

Halifax, N.S.

Tuesday

January 31, 1918.

At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, held in their office, 81 Sackville St., this day at 8 p.m.

Present.

- Commissioners G. F. Quinn, Chairman.
 R. H. Woodbury
 L. A. Redmond.
 C. P. Wood
 W. R. Wakely
 F. S. Colwell
 J. Starker
 J. G. Linlay
 E. J. Kelly
 R. D. Childford.

S. J. Mason, Secretary
 H. Butler, Superintendent.

Minutes

The minutes of two previous meetings having been typed and distributed, were taken as read and approved.

Reports. Com on S.S.B.

Commissioner Parker submitted the Report of Committee on School Sites & Buildings which was read as follows:

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The Committee on S.S.B recommends that the following accounts be placed on the pay sheet for payment.

Farquhar Bros.	10 85
Hillis & Sons	272 19
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co.	5 58
N.S. Tramway & Power Co.	10 67

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Piercey Supply Co Ltd.	843	
D Roche	210	
J Simmonds	46 07	
Thompson, Adams + Co.	180 -	
Tram fares	<u>2 -</u>	537.89

2. They submit letter, Jan. 28, from Robt McAllen janitor Chebucto School asking for leave of absence for three or four months, and recommended that it be granted.

That the services of Thomas Schultzy, janitor Joseph Howe School be dispensed with after Jan. 31.

3. That the tender of Messrs. Longards Ltd for a new boiler for Manual Training School (King make \$803) be accepted.

(Sgd) J. S. Parker,
Chairman.

On motion of Commissioner Parker the report was adopted.

Committee on Teachers.

Commissioner Kelly submitted the Report of the Committee on Teachers which was read as follows:

Halifax, N.S. Jan 31/18.
The Committee on Teachers recommends that the following accounts be placed on the paysheet for payment.

Baldwin & Co.	
A. W. MacFarlay Co.	11 -
Lenn Stationery Co.	77 50
	<u>50</u>

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2. That the requisitions for Stationery supplies etc be granted as amended.
3. That Miss Helen M. Macdonald, teacher at Bloomfield School be granted leave of absence her medical certificate herewith. On full salary, during her convalescence

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4. They report the passing on Jan. 22, of Miss M. A. Wells, teacher of 15th dept. St. Patrick's Boys School.
5. They recommended that Miss Irene Warner, B., be appointed teacher of 6th dept. Le Marchant School in place of Miss G. S. Cunningham, pensioned, salary at the rate of \$520. a year.
- That Miss Esther Brady be appointed teacher of the 15th dept. St. Patrick's Boys, in place of Miss M. A. Wells, deceased, salary at the rate of \$545 a year.
6. That the salary of Miss E. C. Lye be readjusted by the addition of \$25⁰⁰ a year, payable from Nov. 1, 1917.
7. That a temporary department has been opened in the R.C. Orphanage and a teacher from St. Joseph's School be placed in charge.
8. They report that Board of Public Utilities cannot grant Board's request for transportation of children during School hours at reduced or without fare.

Sgd) E. J. Kelly
Chairman.

That Miss K. A. Smith be granted leave of absence on full pay, until her health is restored.

The report was considered clause by clause.

Clause 8. Transportation of children was considered.

^{123 (Cl. 8 adm)} On motion of Commissioner Colwell, the Chairman of the Board was requested to discuss with the Premier the arranging of a system of reduced fares, for children, during school hours.

Medical Committee.

Commissioner Woodbury submitted the Report of the Medical Committee which was read as follows.

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The Medical Committee recommends that the following accounts be placed on the pay-sheet for payment.

J. R. Abrams.	4 -
Dr. S. G. Hitchie Dec. bal.	22 50.
Laundry	1 31

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2. They report the school nurses are now
duty.
The Auxiliary Classes are both at work.
The Dental Clinic has resumed its sessions.

(Sgd) R. N. Woodbury,
Chairman.

On motion of Commr. Woodbury the report
was adopted.

Committee on Printing

Commissioner Wakely submitted
the
Report of the Committee on Printing
which
was read as follows:

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 31/18.
The Committee on Printing recommends
that the following accounts be placed on
the paysheet for payment.

