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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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To Earl Hutchinson, Director of Secondary Education

I have heretofore discussed orally with you the question pertaining to the issuance of high school equivalency certificates for those who have not completed a regular high school course, either to veterans or to civilians who failed to graduate from high school but who may possess the qualifications to entitle them to an equivalency certificate, the latter of which they may now find necessary in order to secure a position which requires some academic education. Your inquiry is whether the Department of Education has a legal right to issue a State high school equivalency certificate based on an examination program and whether the Department could collect legally the necessary fees to defray the expenses of purchasing and conducting such examinations.

It seems to this department that where the proposed program would require an expenditure of money for which there is no provision under existing law, legislation should be had on the subject, which would also authorize the department to fix and collect fees from applicants for the certificates.

I believe the plan is a very worthy one and should have the support of the department.

ABRAHAM BREITBARD
Deputy Attorney General

July 1, 1946

To Harry V. Gilson, Commissioner of Education
Re: Election of Superintendent of Union No. 4

This department acknowledges receipt of your memo of July 1 concerning the election of a superintendent of Union No. 4. To this memo were attached various returns, the minutes of various meetings held, and correspondence. This Union is composed of the City of Biddeford and the Towns of Dayton and North Kennebunkport. The superintending school committee of Biddeford is composed of five members, including the mayor who is an ex officio member. Each of the towns has a superintending school committee consisting of three members. The towns appear to be in utter disagreement with Biddeford on the choice of a school superintendent. It appears that the Towns of Dayton and North Kennebunkport requested that a joint meeting be held for the purpose of electing a joint superintendent, which the statute requires be done on or before June 30th; and not having received any response to their request from C. M. Cheney as chairman of Union No. 4, who is a member of the school committee of the City of Biddeford, these two towns then instructed their secretary to call a meeting, notifying all members of the joint committee, for the 25th of June, 1946. After this meeting was called, the chairman of the Biddeford school committee called a meeting for the 26th at Biddeford. The earlier meeting of June 25th was to be held at Dayton town hall in the town of Dayton.