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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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JUDGE: ROBERT G. JAMES

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CLOSED CASE.

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TITLE OF CASE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD;
 THOMAS A. ROGERS, President;
 DR. JOE W. CAMPBELL, Superintendent of Schools in
 Morehouse Parish; and
 JOHN T. HIGGINBOTHEN; LEONARD L. ROBINSON;
 BOBBY G. PRIEST; HOWARD YATES; ANN H. BARHAM;
 MAX DOLLAR; CARROLL O. HILL; JOE SIDNEY CARTER;
 CLARE M. CLARK; BERNIE TURNER; JEFF FONTENOT;
 B. M. HUNT; and ARTHUR H. BAGGETT, Members

ATTORNEYS

For plaintiff:
 John W. Mitchell, Atty. Gen. of US, US Dept.
 of Justice; ~~xxx~~ Washington, D.C. and
 Edw. L. Shaheen, PO Box 33, Sport, La. (US Atty)

For defendant: Robert W. Kostelka
~~Alvin P. Lassiter~~, Dist. Attorney, 4th MJud.
 Dist., Parish Courthouse, Monroe, La.
 for Morehouse Parish Sch. Board

STATISTICAL RECORD	COSTS		DATE	NAME OR RECEIPT NO.	REC.	DISB.
J.S. 5 mailed	Clerk 2-10-69	15.00				
J.S. 6 mailed Suit Under T. 28, Sec. 1345 & T. 42 Sec. 2000 USC for Inj. against Basis of Action: operation of compulsory Bi-Racial School System Action arose at:	Marshal Docket fee Witness fees Depositions					

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DATE 1969	PROCEEDINGS	Date Order or Judgment Noted
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2-10-69	Original complaint with attached certificate, filed.	
2-10-69	Original summonses (15) with copies for service, issued.	
2-18-69	Returns (14) on summonses filed: Fourteen=(14) services made on or about 2-13-69 as to all services made & returned this date, but one, & Dr. Campbell served 2-12-69.	
2-27-69	Motion by Deft. School Board to stay order described therein, filed.	M
3-10-69	Brief by Plaintiff in oppositions to defendant's motion to stay, filed.	
3-17-69	Interrogatories propounded by Pltf. to Defts., filed.	
3-18-69	Return on summons filed: Claire M. Clark served 3-17-69.	
4-3-69	Answer by Deft. School Board to plaintiff's interrogatories, filed.	
6-5-69	En banc order of Court based on 5-23-69 Mandate of Court of Appeals requiring Defts., among other things, to develop and submit, in conjunction with Dept. of HEW new plan of desegregation in the manner set forth therein within 30 days from 6-5-69, filed. Copies thereof mailed by Clerk to counsel of record and Supts. of Deft. School Boards.	
7-5-69	Desegregation Plan Proposed by Dept. of HEW filed in accord with 6-5-69 order.	
7-5-69	Deft. Board's Plan filed in accord with Court's 6-5-69 order. Copy thereof delivered to US Attorney.	
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7-5-69	EN BANC order of Court directing Deft. Board & HEW to confer in depth to arrive at mutually acceptable plan & extending time for 16 days to finalize such plan and/or make reports thereon, filed. Notice of entry given by mailing copies to counsel of record, Supts. & HEW.	
7-8-69	Supplement to Court's order of 7-5-69, filed. Notice of entry given by mailing copies to Attys of record, Supts. & HEW.	
7-11-69	Copy of Appellate Court order denying motion by School Board to recall & stay mandate pending filing & disposition of Pet. for Writ of Certiorari, filed.	
8-1-69	Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Decree by Judge Ben C. Dawkins, Jr., which incorporates therein New Desegregation plan for Deft. School Board, filed. For details see said Decree (BCDJR) Notice of entry given by mailing copies of this entry and of said Document to Mr. Lassiter and Mr. Walter.	
8-6-69	See No. 9981. Motion & Order to send original record to US Supreme Court.	
7-29-69	Case came on for final hearing on Desegregation Plans, evidence, adduced by Defts. & Pltf. & closed. Ordered that Plan submitted by Deft. School Board be approved. Counsel for Deft. was directed to submit a proposed decree and suggested findings of fact and conclusions of law by Thursday of this week. Motion filed by Pltf. denied. Motion for an order implementing the Plan filed by Dept. of HEW was filed by Pltf. submitted and denied. (BCDJR)	
8-18-69	Reporter's transcript (Huey Thomas) of proceedings of 7-29-69, filed. (19 Pages)	
8-21-69	Motion by Deft. School Board to amend original plan of desegregation, filed. (Copy of letter by Mr. Lassiter to counsel for plaintiff advising that Judge Dawkins, Jr. has set hearing thereon at Monroe, La. on 8-26-69 at 9:30 AM unless plaintiff objects in thereto).	M
8-22-69	Handwritten order of JUDGE DAWKINS, JR. setting motion to amend plan of desegregation for hearing at Monroe, La. at 9:30 A.M. on August 26, 1969 & directing that counsel for all parties be notified thereof immediately, filed. (BCDJR) Notice of entry given 8-22-69 by mailing copies of this entry to Messrs. Walter, Mitchell & Lassiter.	
8-26-69	Case came on for hearing on motion by School Board to amend plan for desegregation, counsel for Pltf. having notified the Court that they did not wish to oppose the motion, it was ordered that the motion be granted; and Decree in accordance therewith was signed and filed. (BCDJR) Notice of entry given.	
11-4-69	Letter to Clerk from Supt. of Schools O.W.L. Harper, Morehouse Parish, with attached Report on Teacher & Pupil integration, filed. Copy of pupil portion thereof mailed to Judge Hunter. Copy of entire report mailed by Clerk to US Attorney.	