Blackadar Bros.	21 50	
Chronicle Publishing Co.	16 27	
Royal Print & Litho Co.	5 50	
Weeks Printing Co. Ltd.	10 25	53.52

(Sgd) W. R. Wakely,
Chairman.

On motion of Commr. Wakely the report
was adopted.

Committee on Finance.

Commissioner Kelly submitted
the
Report of the Committee on Finance
which
was read as follows.

Halifax, N.S.,
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The Committee on Finance having ex-
amined the accompanying statements of
accounts find them correct and recommend
payment amounting to Eighteen Thousand
nine hundred and twenty-two ⁶²/₁₀₀, viz: -

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Salaries:

Officials		864 98.	
Teachers	14,386.42	} 14,675 67	
Substitutes	289.25		
Janitors		1065 -	16,605 65

Accounts.

S.S. & B.	537 89	
Teachers	89 -	
Medical	27 81	
Printing	53 52	708 22

Interest on Debentures

1,608 75
<u>18,922 62</u>

(Sgd) E. J. Kelly, Acting Chairman
 C. P. Wood
 R. D. Guildford
 W. R. Wakely.

On motion of Commissioner Kelly the report was adopted.

Cadet Corps

Commissioner Colwell submitted a bill from R. D. Leary for \$14⁰⁰ for cleaning cadet suits. This bill was contracted by Mr. Drefry, cadet, instructor.

On motion of Commr. Colwell payment of this amount was authorized to be paid.

Two mattresses were authorized to be purchased for the shooting gallery in Academy, and paid for from Explosion Account.

Repairs to Schools

The Chairman reported an interview with the Halifax Relief Committee, when it was expressed that they would do all in their power to relieve the situation.

Letters

Morris St. School
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Read letter, Jan 25, from R. J. MacBreith, Chairman Relief Committee stating that the merchants who had given them warehouse accommodation, were now requiring the room, and asked that the Clothing Relief remove its stores elsewhere. Understanding that the Board did not intend to repair Morris Street School he asked that they grant his committee the use of it.

Read the Secretary's replies of 26th, that the Fire Underwriters having reported favorably upon the building of a warehouse for Clothing Relief Supplies, the Board is pleased to grant the request reserving only the four rooms in brick ell, and on condition that if, at any time the Board requires the building for School purposes, it shall be given up.

Read letter, Jan. 28 from R. J. MacBreith Chairman Relief Committee, acknowledging Board's correspondence regarding the use of Morris St. School, thanking them for their kindness in so promptly placing the building at their disposal.

Stating further that as he now learns the Commission has decided to fit up Morris St. School as an Emergency Hospital, it will be necessary for his Committee to find storage accommodation elsewhere.

Read letter, Jan. 30, from Messrs. Grant Orley giving permission to use Morris St. School for Emergency Hospital, but stating that the matter of rates will have to be taken up with the Fire Underwriters after the building is equipped.

Length of School Hours

Rd. extract from minutes of the Board of Control embodying letter from Controller Murphy regarding the length of the afternoon session, which he considers trying for many of the younger children.

On motion of Commr. Colwell the letter was referred to the Chairman of the Board to frame a suitable reply.

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Accounts contracted by Teachers.Holland Window Shade Co. \$25.¹⁰

An account ^{contracted} by Mr. J. S. Marshall, Principal of Chebucto School for a stage curtain.

Porey Electrician

Electric lights ordered by Mr. E. J. Ross for Joseph Howe School.

On motion of Commrs. Colwell and Kelly, the first account was ordered to be paid. The second was referred to Mr. Colwell to consult Mr. Ross.

Business Boys Class.

The Supervisor reported having interviewed Mr. Burbidge regarding the establishing of a class for Grade 9 boys, who might be employed $\frac{1}{2}$ day and attending school one-half day, pointing out to him that now that the schools were in session for half days only, merchants could try out this scheme. Mr. Burbidge promised to bring it before the Retail Merchants Association.

Evening classes at the Academy.

Commissioner Parker reported in not yet being successful in getting a night janitor.

The following schools were reported as nearing completion for the housing of school children.

- Quimpool Road in the morning
- Oxford and 3 classes of Chebucto.
- Tower Road School, new room nearly finished
- St. Patrick's Boys and
- St. Patrick's Girls Common to be commenced
- Alexandra progressing.

Adjourned 9.10


SECRETARY



CHAIRMAN