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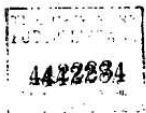


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SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
1908.

Term Expires January, 1909.

GEORGE E. BROCK.

JAMES J. STORROW.

Term Expires January, 1910.

DAVID A. ELLIS.

Term Expires January, 1911.

JAMES P. MAGENIS.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Jan. 6, 1908.
The meeting for the organization of the School Committee of the City of Boston for the current municipal year was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street Building, on Monday, Jan. 6, 1908, being the first Monday in said month, at 1:30 o'clock P.M.
The Board was called to order by Mr. George E. Brock.

MEMBERS-ELECT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following communication was read:
Board of Election Commissioners,
Boston, Dec. 23, 1907.
To Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary, School Committee.

Mr. We hereby certify that, as appears by the record of the votes cast for members of the School Committee, at the Municipal Election held on the tenth instant, in the City of Boston, the following named persons were duly elected, for the term of three years:

James F. Magenis,
David D. Scannell,
John M. Milton,
Melancthon W. Burien,
David B. Shaw,
Alpheus Sanford,
Board of Election Commissioners.
Placed on file.

All the members of the Board, viz., Messrs. George E. Brock, David A. Ellis, James F. Magenis, David D. Scannell, and James J. Storrow, were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The acting Chairman stated that the first business in order was the election of a Chairman, and directed the Secretary to call the roll.

The members as their names were called, respectively stated that they voted as follows:—

FOR JAMES J. STORROW: Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Magenis and Scannell—4.

Not voting, Mr. Storrow—1.
The acting Chairman declared Mr. James J. Storrow duly elected as Chairman of the Board.
Mr. Storrow assumed the Chair.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NOT INVOLVING EXPENDITURE OF MONEY ADOPTED.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was ORDERED, That the rules of the Board and the regulations of the public schools of last year, which do not involve the expenditure of money, be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

RULES AND REGULATIONS INVOLVING EXPENDITURE OF MONEY ADOPTED.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was ORDERED, That the rules of the Board and the regulations of the public schools of

last year, which involve the expenditure of money, be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

ELECTION OF TREASURER.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation.
The Secretary called the roll and the members as their names were called respectively stated that they voted as follows:—

FOR GEORGE E. BROCK: Messrs. Ellis, Magenis, Scannell and Storrow—4.
FOR DAVID A. ELLIS: Mr. Brock—1.
The Chairman declared George E. Brock duly elected as Treasurer of the Corporation.

RULES FOR JANITORS, ENGINEERS AND MATRONS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS ADOPTED.

The Secretary submitted a revised set of Rules for Janitors, Engineers and Matrons of the Public Schools, and Regulations Governing the Use of School Buildings, which, on motion of Mr. Ellis, were adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR PHYSICAL LABORATORY, GIRLS' LATIN SCHOOL.

The following communication was received:—

Boston Public Schools,
Offices of the Board of Superintendents,
Mason street, September 26, 1907.

To the School Committee:
At a meeting of the Board of Superintendents held on Thursday, Sept. 26, it was voted to recommend to the School Committee that an expenditure of five hundred dollars (\$500) for apparatus and supplies for the physical laboratory of the Girls' Latin School be authorized.

Respectfully submitted,
Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.

City of Boston,
In School Committee,
Boston, Sept. 30, 1907.

Laid on the table, Dec. 16, 1907.
Taken from the table, and referred to the next School Board.
A true copy,

Attest:—
Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.

Placed on file.
On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was ORDERED, That the expenditure of an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) for the purchase of apparatus and supplies for the physical laboratory of the Girls' Latin School is hereby authorized.

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

The following communication was received:—

City of Boston,
In School Committee,
December 18, 1907.

ORDERED, That the Girls' High School of Practical Arts be allowed the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700); of which two hundred dollars (\$200) be expended for equipment and supplies for its industrial department, and five hundred dollars (\$500) be expended for chemical and other laboratory supplies for the equipment of its science department.

That part of the foregoing order authorizing the expenditure of \$200 for equipment and supplies for the industrial department of the Girls' High School of Practical Arts was passed. The remainder of the order was referred to the next School Board.
Approved, Dec. 19, 1907.
John F. Fitzgerald,
Mayor of Boston, Mass.

A true copy.

Attest:— Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.
That part of the foregoing order, authorizing the expenditure of the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for chemicals and other laboratory supplies for the equipment of the science department of the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, was passed.

The following appointments and confirmations by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Dudley District—Isabel E. Clark, from Nov. 4 to 8, 1907, inclusive, five days.
Oliver Hazard Perry District—Margaret E. Kennedy, from Dec. 8, 1907.
Thomas N. Hart District—Dorothy Fairbanks, kindergarten, from Dec. 2, 1907.
Approved.

ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)
Phillips District—Margaret E. Kelleher, assistant, from Feb. 3, 1908.
Laid over.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Lincoln District—Gertrude P. Cole, Alice F. Moore, assistants.
Oliver Hazard Perry District—Edith M. Robertson, assistant.
Approved.

