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Feb 24/03

Regular meeting of the Board
of Education held at Park School
Tuesday evening Feb 24/1903
Meeting called to order by the
President.

present Messrs Bonvies-
Shepard- Littig- Goodrich-
Booth- Davis- Clark- Ackerman.
Minutes of meeting Jan 27th
read and approved.

Supt's report read and
ordered placed on file.

Miss Cotterell tendered her
resignation as teacher and
on motion it was accepted.

On motion the Clerk was ordered
to pay Miss Parker in full for
the time she was absent on
account of sickness.

Special Com on lectures submitted
the following report

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"Goodeady."

Telephone Connection:

Law Offices of
Henry W. Goodrich,
59 & 61 Wall Street,
(Brown Brothers Building.)

George R. Coughlan,
William C. Foster.

New York, February 24, 1903.

To the Board of Education:

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Lectures submits herewith its report:

We have ascertained that the Board of Education of New York City has arranged a large number of courses of lectures, given once or twice a week, at various lecture centres throughout the greater city. These lectures embrace a wide range of topics and are given by men well known on the lecture platform. Many of them are illustrated. We submit herewith a list for the current year.

We have ascertained that almost all of these lectures can be had at an expense of \$10 each, if not illustrated, and of \$20 if a stereopticon is furnished. We have accordingly arranged for one lecture on the date selected by the Board, namely, February 27th. The lecturer will be Mr. F. W. Stuchell and his subject will be Switzerland. The lecture will be illustrated; the cost will be \$20.

We have not ventured to go beyond the one date arranged, but we desire to present to the Board a plan for several lectures during the balance of the school year. We propose three additional lectures, all illustrated; two of them by lecturers from the Board of Education, and one by the President of this Board, who has kindly consented to give his services in the course. We suggest that the lectures, by the lecturers from New York, shall be upon foreign countries or travel, such as Martinique, or London, or Paris, or the Arctic expedition, or perhaps one upon our own country, say the City of Washington or one of the South-

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western scenes of natural beauty like the Grand Cañon of the Colorado.

For these three lectures, that of February 27, and the two by the lecturers from the Board of Education of New York, we suggest that no admission fee be charged. For the lecture, however, by Mr. Bouvier, which should be perhaps the third or fourth in the series, we suggest that a charge of 25 cents be made in the hope that we may raise funds toward the expenses of the other lectures, the purchase of a stereopticon and the framing of the twenty-four pictures belonging to the schools. We have calculated these expenses as follows:

Stereopticon and screen - - - - -	\$67.50
Framing (about) - - - - -	50.00
Lectures - - - - -	60.00
Incidentals - - - - -	10.00
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Assuming that we buy the stereopticon after the first lecture the item of lectures will be reduced by \$30, making a total of \$157.50.

We do not believe that we shall be able to raise this entire sum from the admission fees, but at least we can do something toward it; and we suggest that there be included in the budget for the ensuing year a sum sufficient to make up the deficit, say \$100.

We hope that the first lecture will prove so attractive that the Town Council will be willing to appropriate funds necessary to carry on this entertaining and instructive form of education, which benefits not only the pupils but the parents as well; and we suggest further that a special invitation be sent to the members of the council to be present at the first lecture, that on Switzerland on the 27th of this month.

It should be noted that § 212 of the State School Act may provide a method of raising \$20 toward the purchase of a Stereopticon.

Moved by Davis Sec by Shepard
that we establish a Course of
lectures as recommended
by the Committee. Carried
Moved by Clark Sec by Ackerman
that \$100.⁰⁰ be added to the budget
for the purchase of a Stereopticon
Carried

Moved by Ackerman Sec by
Goodrich that a vote of thanks
be tendered Mr Bowser for
his kind offer to donate 20⁰⁰
toward the Cost of the lecture
Course. Carried

Moved by Shepard Sec by Goodrich
that \$700.⁰⁰ be added to budget
for maintenance of the Night
School. Carried.

Communication from Committee
from Civic Assn in reference
to the Normal School Question
read and on Motion laid on the table
Moved by Clark Sec by Davis

That Notice be given to the legal voters of
the School District of the Town of Nutter in the
County of Essex that the annual School
meeting will be held at Park School
Auditorium on the 17th day of March

1903 at 8 P.M. at which meeting three members of the Board of Education will be elected and the Clerk is hereby instructed to post notices as directed by law. Carried

On Motion following bills were ordered paid

A. N. Van Riper 475.95

Park Passaic Garden 13.47

S. P. Ireland Water rent 15.73

H. B. Reed 122.35

E. E. Faith 72.09

Thos Hayes 13.67

On Motion meeting adjourned

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