

A meeting of the Board of Education, called in accordance with a vote at the regular meeting on September 27, 1904, was held in the Board Rooms, Park School on the evening of October 4, 1904. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mr. Goodrich; the President up to that time not having arrived.

Members present: Dr. Philhower, Messrs. Goodrich, Booth, Stager, Lichtenstern, O'Neil, Dittig.

Members absent: Messrs. Bailey and Sheppard, both of whom sent excuses.

The minutes of the regular meetings of June 28, 1904, and of September 27, 1904, together with the minutes of the special meetings of July 15, 1904 and August 1, 1904, were read and approved.

The special committee appointed at the September meeting, to consider additional school accommodations made its report orally, and was substantially as follows:

That two suitable rooms could be obtained at a rental of about \$250.00. There would be included heat and janitor service in one, and janitor service alone in the other. The expense for teachers would be \$1100.00. Of this \$400.00 would be returned by the state in making the appropriation for next year.

That the committee was on track of suitable desks, which could be had for \$35.00

The places the committee had in mind were the store in Mr. Stirratt's building on the corner of Chestnut Street and Passaic Avenue, and the vacant store in the Searles building on Franklin Avenue.

The report of the committee was voted received.

It was moved and duly seconded that the Board take the necessary steps to open a new Seventh Grade room. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Booth that the Board hire Mr. Stirratt's

store for the remainder of the year at a rental of \$200.00 which price is to include heat and janitor service. Carried.

It was voted that the special committee be authorized and directed to purchase the necessary desks at the price previously quoted, viz. \$35.00 Carried.

It was then moved by Mr. Booth, and seconded by Mr. O'Neil that an additional Third Grade room be provided, and that the special committee be directed to obtain accommodations for it. Carried.

It was then voted that the Committee on Teachers' be directed to secure two new teachers for the rooms to be opened.

Upon motion it was voted that the Superintendent make the necessary assignments of pupils to the two rooms.

It was moved by Mr. Booth that the special committee on school accommodations be instructed to investigate and find a site or sites suitable for a school building, and to consider the advisability of additions being made to the present school buildings, and to report at the next regular meeting of the Board. Carried.

The Curriculum Committee recommended that Spelling be added to the High School Course of Study, and that all classes take it for two periods a week during the present year. Ultimately the subject is to be taken only in the first year of the course.

Upon motion of Mr. Dittig the recommendation was adopted.

The report of the committee that Vergil be not added to the present course this year, was adopted.

Mr. Lichtenstern, for the Finance committee reported that he had attended a meeting of the Town Council, and had laid before them the proposition that the Board give a receipt to the Council for \$510.00 for rent in advance. To this the Council would not agree but suggested that it would take a receipt for \$150.00 the amount due to Nov. 1, 1904 for rent, and also a note for the balance for one year without interest.

It was voted to receive the report.

It was then voted that the Finance Committee have power to negotiate such a note as shall be satisfactory to the Council and the Committee. *H*

A communication from Mr. W.H. Robinson, thanking the Board in behalf of the Colored Church, for the use of the old Park Hall for church purposes, was received and ordered filed.

It was moved by Mr. Goodrich that the congratulations of the Board be extended to Mr. A.B. Meredith upon his appointment to County Superintendent of Schools for Essex County. Carried.

At 10.15 P.M. the Board adjourned.

*Approved Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1894.*

*A. B. Meredith.*  
District Clerk.

*This note was for \$360. given 11/10/94 for  
13 mos with our interest,*