

Halifax, N. S.

Monday, December 9

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At a special meeting of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax held in their offices 81,ville Street this day at 5 o'clock p.m.

Present

Commissioners G. A. Redmond, Chairman,

C. P. Wood,

W. P. Wakely,

A. J. Finkay,

E. J. Kelly,

R. D. Cquildford,

J. E. Furness,

H. G. DeWolf,

C. H. Bennett,

S. J. Wilson, Secretary

G. H. Butler, Supervisor

Estimates

Read letter, Dec 7, signed A. C. Hawkins, Mayor, asking that a statement be submitted, showing the present standing of all accounts of the appropriation for the current year's estimates. List of Teachers on the Staff, qualifications and time of service. Present salary and proposed increase. This to include all officials of the Board. Separate statement of expenditure for Auxiliary Classes Nov 30. Balances on current year's estimates. Total amount received from Provincial Grant for the current year and whether any information has been received that the same is likely to be increased for the coming year and to what amount.

On motion of Comms Kelly and Wood the Secretary was authorized to give the desired information

Reports

Com: on S.S.B.

The Secretary read extracts of minutes of S.S.B. meetings, and recommendations of Committee as follows: -  
Alexandra School - The trustees of Temperance Hall do not wish to sell the property will either repair or rebuild. Resolved to ascertain the lowest price for which they will dispose of it. To consult the property owners between Alexandra

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Court and Brunswick St and endeavor to obtain prices from them

Comms Wood and Guildford were appointed a Committee to negotiate,

### Bloomfield School

The Committee had visited the various sites in the vicinity of Bloomfield School and had obtained prices of properties on south side of Bloomfield and, adjoining, east side of Robie St. ranging from \$3000, 3300, 4000, in all \$18,600 - The owners of Bloomfield corner Agricola and adjoining property declining to sell. The Committee recommends that the City be requested to close off the west end of Bloomfield St. from Robie St east until it reaches the lands of Messrs King and Bolman and that the Board acquire by purchase or expropriation, as the case may be, the necessary properties on the south side of Bloomfield St to make the required area.

The mechanical superintendent to negotiate for best possible price and report.

### Oxford School Extension

That land can be obtained between Chebucto and North Streets to the east of Oxford School at 15¢ per sq. ft. \$600 for lot 33 x 100' and recommends that 10 lots be obtained at a price not to exceed 600¢ per lot. Mr J. O. Parker to negotiate.

### Richmond

The Committee reports the approval of the Governor in Council to the purchase of the Murray property on Longard Road as a site for the second Richmond School.

### St. Joseph's School

That land owners on Russel Street were demanding exorbitant prices for the strip adjoining south from St Joseph's School and the Committee recommends expropriation proceedings be instituted

### St. Patrick's Boys' School Plans

That the approval of the Governor in Council to payment of plans prepared by Major Gates for St. Patrick's Boys' School has been received

### St. Patrick's Girls' High

That, as the owners of land adjoining west of St. Patrick's Girls' High School, known as the Adams Estate, refuse to sell, the Board institute expropriation proceedings against them.

### Eden Lot

That the Board does not consider the acquisition of the Eden property on Russel St. at present.

On motion of Comm<sup>o</sup> Finlay and Kelly the verbal Report

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Alexander McKay School Opened

The supervisor reported Alexander McKay School was opened this afternoon for Alexander McKay and Richmond Schools, tomorrow morning St Joseph's and two departments of Bloomfield School will occupy it.

Vacuum Cleaner

Commr Tintay reported having authorized the purchase of a Tucc vacuum cleaner, the agent being just now in the City, and the piping having been already installed in the School.  
Cost to be \$800.-

Approved

Insurance

On motion of Commrs Wakely and Kelly the Mechanical Superintendent was directed to report on replacement value of the building with a view to placing insurance which it was resolved to place at two thirds the value.

Defects Arising

Commr Tintay reported having asked the City Solicitor to draft a letter to Messrs Falconer & McDonald regarding shrinkage of floors and any other defects which may develop between now and May.  
(No reply received.)

On motion the Chairman was authorized to direct the Architect to withhold a sufficient amount to cover possible loss.

Removal of Shack

On motion of Commr Kelly it was resolved to request the Relief Commission to remove the shack in rear of school building which may become a fire menace.

Formal Resolution of Authority to Supervisor

On motion of Commrs Tintay and Guildford it was formally resolved that during the absence of the Secretary the Supervisor be empowered to sign cheques and documents, as acting Secretary, and that the Banks be notified to this effect.

Adjourned 5.55



SECRETARY



CHAIRMAN