

was "Well, hand in your papers and take the next two pages for tomorrow." Now we didn't hear that only from our children, but from other children in the community. And if they came up against a problem they didn't know how to work, he said "Well, find out how to work it the best way you can." And he wouldn't explain and we felt like he didn't know how to work the problem himself. Anyway, some of the kids were interested enough to go to other teacher and ask "How do you work this problem?" Or go to their parents--many of the parents didn't know, but maybe they had older brothers and sisters. I know our older son helped with their math problems because he is--you know, pretty good in math. So, that was one of the complaints we had against him. And anyway, at the board meeting we all showed up and he sat there dumb-founded, really. He didn't deny anything, he just sat there and you know, kinda looked down. And he didn't try to defend himself or anything. But they had--the board said they had never heard of any prejudice before, but they were non-Indian and you know, just didn't know really our problem. However, I know they did know of some of the problems because I, myself had gone to the different board members and talked to them about the problem, but anyway, they were rather awakened to the situation. Well, we didn't get rid of him that year, but we did the next year, because they had already hired him--you know he had the contract for that year. So the next year he was fired. Mr. Shipley told the school board members what could be done, you know, such as filing charges against the superintendent for prejudice and all that. But he thought it would be better to work out our problems in a different way.

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And he suggested that we form a PTA, and we did, and we had good response and it's still a very active chapter. Oh, they have their little ups and downs, you know. But I was elected president of the PTA for two years and then someone else was elected. And we did quite a bit of good, we felt in the school, for the school. However we didn't actually do anything, you know, about the Indian situation except to get rid of the