

also waived having the testimony reported and agreed for the Court to report the same in narrative form.

The School District, being the moving party, had the burden of going forward with the introduction of evidence and produced as its first witness Hayward H. Hughey, Director of Buildings and Grounds for the School District. Mr. Hughey testified that he was a graduate of the University of Alabama and had been in school work for a number of years and that he had held his present position with the School District of Greenville County for 18 years and that he was familiar with Greenville County and the requirements of the School District for school building. That a school was necessary in the general area of the property in question. That the Board of Trustees of the District had approved the purchase of the within described property, and when the property owners refused the offer of the purchase price by the School District, authorized acquisition by condemnation.

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A plan of the property the subject of this action was introduced in evidence and marked Exhibit "A". The property is located on Montague Road a short distance east of the White Horse Road and close to the Berca area between Greenville and Travelers Rest. Mr. Hughey testified further that he was familiar with real estate values in Greenville County and that in his opinion, the offer of the School District of \$120,000.00 for this tract of 59.65 acres was just and in keeping with the market value of comparable property in that area.

On cross-examination, Mr. Hughey testified that the School District had offered a higher price for property in the immediate area of the property in question.

Mr. Ed Jones was the next witness for the School District who testified that he was employed by the School District in the capacity of Assistant to Mr. Hughey. Mr. Jones testified that he