

County Seeking More Free Land

School Board members have agreed to ask the U. S. government for 225.5 more free acres at Forman Field and indicated they'll be willing to spend some money to plan the multi-school educational park which is planned for that location.

By unanimous vote yesterday the Board voted to approach Ab-

raham Ribicoff, U. S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, in an effort to eliminate the \$4,000-per-acre asking price on the 225.5 acres.

Then, after two audience members rose to question the need and the cost of an educational park here, Board members in budget session said they will be

willing to okay Supt. Myron Ashmore's requests for funds to begin making firm plans for the educational park.

Ashmore didn't ask for the money last night because, he said, he had some new ideas and wanted to work them out and give them to the board within the coming week.

Hoping for outside help for the project in the form of grants, Ashmore told Board members that no foundations or corporations could be expected to invest money in the project until the local board shows its interest and good faith by giving some financial backing to the plan.

A go-ahead from the Board, he predicted, will provide the key which might unlock a flow of help including immediate aid for planning from the Ford Foundation.

ENTHUSIASM

Board members Verlon Burrell and John Calvin said they have found widespread enthusiasm for the project among people in their districts.

Not so enthusiastic yesterday were Mrs. Lloyd Chartier and Mrs. George McGee, Ft. Lauderdale residents, who rose to question the need for more land since the Board already has received 320.5 acres free at Forman Field; the feasibility of transporting students long distances to attend the schools there; the matter of mixing many age groups on the location, and whether the county should go into "such a colossal thing."

Ashmore said he believes local cost at the field will be no higher than the cost of similar elementary, junior and senior highs and a junior college at other locations.



MYRON ASHMORE
... busy with plans