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DATE 1969	MONROE	PROCEEDINGS	Date Order or Judgment Note
11-4-69	Order of Judge Dawkins, Jr., decreeing that a child shall attend the the school in the district where the his or her parents are domiciled & that any exception to this ruling shall be presented by the Parents and the School Boards affected to this Court for its ruling; and, the School Boards affected shall bear responsibility to enforce this decree within the spirit of the law, filed. (BCDJR) Notice of entry given by Clerk 11-5-69 by mailing copies of this entry to Messrs. Lassiter, Walter, Mitchell & Strickler.		
1-30-70		Letter of 1-29-70 to Judge Dawkins, Jr. from Morehouse Parish School Board with attached plan for desegregation of elementary schools of that Parish, filed. Copy thereof mailed by Clerk to US Attorney Donald E. Walter.	
3-26-70	Motion by Deft. Sch. Board to amend plan "in re enlargement & modification of Beekman School to accommodate students formerly housed in Shiloh School" and order thereon approving said motion, such being already incorporated in the original decree, filed. (BCDJR) Notice of entry given by Clerk 3-30-70 by mailing copies of this entry to Messrs. Mitchell, Walter & Lassiter.		
6-30-70		Motion by Deft. School Board for modification of prior orders of this Court, with respect to Morehouse Elementary EE being phased out during 3 year period & transfer of students therein to schools named in motion; and with respect to Oak Hill & Carver Elementary Schools be paired, filed.	
7- 7 7-70	Letter to Judge Dawkins, Jr. dtd. 7-2-70, from Mr. Lassiter, XXXXX with attached map, which furnishes the Court the additional information needed by the Court in connection with the 6-30-70 Motion by Deft., Board, filed.		8-17-70
7-10-70		Clerk instructed by Judge Ben C. Dawkins, Jr. to advise counsel that the Motion by Deft. Board for modification of prior orders of this Court, filed 6-30-70, has been set for hearing AT MONROE, LOUISIANA, ON THURSDAY, AS AUGUST 6, 1970 at 11:00 A.M. (BCDJR) Notice of entry given by Clerk 7-7-70 by mailing copies of this entry to Messrs. Lassiter, Christenbury, & Walter.	
8-17-70	Order by School Board based on agreement reached in Chambers on Thursday, August 6, 1970, in Monroe, La, ordering that the Morehouse Elementary School will be closed during the School Year 1970-71, except for appx. 130 negro students, and that all others who would regularly attend this school be registered in other schools as the capacity of each will accommodate. Further ordering that the portion of Morehouse Elementary School not used shall be used for Special Education Classes, and for integrated kindergartens and that the judgment filed 8-1-69, and all subsequent orders, not in conflict herewith, shall remain the judgment of this court, filed. (BCDJR) Notice of entry given by clerk by mailing copy of document to Mr. Christenbury and Mr. Lassiter.		
8-31-70		Supplemental Order of Court amending 8-17-70 so as to incorporate in the 8-17-70 order the standard "Singleton Case" provisions as well as the reporting provisions now included in all current orders, filed. (BCDJR) Notice given by Clerk 8-31-70 by mailing certified copy thereof to Mr. Lassiter and to EE Supt. of Schools Morehouse Parish, Mr. O.L. Harper.	
9-28-70	See No. 9981. "Objective Criteria Order" re dismissal or demotion, filed.		
9-22-70	Extension of time, i.e. 30 days from 9-18-70 re filing of Criteria, filed. See No. 9981.		
10-8-70	(See 9981). Extension motion and order regarding Objective Criteria.		
13-12-71	Deft. Board's Statement of Objective NonRacial Criteria, filed.		
4-13-71	Motion by Deft. School Board to confirm NonRacial Objective Criteria filed on 3-12-71 & order signed by Judge Dawkins, Jr. confirming same and making same the judgment of this Court, filed. (BCDJR) Notice of entry given by Clerk by sending certified copies thereof & of this entry to Messrs. XX Taylor & Parker.		

