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WHCREAS, The Trustecs of Neal's School Pistrict, No. 69, Sussex County, did on December 5, 1927, grant their consent for the transfor of the property belonging to the following persons, to wit: J. R. Conaway, W. T. Marvel, C. H. Marvel, Chas. H. Coulbourn, Joo B. Dickison, W. M. Tull, Rolend C.Fright, Clarence C. Wiloy, W. D. Stevens, Louis C. King, George W. Bowden, C. W. \& Katie Marvel, Harry Coulbourne and Victor h. hoore, situated in Neal's School District, aforescid, to the Seaford Special School District; and


WHERRAS, The Trustecs of tho aforesaid Nerl's School Jistrict, No. 69, did under date of August 29, 1927, by resolution grant permission for the transfer of the property in the said Neal's District belonging to LeRoy Be and Victor E. Hurley, of Seaford, to the Scaford Special School Jistrict; and

THERELS, The Trustees of the said Neal's Dis trict did on Ausust 29, 1927, by resolution grant their permission for the transfer of the proporty of william L. Barnes, situated in Neal's District, aforesaid, to the Seaford Special School Vistrict; and


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WHEREAS, The said Trustees of Neal!s District did on husust 29, 1927, by resolution grant permission for the transfer of the Ross farm, situated in the said Neal's District to the Seaford Special School District; and


WHEREAS, The Trustecs of Wainwright's School District, No. 109, Sussex County, did by resolution under date of September 5, 1927, grant their permissiox: for the transfer of the properties of $\mathbb{F}$. M. Lankford and G. O. Lankford, situaded in Wainwright's Jistrict, afordsaid, on the North side of the Stein Highway, to the Seaford Special School District; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of Neal's School District, No. 69, did by resolution under date of September 5, 1927, grant permission for the transfer of the propo erty of Dr. W. F. Haines, situated in the said Veal's Jistrict, to the Soaford Special School District; and

WHEREAS, The Board of ECucation of the Seaford Specicl School jistrict has by resolutions under various dates granted their permission for the transfor of all of the aforesaid propertics into the Sceford Special School District; and

WHEREAS, The following descriptive boundery includes all of the aforesaid properites to wit: Beginning at a point on the State Road leading north from Seaford to Bridgeville, where that road crosses Herrin Brench; thence in a westerly direction following Herrin Branch to the point where the Eest-west road running in front of the B. F. Gordy old homestead; thence east along that rood approximately 75 yards to the turn in the road and continuing on east about 20 rods to a ditch; thence along that ditch in a northerly direction epproximately 100 rods (this ditch forming east boundary of the $B$. L. Ward farm) to the N. B. corner of the B. L. Ward farm; thence in a westerly direction along northern boundary of the B. L. Word farm to the Penni. $R$. $\mathrm{I}_{0}$; thence in a southerly direction along the railroad to the dirt road which crosses the railroad; thence approximately 20 rocs along that dirt road in $a$ gesterly direction; thence in 0 S. W. direction in a straight line meeting the north-south Wesley road at a point east of the Wm . Rogers farm house which is on the west side of the wesley road; thence north approximately $1 / 4$ mile to $N$. E. corner of the Schock sistezs: farm; thence west about $1 / 2$ mile to $N$. W. corner of Boyce form; thence north 2 mile to N. E. corner of Andrew Jones fism; thence west cobout 1 mile along the northern border of the Lndrew Jones and Harry Brown farms to the east border of the W. J. Hitchens farm; thence north to the N. E. comer of said Hitchens farm;
thence west along the north line of the Hitchens frarm to the road; thence souti. along the west boundary of the W. J. Hitchens, the lichy, and the C. Friedel farms to a point about I/8 mile north of Neal's School; thence approximately. east to the strip of timber land owned by Jomes Friedcl; thonce south along the west border of said strip of Friedel timber for approximately 1 mile; thence across Chapel Brench about $1 / 8 \mathrm{mile}$ east of said Branch; thence in $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{o}}$ southern direction to the north boundary of the old Flowers Jistrict; also one farm cwnod by Mrs. Pusey, is to be set in, said farm joins the Dr. Haines farm on the : :urth; the Dr. Haines farm borders on the north side of the Stein Highwoy and lies immediately west of the north-south road from Stoin Highway to Neal's Schoc the C. and S. R. R. runs through the Dr. Haines farm; therefore be it

RISOLVED, That the boundery as described above bo and the same is herepy declared by the State Board of Education to be a portion of the nor th and west boundary of the aforosaid Scaford Special School Jistrict.

WHEREAS, The school in Flowers District, No. l69, Sussex County, was under date of June 17, 1927, closed becouse its averoge daily attendance fell below 12 during the previous three years; and

WhEREAS, The children of the said District have during the pest year been attending the school in the Scaford Special School District; and

WHERELS, The attendance in Elis School District, No, 68, Sussex County has for the past three years fallen below 12; and

Wherwis, The attendance in Woodiand School Jistrict, No. 229, Sussex County, during the post three years has follon bel ow 12; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Flowers District, No. 169, Ellis School District, No. 68 and Woodland School District, No. 229, be and the same are hereby consolidated with the Seaford Special School istrict, with the urderstanding that the Ellis School sholl be closed for the coming jear and thet the children in the said Ellis Jistrict shall be permitted to attend the school that is most convenient to them, and with the further understanding that the Woodiand School shall continue for the coming school year 1928-29 in the same manner as to supervision and raintenance as the same was maintained for the year 1927-28.