EMERGENCY LIST.

Edward L. Curran, Susan H. Lane.
Approved.

ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Bunker Hill District—(R. F. Tweed Kindergarten), Annie J. Murphy, from Jan. 2, 1908.
Lowell District—(Wyman Kindergarten), Marie Andina, from Jan. 2, 1908.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—(William E. Endicott Kindergarten), Mary C. Cummings, from Jan. 2, 1908.
Placed on file.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—
Franklin District—Octavia L. Cram, assistant, from Jan. 12 until May 12, 1908; Ida M. Mitchell, assistant, from Jan. 3 until May 2, 1908.
Frothingham District—Etta G. Clarke, assistant, Dec. 12, 1907, one day.
Sherwin District—Carolyn E. Joselyn, first assistant, kindergarten, from Jan. 1 until May 11, 1908.
Washington District—Emma J. Burke, assistant, Dec. 8, 1907, one day; Elizabeth M. O'Donnell, assistant, Dec. 8, 1907, one-half day.
On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study, travel and rest, under

the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to each of the following-named teachers, for the terms specified:—
English High School—William T. Strong, master, from Sept. 1, 1908, until Sept. 1, 1909, for study and travel.
Mather District—Lillian B. Blackmer, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1908, until Sept. 1, 1909, for travel and rest.

On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named teacher, without pay, for the term specified:—
Bowdoin District—Annetta F. Armes, assistant, from Jan. 28 until July 1, 1908.

MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of forty-nine minors to be licensed to sell newspapers.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

LECTURES, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 6, 1908, stating that in accordance with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee of Business Men for the High School of Commerce, which has been approved by the Board of Superintendents, it seems desirable to continue the course of lectures hitherto maintained in that school, and recommending the passage of the following order:

ORDERED: That the Superintendent is hereby authorized to establish and maintain in the High School of Commerce during the remainder of the present school year, one course of lectures, approximately twenty (20) in all, at an expense not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

JANITORSHIP, COMMON - STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 6, 1908, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Common-street School-house, caused by the temporary transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Thomas Brennan, for a period of ten days or less, to date from Jan. 6, 1908.
Placed on file.

JANITORSHIP, SMITH-STREET AND PHILLIPS-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 6, 1908, stating that he is of the opinion that it will be for the best interests of the department to combine the janitorship of the Smith-street and Phillips-street School-houses, and recommending that Thomas F. Whalen, janitor of the Phillips-street School-house, be appointed to the janitorship of the Smith-street School-house, to date from Jan. 6, 1908.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Magenis the appointment of Thomas F. Whalen to the janitorship of the Smith-street School-house, in addition to the position which he now holds, was approved to date from Jan. 6, 1908.

JANITORSHIP, TUCKERMAN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 6, 1908, stating that to fill the vacancy in the

Janitorship of the Tuckerman School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had transferred John A. Downey, janitor of the Common-Street School-house, for a period of ten days or less, to date from Jan. 4, 1908.
Placed on file.

JANITORSHIP, COOK SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 4, 1908, stating that he had interviewed the three candidates certified by the Civil Service Commission for the vacancy in the Janitorship of the Cook School-house, and recommending that George J. Hurley, who is second on the list, be appointed to this position, to date from Jan. 4, 1908.
On motion of Mr. Brock, laid on the table.

SALARY DUE NELSON WESTON.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was **ORDERED**, That the salary due Nelson Weston, late janitor of the Bowdoin School-house, be paid to his widow, Nellie W. Weston.

LIGHTING OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was **ORDERED**, That the Chairman of this Board be requested to confer with the Schoolhouse Commission with regard to the adoption of Tungsten lamps in school buildings.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL, DORCHESTER.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication received from the Board of Superintendents and laid on the table at the meeting of Dec. 14, 1907, (see p. 183), with regard to new high school accommodations in the Dorchester District, was taken from the table and placed on file.

COMMISSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE FIRST THREE GRADES.

The Board took from the table certain recommendations contained in the report of the Commission of Physicians, appointed in June, 1906, and acted thereon as follows:

IV. That the classes of the first grade be limited to twenty-five members, of the second grade to thirty-five, and of the third grade to forty members.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, placed on file.
V. That special provision be made for the care and study of the backward children, especially in grades I, II and III.

On motion of Mr. Magenis, referred to the Superintendent.

