Opinion No. 259

$\begin{array}{cccc} {\bf Schools--Board} & {\bf of} & {\bf Trustees--Transportation--High} & {\bf Schools--Funds}. \end{array}$

HELD: The trustees of a school district which does not maintain a high school of its own may not pay for or transport high school students living in said district into another district out of their grade school fund, but such transportation expenses must be paid for according to Chapter 156, Laws of 1933.

July 1, 1933.

You submit the following questions to this office for an opinion: "May the trustees of a school district, which does not maintain a high school of its own, pay for or transport high school students living in said district into another district out of their grade school fund."

We think that the language of Chap-

ter 156, Laws of 1933, compels the conclusion that the transportation is to be paid out of the budget of the high school and that the money for such expense is to be raised from the special county tax for the maintenance of high schools. Chapter 156. Laws of 1933, provides, in part: "The moneys needed to defray the expenses of such rent of quarters, or of such transportation may be included in the amount to be raised by the special county tax for the maintenance of high schools."

We can find no other provision in the school laws which authorizes a school district to pay transportation expenses for high school students from such district attending high school in another district and since Chapter 156, Laws of 1933, is the only statute upon the subject we think its provisions are to be considered exclusive.

Other language in the section strengthens our conclusion but we do not wish to lengthen the opinion by discussing it.