

1 Board of Education. We are now constitutionalizing it.

2 I ask that we go one step farther in this
3 constitutionalization and implement this board with the
4 State superintendent. In 1961 the General Assembly
5 enacted what has been considered a model State Code, and
6 many of the provisions have remained unchanged after
7 approximately a half a century.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: You have one-half minute, Dele-
9 gate Blair.

10 DELEGATE BLAIR: I read the educators also
11 oppose appointment of superintendents by the governor.
12 Abolition of such method of selection for Maryland was
13 recommended in 1921, in a report to the Federal Education
14 Survey Commission by Flexner and Bankman, wherein it is
15 stated "~~that~~ the superintendent who is the State's education-
16 al executive should be chosen not by the governor but by
17 a board as far removed from politican influences as pos-
18 sible for a term either indefinite or long enough to
19 remove danger of political complications."

20 This recommendation has been followed to today.
21 I ask this be constitutionalized.