VI. That competent trained nurses be appointed to supplement the work of the medical inspectors.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, placed on file.
On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Secretary was directed to call the attention of His Honor the Mayor to the action of this Board on Apr. 29, 1907, requesting, on the recommendation of the aforesaid Commission, that smooth pavement be laid on the streets adjoining school buildings to lessen the noise, and that the Mayor be requested to inform this Board what progress has been made in this direction.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL COURSER, EVENING HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication received from the Board of Superintendents and laid on the table at the meeting of Dec. 14, (see pp. 183, 186), with regard to the introduction of more commercial and industrial courses in the evening high and elementary schools, was taken from the table and referred to the Superintendent, with a request that he prepare and submit a specific plan for carrying into effect the aforesaid recommendations, and for establishing such additional courses in said schools as he may deem advisable.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS MEN, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the report of the Executive Committee to the Committee of Business Men on the High School of Commerce, on the progress of that school for the year 1906-07, was taken from the table and placed on file.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Board went into executive session.
On motion of the same member, the doors were opened.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was **ORDERED**, That the Secretary be directed to make an investigation with regard to the school attendance of immigrant children arriving at and remaining in Boston during the period from July 1, 1907, to Jan. 1, 1908.

OFFICE HOURS OF MEMBERS OF BOARD.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was **ORDERED**, That until further notice, the office hours of the individual members of the Board in the Mason-street Building will be in conformity with the following schedule:

- George E. Brock, first and third Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 P. M.
- David A. Ellis, first and third Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 P. M.
- James P. Magenis, Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 P. M.
- David D. Scannell, second and fourth Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 P. M.
- James J. Storrow, Mondays, 4:30 to 5:30 P. M.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned at 10:15 o'clock P. M.
Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.





CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Jan. 14, 1908.
A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.
Present: All the members.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the reading of the records of the Board for the year 1907, the Board approving them as printed.

CONSIDERATION OF FINANCES FOR YEAR 1908-09.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called especially to consider the finances of the Board for the year 1908-09. Schoolhouse Commissioners, Logue, and Mullen appeared and stated the needs of that department with respect to repairs, alterations, repairs and permanent improvements in school buildings, and the necessity for providing an additional amount therefor above the limit as now established by law.
The Board then proceeded to a general consideration of various items of expenditure for the current financial year.

COAL BUNKERS, NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was **ORDERED**, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to provide adequate facilities in new school buildings for the housing of a full year's supply of coal, at one time.

PURCHASE OF BOOKS, GLOBES, MAPS AND CHARTS.

On motion of Dr. Scannell, it was **ORDERED**, That the Board of Superintendents be requested to designate all cases on the authorized list where books, globes, maps and charts have two or more equivalents, to the end that the Auditor may purchase one article of any class, list, or of two or more, if he finds that money may be saved by so doing.

TEXT-BOOK, EVENING HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 10, 1908, recommending that Key to the Study of Gaelic, with Exercises and Vocabularies, by John O'Daly, published by the Gaelic School, Boston, be authorized for use as a text-book in the evening high schools.
Placed on file.

Mr. Mugens offered the following:
ORDERED, That Key to the Study of Gaelic, with Exercises and Vocabularies,

by John O'Daly, published by the Gaelic School, Boston, be authorized for use as a text-book in the evening high schools.
Laid over.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT, BUSINESS AGENT'S OFFICE.

A communication was received from the Business Agent, under date of Jan. 14, 1908, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had appointed Mary E. Kleiher as an assistant in his office, to date from Jan. 14, 1908.
Placed on file, and the appointment approved.

TRANSFER OF A TEACHER.

The following communication was received:—
Boston, Mass., January 14th, 1908.
The Committee representing the parents of pupils in the Girls' Latin School respectfully request that the School Committee of the City of Boston receive them at a special meeting within a reasonable time that they may present a petition, and reasons, for the reinstatement of Miss Griswold in her former position as a teacher in the Girls' Latin School.
For the Committee,
I remain,
Respectfully yours,
O. F. Wells,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was **ORDERED**, That the Board hereby appoint Monday evening, Jan. 20, 1908, at 7 o'clock, at the School Committee Chamber, to hear all persons who may desire to present reasons for or against the re-transfer of Miss Griswold to her former position in the Girls' Latin School; and that Mr. O. F. Wells, as secretary of the committee of parents of pupils attending said school, and other interested parties, be notified accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Dr. Scannell, the Board went into executive session.
On motion of the same member, the doors were opened.

PLAN FOR A PENSION SYSTEM FOR BOSTON SCHOOL TEACHERS.

A communication was received from the Conference Committee of the Boston Teachers' Club, under date of Jan. 14, 1908, transmitting the following outline of a plan for a pension system for teachers, adopted by said club at a meeting held on Jan. 13, 1908:

1. There shall be no compulsory age limit.
2. The teachers shall be required to pay no assessments.
3. A teacher may retire after thirty years of service, ten of which shall have been in the public day schools of Boston.
4. A teacher mentally or physically incapacitated may be retired after fifteen years of service on the full amount of the pension. When such incapacity ceases the teacher may be restored to the service.
5. The Board of Retirement shall be made up of the Boston School Board, Superintendent of Schools, and the Assistant Superintendents.
6. All teachers receiving a pension shall be paid the same sum which shall not be less than \$30 per annum.

Placed on file.
On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was **ORDERED**, That the Chairman is hereby requested to introduce a bill into the Legislature on behalf of this Board, authorizing it to establish a pension system for teachers in the public schools.