

you say that the Eney Commission lost its nerve and did not go far enough, and you admit, that they were right in not going completely to the dead end street. The Commission cut it off at say "S" Street since you are more familiar with Washington, but I suggest that we cut it off at "M" Street and give the legislature the right, not to mess with education now because I want that given immunity, but to give someone else a little immunity here and there; maybe someone else is deserving of having a commission or a board headed, and this is a very selfish and untrusting thing to do. I hope this Convention will not adopt this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, first may I tell my colleague to stop using cough drops.

Mr. Chairman, in all seriousness, I am not sure what this means. It says that "except for the public school system and the institution of higher learning, the head of the principal departments" et cetera.

Senator Storm, I say this in the most friendly fashion, but it seems to me that that simply precludes the possibility of there being a state board of education or board of regents of the University of Maryland.

This calls for a principal head, this one individual. What we want is not the personal immunity, God knows we do not need that, in that particular position, but to have a board that decides, selects and controls, if you please, the professional head of the organization.

Now, I think we ought to get clear what we are voting on first.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen, the Chair suggests to you that you have completely misunderstood Delegate Storm's point, and perhaps the effect of Delegate Maurer's amendment.

The effect, if the Chair properly understood your comment, would seem to me to be exactly the converse of what you just said.

Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, I have known this gentleman and loved him for thirty years. I do not misunderstand him one bit.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

DELEGATE PULLEN: No, but Mr. Chairman, let's look at this matter again. I am no lawyer, but I can read the English language, and it says a principal head. That does not mean a board, does it? Does it include a corporate head or a group?

THE CHAIRMAN: The point that Senator Storm made as the Chair understood it, was that the sentence, as re-written under the proposed amendment would require that there be a single executive at the head of every principal department, except the state public school system and institutions of higher education. In other words, that there would not be a single executive at the head of the state public school system or of institutions of higher education.

Delegate Storm's point was that you were not permitting the legislature to provide that a board could be at the head of some principal department, other than the state board of education and the institutions of higher education.

Is that your point, Delegate Storm?

DELEGATE STORM: Yes, sir, and I am sure as soon as we get this resolved if I need another cough drop he is going to give it to me.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, I would have no objection to having boards for all of them. It might be better. That is not the point at all. What Mrs. Maurer, and I think those who are interested, or all of us are driving at is this, that we wanted the board and the chief professional officer not to be selected politically or by any device except by a board. We do not care if all the rest of this goes into that or not.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen, the Chair suggests to you the first sentence in section 4.20 as rewritten in the amendment would not apply at all to the state public school system or institutions of higher education.

Delegate James.

DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman, that is in 4.21. The education people are very well taken care of there in this article. They are in a very preferred position, if you would read the article.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is what I understood Delegate Maurer to point out some time ago. This section, Delegate Pullen, if amended, as provided in the amendment offered by Delegate Maurer, would