

Halifax, N.S.

Thursday
April 4, 1918

At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, held in their offices this day at 3 o'clock P.M.

Present:

- Commissioners
- J. P. Quinn, Chairman.
 - R. N. Woodbury
 - C. P. Wood
 - W. R. Wakely
 - W. J. Colwell
 - J. S. Parker
 - A. J. Finlay
 - E. J. Kelly
 - J. E. Dunsen
 - R. D. Guildford

J. J. Wilson, Secretary.
W. K. Butler, Supervisor.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting Feb. 27, having been typed and distributed to the Commissioners, were taken as read and approved.

Reports - Committee on S.S.B.

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

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The Committee on School Sites and Buildings recommends that the following accounts be placed on the paysheet for payment

Rents:	
W.E. Baptist Church	41.67
Accounts	
Bell, A. M. Co.	
Burroughs Add. Co.	3.15
City of Halifax - Fuel	5.00
Forward	156 08.35
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Bro. Forward	15658.17
City of Halifax Sewerage	72.50
Co. of Bros.	2.15
Dalziel. N.	3.45
Day. M.	27.85
Dillon Bros.	33
Dom. Atlantic Ry. Freight	8.92
Farquhar Bros.	27.41
Grant W. Co.	2.93
Hellis Sons	26.66
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	15.13
Montross Thomson	3.25
N.S. Tramways Co.	12.50
Lope Co.	1 -
H. Lardero	7.10
Leamon do. J. T.	2.70
Topp. J. T.	5.70
Tram Fares	2 -
White. Mrs	12 -
Winnacott	2.85
	15,912.60

Explosion Accounts \$10212.92

2. They recommend that the approval of H. Board of Control be obtained for the purchase of two portable school houses to be located where most required Probable cost \$1200 to \$1500.
3. That the resignation of Robert Mc Alden, janitor of Chebucto School be accepted.
4. That all janitors whose school buildings are in disuse be notified that their services will not be required after May 1st.

On motion of Commr. Parker the Report was adopted

Committee on Teachers Commissioners 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 account be placed on the pay sheet for payment.

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	14.56
Chittick & Sons	3.75
Cormier, O.P.	20.-
Fraser, A.M.	74.68
Mackinlay, A.F.W.	8.-
Saunders, J.W. Leo	20 f
Woolworth, H.F.W. Leo	2.14
Richmond Paper Co.	<u>123.33</u>

2. That the requisitions for Stationery Supplies etc be granted as amended.
3. They recommend that a resolution be prepared by the Board and forwarded to the House of Parliament now in session - urging the necessity of increasing the Government Grant to teachers
4. They submit the resignations of the following teachers:-
 Miss Carrie E. Ross, Morris St. School.
 " Margaret Sweeney, St. Patrick's Boys' School
 and recommend that they be accepted.
5. That Miss E.G. Shields, 11th dept. Morris St. School be transferred to the 9th dept. in place of Miss Ross, resigned.
6. They submit applications for position on the Teaching Staff from
 Miss Zillah L. Ballong, 9.
 Mrs Vera Cornwell, 6.

Clause 3 - Government Grants to Teachers - On motion it was resolved that the Chairman and Supervisor draft a resolution to be submitted to the House, asking that the Government Grant to teachers be increased.

On motion of Comms. Kelly and Parker the Report was 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.

Express	2.85	
Mullins. J.	2.00	
Read. W.	3.09	7.94

That the resignation of Mrs. A. E. Houston, teacher of Auxiliary class be accepted, to take effect at the end of the school year.

(Sgd) K. H. Woodbury, Chairman

Regarding a successor to Mrs. Houston, Comr. Woodbury stated Miss E. M. Mooney of Chebucto School had been studying with Mrs. Houston, and showed a marked ability for the work. He therefore moved, seconded by Comr. Wakely, that the Board advise Miss Mooney to take the summer course at Shelburne, guaranteeing expenses to the extent of \$175, and that after taking this course, she be appointed teacher of Auxiliary Class.

On motion of Comr. Woodbury and Wakely 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.

Royal Print & Litho	10.75	
Weeks Print. Co.	11.50	22.25

On motion of Comr. Wakely the Report was adopted.

Committee on Finance

Commissioner Wakely 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 Thirty two thousand, seven hundred and eighty one dollars and seventy two cents: viz

Salaries		864.98	
Officials			
Teachers	14,606.12		
Substitutes	<u>186.</u>	14792.12	
Janitors		<u>1011.00</u>	16,668.10

Accounts		15912.60	
S.S.B.			
Teachers		123.33	
Medical		7.94	
Printing		<u>22.25</u>	16,066.12

Interest on Debentures			45.00
Telegrams			<u>2.50</u>
			<u>\$ 32,781.72</u>

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

On motion of Commr. Kelly the Report was adopted.

St. Patrick's Boys' School.

The Special Committee consisting of Commrs. Parker and Guildford with the Inspector, appointed to consider the problem of heating St. Patrick's Boys' School, reported that heating by stoves would incur expense in connection with rebuilding of unused chimneys and supplying of stoves, and recommend that action be deferred until such time as the present heating system could be properly tested.

Visiting Committee

The various commissioners appointed last month to visit certain schools, submitted reports of visits made, and opinions as to existing conditions.

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LettersPortable Houses

Read letter Apr. 3 from Board of Control, approving Board's request to purchase two Portable School houses, to be placed where most required for school children.

Teachers Union

Read letter Apr. 2, signed L. A. Morton, President; E. Cummings, Sec. Treasurer, thanking the Board in the name of the Union for increasing the salaries, and for promptness and energy in making school buildings in fit condition for school work.

Account incurred by Teachers.

Read letter Mar. 28 from Royal Print & Litho. Co. covering account of \$14⁵⁰, incurred by Mrs. J. W. Logan of Halifax Academy, in 1914.

On motion of Commr. Kelly it was resolved that the bill be paid, and notice sent to all teachers, janitors, and other officials, stating that the Board will only be responsible for payment of orders given through and on the Office form, and such orders are not to be increased, altered, or qualified during the progress of the work.

St. Marys Boys School

The Supervisor read a letter signed by the pupils of St. Marys Boys School, asking that their school hold morning sessions only. Filed.

Thimble and Trinket Fund

He submitted a proposition from the W. C. T. U. to raise money for supplying hot drinks to men in the trenches by collecting old silver and jewelry and selling it. He did not think it advisable that school children be asked to assist in this collection as they might not be capable of discrimination.

Alexandra School

He reported Alexandra School as being in repair again and ready for classes on Monday, Apr. 8; besides its own, it will house Joseph Howe and classes of St. Patrick's Boys and Girls.

Diphtheria at Exhibition Grounds

Reports having been received of an outbreak of diphtheria at the Exhibition Grounds, the Secretary was directed to call the attention of the Board of Health to the fact.

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Relief Commission

The chairman reported having had a consultation with the Relief Commission relative to financing an expenditure to cover emergency repairs to Bloomfield High and St. Patrick's Girls High schools, which it is desirable to have ready for occupancy by the end of the summer vacation.

adjourned 4.30 p.m.

Spivison SECRETARY