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DSEA IN THE 60s

The Teachers' Battle for a Voice

By Chet H. Elder

DSEA Asst. Exec. Dir., 1966-1970

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"I won't be the only one shocked to learn that a DSEA president was also a district superintendent and local school board member, all at the same time; that DSEA supported a bill that gave all state employees except teachers collective bargaining rights; that the Odessa School District – one elementary school of five or six employees – helped level up the salaries of its much bigger neighbor in Middletown; that DSEA staff could participate in DSEA elections, and even campaign for their favorites; that DSEA – despite representing administrators – was at the forefront of defending member interests through several successful constitutional challenges... Intrigued? So many things changed in a whirlwind of local, state and national events. Reading like a who-done-it thanks to this insider's view, Chet Elder helps us understand, through the people involved as well as the whirlwind of local, state and national events in the late 60's, the twists and turns of those years and how DSEA changed - in ways that often seem counterintuitive - just 50 years ago."

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