. Haas

Francis B. Haas

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
BOX 911, HARRISBURG

January 24, 1961

Mr. Fred E. Sweely  
Superintendent, Clearfield County  
Public Schools  
Court House Annex  
Clearfield, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sweely:

As Deputy Superintendent charged with this responsibility, I am hereby approving the request of the Clearfield County Board of School Directors for permission to place on the ballot the question of the formation of a merger of the following school districts in Administrative Unit Number 1:

Cooper Township	Morris Township
Graham Township	West Keating Township, Clinton County

Sincerely yours

*151 RALPH C. SWAN*

Ralph C. Swan  
Deputy Superintendent

MOTION by Kenneth H. Shirey, seconded by Melvin Young and carried that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the State Council of Education has approved the plan of the Clearfield County Board of School Directors for reorganization of administrative units and attendance areas, and

WHEREAS, Unit No. 1 of said plan is composed of the School Districts of the Townships of Cooper, Graham, Karthaus and Morris in Clearfield County and the Township of West Keating in Clinton County, and

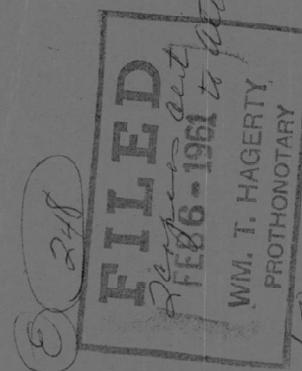
WHEREAS, the School Districts of the Townships of Cooper, Graham and Morris in Clearfield County and the Township of West Keating in Clinton County have expressed a desire to merge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of School Directors petition the Court to have the question of merger of the aforesaid school districts submitted to the electors of said districts.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNA.  
No. *✓* February Term, 1961

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DISTRICTS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF  
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PETITION FOR MERGER



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