

sets forth numerous conditions that must exist before an application for state aid may be granted. Section 7596 authorizes the Director of Education to make an examination of the situation and to require adjustments and changes in local school policy to be made as a condition for participation in such fund.

Without an extended discussion, it may be briefly stated that from a reading of the sections hereinbefore mentioned it clearly appears that in many instances it may be advisable for a board of education, or a representative thereof, to confer with the Director of Education with reference to a given application for state aid. Analogically speaking, it is believed there is no distinction in the case which you present and that under consideration by my predecessor with reference to the visits of the members or clerk of the board of education to the Tax Commission. While the opinion of my predecessor is contrary to a former holding of the Attorney General, as hereinbefore indicated, I am inclined to follow the 1928 opinion.

It is believed that my conclusion herein is in line with a holding that was made in my Opinion No. 1178, issued under date of November 12, 1929, which in substance held that judges of the Courts of Appeals are entitled to compensation for expenses incurred in attending a meeting under Section 1518 of the General Code.

In specific answer to your inquiry, it is my opinion that a board of education may legally pay personal traveling expenses of its clerk when under the direction of said board he travels to Columbus to confer with the Department of Education with reference to the state equalization fund, when such mission is reasonably necessary in view of the facts and circumstances.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS  
IN LOGAN COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 8, 1930.

HON. ROBERT N. WAID, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval cooperative contracts between the commissioners of Logan County and the Department of Highways, covering proposal Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of S. H. 130 and S. H. 235, Section "Bellefontaine," Logan County.

Finding said contracts properly executed as to form and legality, I have accordingly endorsed my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*