

extended authority to the board of education to contract for that service if it so desired to have the service.

In view of the authority extended to a board of education by virtue of Section 7631, General Code, it would follow that the board, if it desired to contract for library service in the school buildings, would be authorized to pay from the regular school funds for that service.

Based on the foregoing discussion, I am of the opinion, in specific answer to the questions submitted:

(1) When a board of library trustees established by authority of Section 7635, General Code, certifies to the board of education, in compliance with Section 7639, General Code, the amount of money needed by it for library purposes during the ensuing year, the board of education has no authority to increase or decrease the amount as certified, except as it may be necessary to decrease the same to bring it within the limitations of the tax levy which the board of education is authorized to make for that purpose.

(2) A board of library trustees, established by authority of Section 7635, General Code, is not required to maintain branch libraries in the several school buildings of the district or to furnish library service within such buildings.

(3) A board of education, after having established a library free to all the inhabitants of the school district and appointed a board of trustees for said library, as directed by Section 7635, General Code, has no authority to dictate to said board of trustees the manner in which or the purpose for which the said library board shall expend the funds at its command for library purposes.

(4) A board of education is powerless to direct the policy of a board of library trustees established by authority of Section 7635, General Code.

(5) a. A public library established by authority of Section 7635, General Code, must furnish free library service to *all* the inhabitants of the school district in which it functions, including school pupils, teachers, and school authorities and all of said inhabitants are equally entitled to said service.

(b.) A board of trustees of a school district library established by authority of Section 7635, General Code, is a distinct, independent unit of government created for the purpose of providing free library service to all the inhabitants of the school district in which it functions.

Respectfully,

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF LOUISVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
STARK COUNTY, OHIO—\$90,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 27, 1931.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

3005.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF SIDNEY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SHELBY
COUNTY, OHIO—\$250,000.00.

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