

School District, Warrants, Registration of. Same, Rate of Interest on. Warrants, of School District.

School district warrants, when properly drawn and not paid for want of funds, should be registered by the county treasurer, and bear six per cent interest from date of registration.

Helena, Montana, February 14, 1910.

Hon. H. C. Schultz,
County Attorney,
Thompson, Montana.

Dear Sir:—

I am in receipt of your letter of February 7, wherein you ask my official opinion as to whether a county treasurer should register district school warrants when the same are presented to him for payment and are not paid for want of funds; and, also, as to whether such warrants bear interest from the date of registration until paid.

Section 2989, revised codes, provides that all warrants, when presented to the treasurer and not paid for want of funds, shall be registered and shall draw six per cent per annum interest from the date of registration until paid.

Section 2986, subdivision 8, makes it the duty of the county treasurer to pay all warrants drawn on county or district school monies, when countersigned by the district clerk and properly endorsed by the holders.

Reading these two sections together, it seems clear that the intent of the law is to provide for the registration of warrants drawn on the school fund, as well as those drawn on other public monies.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.