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SCHOOL ESTIMATES DISCUSSED AT LENGTH BY BOARD LAST NIGHT AND SOME ITEMS HELD UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

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Criticized Systems

Trustee Montgomery expressed the opinion that the present system was expensive and the best value was not being obtained in some cases. In the manual training department he did not think they were getting results as compared to some things they were doing without. With reference to the dental clinic, he would favor doing away with manual training to institute it if it were necessary.

Trustee Montgomery also criticized the policy of having a superintendent who did not actually teach. Instead of spending his time tabulating figures, he thought the board's best servant should be employed to the best advantage, namely, actually teaching. Trustee Parker thought the principal should have a certain amount of time for purposes of supervision since there were 21 teachers on the staff.

Looking for Reductions
Speaking of salaries, Trustee Parker thought that the rate-payers were looking for reductions in the schools, as well as in other departments of the city. The local schedule should be compared with those of such cities as Nelson and Nanaimo. An efficient teaching staff could be maintained with lower salaries, he thought. The cost of living had certainly decreased and the salary schedule should suggest a small but no radical reduction. A general reduction of 5 per cent without upsetting the schedule might be made, he thought.

Trustee McLennan thought they should move carefully and slowly in making reductions. He would not favor cutting salaries if the teaching efficiency would be impaired by so doing. If real service was being given, too much could not be paid for it. The board had a duty to the children as well as the rate-payers. In any case nothing should be done until the teachers had been consulted. Trustee McLennan defended the system of a supervising principal and said that the inspectors and advice of Mr. Campbell had been of great value and assistance to the board.

Cost of Living Basis
Trustee Casey said that some of the teachers now at minimum salaries could not stand reductions but the matter of continuing the paying of some of the higher salaries ought to be considered. The cost of living was one of the most important factors to be considered in making reductions and he contended that was the only fair basis.

Dr. Kergin felt that there seemed to be a general disposition to at least further study the schedule with a view of possibly effecting reductions. The receiving class teachers, he felt, were entitled to more pay than the junior and the intermediate grades and should come second to the senior grade teachers in the matter of salary.

Speaking of the supervising principal, Dr. Kergin said he had at first been skeptical in regard to the system but he had changed his opinion entirely. Mr. Campbell's duties were not so much the preparing of reports as supervising and harmonizing the teaching work generally. During the last year there had been a great improvement in that way. The work had been harmonized and the children were more properly graded. Under Mr. Campbell the system of writing had been made more uniform throughout the schools and there was a great general improvement. Education was one of the most important single departments in the city and he thought the expense of a supervising principal was fully justified, particularly since Mr. Campbell had proved such a competent holder of that office.

Secure Information
Trustee Montgomery said he wanted to know what per capita costs and teachers' salaries in other places were. The matter of securing these were left in the hands of Mr. Vance and Mr. Campbell and it was decided to leave the whole question over until next meeting when the trustees would be better able to arrive at a basis, having studied the schedule and made comparisons with other places. A conference with the teachers will likely be held when the trustees have reached their conclusions and have a definite basis to work upon.

The question of opening a new receiving class on February 1 was touched upon, when the report was made by Mr. Campbell that about 30 beginners were ready to start school. This, with the matter of closing the Westview School on account of decreasing attendance, was left over until next meeting when more definite information will be forthcoming.

Secretary Leaving
Trustee Vance reported that he would likely be leaving the city and it would be necessary for the board to get a new secretary. Mr. Vance reported that he had been attending 32 meetings during the year and that he had been doing a good deal of his time in being paid but \$25 a month. He doubted if a successor could be obtained at that price. The question of having a sign in the estimates for the secretary's salary was also left over. It was generally felt that \$50 would have to be paid in future.

Dental Clinic
The question of establishing a dental clinic met with general favor but there was no definite basis to work upon as no one had any idea as to what the cost might be. A committee consisting of Trustee Parker and Trustee Casey was delegated to interview the local dentists with this committee will report on its findings before the dental clinic estimates are decided upon. The estimate for the Booth

School inquiry in the extraordinary section was also laid over pending the receipt of advice from W. E. Fisher, who has been engaged by the board in an advisory capacity.

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