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4-19-71	Letter to Clerk from O.L. Harper, Supt. of Schools, Morehouse Parish, with attached Reporter required by 8-31-70 Court order, filed. Copy given to US Atty.	
4-29-71 28-6-71	See 10687. (US Response to Objective Criteria, etc., filed). Consent Decree, signed by counsel for each side, XXXXX modifying the Court's 8-17-70 decree in the particulars set forth therein, filed. Notice given by giving certified copy thereof to Deft. School Board's Supt. in person & by mailing copy thereof XXX to Atty. Gen. John Mitchell.	
8-17-71	Motion by Morehouse Parish School Board and order of Judge Dawkins Jr. formally constituting & appointing Bi-Racial Committee composed of parties named therein, filed. (BCDJR) Certified copy thereof del'd. to Supt. of Schools and mailed by Clerk to Edw. S. Christenbury.	
5-17-72	Letter to Clerk from Supt. of Morehouse Parish Schools O.L. Harper, with attached report for the XXXXX Fall of 1971, required by the Court's 8-31-70 order, filed. Copy thereof delivered to US Attorney.	
5-17-72	Same as X preceding entry by is report for the Spring of 1972, filed.	
6-11-73	Letter to Clerk from Supt. of Schools O.L. Harper, Morehouse Parish School Board, with attached copy of resolution of School Board consolidating Grades 10, 11 & 12 of Bonita High School into Delta High School at Mer Rouge, filed.	
10-30-73	Letter to Clerk from Supt. of Schools, Morehouse Parish, with attached report required by 8-31- XXX 70 Court Order, filed. Copy given to US Atty. by Clerk.	
9-30-74	Motion on behalf of Stephen J. Katz, with order thereon allowing him to withdraw the record in this case for a period of 30 days, filed. (TS\$) Note: Record is in Federal Records center in Forth Worth, Texas & has to be ordered from there, to be sent directly to Mr. Katz' office.)	
10-11-74	Entire record XXXXXXXXXXXX returned to Clerk by Mr. Katz.	
10-23-74	Letter to Clerk from Supt. of Morehouse Parish Schools O.L. Harper, with attached report for the Fall of 1974, required by the Court's 8-31-70 order, filed. Copy thereof del'd. to US Attorney.	
11-11-74	Order of Judge Stagg permitting Hudson, Potts & Bernstein (B. Roy Liuzza) to withdraw record herein from 11-11-74 to 11-25-74, filed. Record del'd. to Mr. Liuzza in person.	
11-18-74	Entire record returned by B. Roy Liuzza to the Clerk this date.	
2-21-78	MOTION (John T. Borden, et al - 28 others) to intervene & for further relief, with proposed decree in accord therewith, filed and placed in Judge Stagg's order folder.	
2-21-78	Response by the United States to JOINT MOTION to approve Limited Exception to Decree of November 4, 1969, filed.	
2-21-78	MEMORANDUM (John T. Borden, et al - 28 others) in support of motion to intervene and motion for further relief, filed.	
2-22-78	ORDER (ts) that a limited exception be and it is hereby granted, subject to the agreement and approval of the Ouachita Parish School Board, allowing the students, listed therein, whose parents are domiciled in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, to attend the public schools of Ouachita Parish, La. It is further ordered that this limited exception to the Court's decree of November 4, 1969, will expire at the end of the 1977-78 school year, and in no event shall it extend past May 30, 1978. It is further ordered that this Court's decree of November 4, 1969, shall remain in full force and effect for all other students and parents and shall apply to the students and parents beginning no later than March 30, 1978, filed. (TS) Notice given. 3-1-78.	
9-20-78	See No. 12171.	
3-22-79	LETTER of complaint from Mrs. Emma Ford Brandon, on discrimination basis of race.	
3-22-79	LETTER of complaint from Mrs. Juanita W. Rambo on discrimination, basis of race	

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PLAINTIFF United States of America		DEFENDANT Morehouse Parish School Board	DOCKET NO. 14429 PAGE ___ OF ___ PAGES
DATE	NR.	PROCEEDINGS	
4-17-06	--	MOTION to Approve Consolidation of Schools and Reassignments of Students (1) Attachments A; (2) Attachments B; (3) Attachments C; (4) Proposed Order Referred to Judge Robert G. James (ab) 4/18/06	
4-19-06	--	ORDER GRANTING MOTION to Approve Consolidation of Schools and Reassignments of Students. Signed by Judge Robert G James on 4-19-06. (ab)4/20/06 Mailed to attorneys on 4/20/06 (ab)	
06-15-06		***ALL FUTURE ENTRIES MADE IN CM/ECF*** 69-14429	