

Halifax N.S.

Wednesday, February 27, 1918.

At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, held in their offices this day at 8 o'clock, p.m.

Present:

- Commissioners J. P. Dunn, Chairman.
- R. W. Woodbury
- H. S. Crosby
- G. A. Redmond
- W. K. Wakely
- J. S. Parker
- A. J. Finlay
- E. J. Kelly
- R. D. Mulford

S. J. Wilson, Secretary
G. W. Butler, Supervisor.

Minutes

The minutes of last meeting, Jan. 31, having been typed and distributed, were taken as read and approved.

Reports: Committee on S.S.B.

Commissioner Finlay submitted the Report of the Committee on School Sites and 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:

Convent Sacred Heart	375.
St. George's Church	90.
W.E. Baptist Church	41.67
General:-	
Acadia Fire Ins. Co.	37.50
Brander Morris Co.	4.20
Cragg Bros. Ltd.	4.25
Carried Forward	<u>552.62</u>

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Jarquha, Bro.	552.62
The Indus. School	90
Hillis & Sons	3.75
Holland Window Co.	18.10
Hood &	25.10
Kensman, L. N.	9-
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	340
Melvin Co.	11.16
Merley R.	25
Mortau Thomson	1.25
MacDonald Co.	1.20
McFatrige Wm	3.90
N.S. Tramway Co. - Light	37.50
N.S. Tramway Co. - Pares	24.34
Windsor Turn. Co.	3.
	<u>205.43</u>
	900.90

- They report request of Workmen's Compensation Board for number of workmen and amount of wages paid in 1917, and estimate of wage roll for 1918, all of which will be furnished.
- They recommend the payment of Explosion Accounts amounting to \$10,846.17.

In motion of Council. That the report was adopted.

Committee on Teachers

Commissioner Kelly submitted

the Report of the Committee on Teachers

which was read as follows:-

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

Mr W. Mackenzie, Ltd.	94.30
Saulis D. W. Co.	30
Stamps	<u>10.00</u>
	104.60

- That the requisitions for Stationery supplies, etc. be granted as amended.
- They submit application, Feb. 15 from Miss Jean P. Campbell, Richmond School, and from Miss G. H. Hobert, Bloomfield School, asking for leave of absence until the

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- end of the school year to engage in Rehabilitation work, and recommend that the requests be granted
4. They submit letter Feb. 20, from the Secretary Board of School Commrs. Sydney, N.S. stating that his Board had unanimously decided to petition the Local Legislature for an increase in Teachers Grants in proportion to the increased cost of living
 5. They recommend that classes meet as at present until Apr. 1, with the exception of Lower Rd. and College St. Schools; that on that date the time of opening of schools be changed to 8.30 am. and that classes alternate monthly instead of weekly.

On motion of Commr. Kelly the Report was received and adopted.

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. L. Hammett Co	18.20
Express	1.50
G. M. Hendry Co.	10.20
N.S. Nursery	0.60
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	30.50

2. They submit letter, Feb. 26, from the School Nurse, Miss Read, asking for leave of absence from Mar. 25 to April 5, and recommend that it be granted.

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:-

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

Chronicle Pub. Co.	4.44
Halifax Herald	5.00
	<u>9.44</u>

On motion of Commr. Wakely the Report was adopted

Committee on Finance

Commissioner Crosby submitted the Report of the Committee on Finance which

was read as follows:-

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The Committee on Finance having examined the accompanying statements of accounts find them correct, and recommend payment amounting to: Seventeen thousand, eight hundred $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars, viz:-

Salaries:

Officials		864.98	
Teachers	14,689.00		
Substitutes	<u>100.00</u>	14789.00	
Janitors		<u>955.00</u>	16,608.98

Accounts:

SSB.	900.90	
Teachers	103.10	
Medical	30.50	
Printing	<u>9.44</u>	1,043.94

Interest on Debentures

<u>147.50</u>
<u><u>17,800.42</u></u>

Explosion Accounts	10,846.17
Bad Debt Account	14.50

(Sgd) N.S. Crosby.
R.D. Guildford.
E.J. Kelly
W.R. Wakely.

On motion of Commr. Crosby the Report was adopted

Re Explosion Account

The Chairman called attention to the Report of expenditure

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of \$114,661.96 on account of temporary repair work on various schools, and paid tribute to Commr. Parker, under whose untiring energy and oversight, the work had been carried forward, and whose skill had made the work so great a success.

College St. School

It was stated that the Reconstruction Committee had vacated College St. School as agreed, on Feb. 15; that the work of rearranging the school was progressing satisfactorily and the Board might hope to open the classes by March 15.