WHERELS, The voters of Tulls School District, No. 177 , Sussex County, at a referendum election on liarch 3, 1928, votek in fovor of consolidating with: the Seaford Special Schcol Iistrict; and

THEREAS, The Seaford Special School Iistrict at a referendum election held on Ifarch 3, 1928, voted in favor of consolidating with the said Tulls Jistrict; therefore bo it

RESOLVED, That the consolidation of the soid Tull's School District, No. 166 and Seaford Special School District, be and the same is hereby made, with the understanding that the school in the said Tull's School District shell be supervised and mantained for the year 1928-29 in the same manner as the same was supervised and maintaincd for the yoar 1927-28; and be it further

PESOLVED, That the State Board of Eaucation hereby appoints for the Seaford Special School iistrict as modified by the above resolutions the following persons who shell serve as members of the Board of Education of the new. defined Special School District, to wit:

> C. W. Robinson,
> H. M. Bell,
> E. A. Simon,
who sholl serve as such until June 30, 1929; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Truster of all of the Districts mentioned herein.

June 28, 1928.

Mr．Houston 敏ilan Attornej－at－Lam
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Dear inf．靕lsom：
In reply to our Letter of Sopteiaber 20 regarding the geographical confines of the Seaford Speolal Sch oi District，I regret very much that we can be of little assistance to you．The District itself does cover much more territory than the town of Seaford，as will be seen at a glance at the enclosed map．I regret very much that the boundaries of the Seaford Special District are not complete on this map，simply because，after hours oi searching，we cannot locate the boundaries from the descriptions given in vie records．（This map was public shed in 2868）

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# Historic school may move from park site 

## Century-old school was moved there in the 1930s



## DELAWARE BACKSTORY

ROBIN BROWN
After standing nearly a century near Seaford, a new fate is to be decided for the former Woodland School House-and that may include a new location.

And Sussex County officials want area residents to have their say and share their ideas.

They have scheduled a public meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday, June 4, at Woodland United Methodist Church at 5123 Woodland Church Road near Seaford.

The school southwest of Seaford served as the center of education in the tiny Nanticoke River village of Woodland during the early 20th century, Sussex County spokesman Chip Guy said.

The building is on the former grounds of the former Woodland Park Golf Course - a public course that had nine holes over 2,567 yards with 48 par. Designed, owned and managed by the late Skip Gardener, the course opened in 1994.

The county purchased the property in 2010 for $\$ 580,000$, planning to use part of it to store dredged material and the rest as a park, County Engineer Michael Izzo said. Sadly, he said, Gardener died of cancer before the project was completed.
"Everybody loved him," Izzo said, "...so we're going to have a memorial to Skip out there on the site."

The county plans to create a low-impact park with some nature trails, but with no ball fields, equipment or active recreation, Guy said. The Woodland Park project is scheduled for summer construction.

The meeting was set to gather community feedback on how the former school building may be best put to use as the site is redeveloped into a park, Guy said. That could include moving the building, he said.

At the meeting, county officials will give an update about the park plans, detail the old school's history and talk about the site acquisition.

The project started more than a decade ago, tied in to maintenance of the Nanticoke River.

As the federal government's local partner on the project, the county had to provide a site where dredged material from the river - last dredged in 1990 - could be put, Izzo said. The 41-acre golf course site was purchased in May 2010, for that purpose, Izzo said, and "the plan was always to put the dredge site at the back and


COURTESY SUSSEX COUNTY The fate of the historic Woodland School House is to be decided by Sussex County, which is planning a low-impact park for the former golf course site where the century-old school was moved in the 1930s.

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 columns at Delawareonline.com/backstory.organization, the state Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the city of Seaford and area residents, Izzo said.

Overwhelmingly, the preference was for creation of a passive park with a trails-and-natural-wildlife setting, suitable for walking and bicycling, he said.
"It's an area that has a lot of natural resources, so I think people are looking for those types of activities in that area." said Izzo, who expects the park will serve all of western Sussex County.

County historian Dan Parsons said the expectation is for the school building to be moved, because if it remained in the parkland, which would not have on-site supervision on a daily basis, the structure would be an attractive target for vandalism.

If the school is moved,

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## MICHAEL IZZO

Sussex County Engineer
use the front for a park."
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in late January 2013 began dredging the river's channel, from near the Maryland-Delaware state line east to the drawbridge at Seaford-Blades, he said.

The dredging, in planning over 10 years, restored the navigable depth of the channel to 12 feet, which the county said ensured safe passage for barges that had to limit their loads before the dredging to ensure they could travel the waterway.

The dredging pulled more than 86,000 cubic yards of silt and sand from the riverbed. The material was placed on the back half of the former golf course, leaving 20 acres for the park, Izzo said.

The county already collected public input about what to do with the parkland with a working group that included representatives of a Nanticoke conservancy
sons said.
There, the one-story wooden building was put on the remaining foundation of a former mansion house from the 1800 s , he said. A shed dormer was added, along with an addition on the back of the building.

The school's orientation also was changed, Parsons said, adding, "the front of the school is actually the south side."

The county administration - expecting to offer the building free to a good home - hopes the building can find reuse for historic interpretation of the area or another purpose that benefits the public.
"That'd be great," Parsons said.

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