Lemerschaut

As the supervisor reported the classes in Lemerschaut School as uncomfortably filled it was resolved to open another class there when the College St. class is withdrawn.

Various Schools

The Chairman gave a detailed account of interviews and arrangements regarding various schools as follows:-

Alex. McKay

The Special Committee waited upon the Commission who have agreed to vacate the Alexander McKay School on Apr. 15, when they will place their men under canvas and hand the building over to the Board in the same condition as it was before the explosion.

An interview with Messrs. Falconer & McDonald contractors for the school, who agree to have the building completed and handed over to the Board by Aug. 15.

Oxford

That Oxford School is still held by the City Health Board, and no satisfactory arrangement can be arrived at. Meanwhile Oxford School is housed in Queenpool Rd. School Bldg.

Richmond

That the building having been completely destroyed, the Relief Commission is having the site cleaned up, and promises to have it done to the satisfaction of the Board.

Bloomfield Hi.

The Chairman of S.S.B. Committee having expressed doubt as to the possibility of making Bloomfield High School safe for the housing of children, notwithstanding the report of the Acting City Engineer in favor of it, the Chairman of the Board and of S.S.B. had interviewed the Commission regarding a loan on some terms as previous loan. This the Commission declined to make, offering to have the building repaired by contract to be awarded at their discretion, suggesting that work might be supervised by Mr. Parker.

In motion of Commr. Kelly and Woodburn it was Resolved

March 12, 1918.

Mr. John D. Sheep,
Superintendent of Schools,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Sheep,

At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners held Wednesday, February 27th, the Supervisor reported that he had received a contribution from the school children of Chicago to aid the distressed children of Halifax in replacing their school books, and that a further sum was being sent for the Blind and crippled children. The following resolution was put and carried.

"RESOLVED, that the Supervisor convey to the children of Chicago through the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. J. D. Sheep, the deep appreciation of this Board for the kind contribution which has made it so much easier for many of our children to continue their education, and their yet deeper appreciation of the warm-hearted spirit of sympathy which prompted this. The Board feels that such acts as this will strengthen yet more the kindly relations between our two countries."

I am,

yours most sincerely,

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that the Board ask the Commission to loan \$25,000.⁰⁰ for repairs to Bloomfield High School, that the work be done by contract awarded by the Board, and under the supervision of Commr. Parker. That the Board suggests that if the Commission thinks fit, it should appoint an Inspector to cooperate with Commr. Parker.

St. Patrick's Boys

The heating of St. Patrick's Boys' School being in bad condition, tenders were asked and submitted as follows:-

Terquhar Bros. - Gurney N.W. capacity 6200 sq. ft.	\$5,448.-
Hazenole - East Iron Boilers 6000 "	5,290.-
Longard's Ltd. - Royal Square N.W. 6950 "	6,740.-
and 5124 sq. ft. radiation	

Longard's Ltd. offer to allow 0.25 per sq. ft. for any old type radiators in good condition, amount to be deducted from tender.

Hazenole offer to allow .40 per sq. ft. for any old radiator.

It being the feeling of the Board that it was unwise to make such an expenditure upon a building shortly to be abandoned, on motion of Commr. Woodbury it was resolved that the tenders be not considered; Further Resolved that a committee be appointed, consisting of Commrs. Parker and Guildford, with the caretaker and Inspector to visit the school and consider whether it can be heated by stoves.

Gift of Chicago Schools

The Supervisor reported having received a letter from Mr. Schupe, Supt. of Schools in Chicago, stating that the children of that city had raised \$3000. for the benefit of the Halifax school children, and asking how the money had best be appropriated to obtain greatest advantage. The Supervisor had written, suggesting that as many of the children of the devastated area had lost their books, an amount of \$1000. devoted to this object would greatly relieve the situation.

The Supt. of Chicago had therefore placed \$1000. at his disposal for this purpose, and \$2000. to Blind Relief. These books are now being distributed, having first been stamped "Presented by the School Children of Chicago."

On motion of Commr. Fenlay, the Chairman and Supervisor were requested to draw up a suitable resolution embodying the fact that all books are so marked.

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Visiting of Schools

The Commissioners reported visiting the various schools during the month, and being satisfied with the progress.

E. J. Ross

Read letter from E. J. Ross, Principal of Joseph Howe School, asking that he be allowed to appear before the Executive Committee on a matter of importance.

On motion of Com. Crosby, a meeting of the Executive will be called at the discretion of the Chairman.

[Handwritten initials]

adjourned 9.45 pm.

[Signature]

SECRETARY