

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS OF THE ENGLISH SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR BOYS
IN THE LEBANON HELD AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL ON 24 APRIL 1958.

PRESENT:

Dr. Joseph Hitti (Chairman)
Dean Farid Hanania Mr A. McQueen
Mr T.W. Morray Mr I.D. Scott

Mr R.T. Edwards (Secretary).

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Sixth Meeting were confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

EQUIVALENCE. With reference to paras. 2 and 8(c), Mr. Scott stated he had informed H.M. Ambassador of the position and the Ambassador was of the opinion that, before a delegation went to see the President, it would be preferable to await the result of the approach being made to Oxford and Cambridge Universities about acceptance of the Lebanese Baccalaurate. Mr Scott proposed that we should wait until 5 May for news from London but if the news was unfavourable, or had not arrived by that time, then it was suggested that Dr Hitti should request Mr Fuad Sawaya to call a meeting (at which Dr Hitti, Dean Hanania and Mr Morray would be present) of the Committee dealing with Equivalence. The Board unanimously agreed to this proposal.

3. RULES TO BE FRAMED BY THE TRUSTEES

It was agreed that the Proposals set out in the statement marked "A" attached to the Agenda should be sent to the Trustees.

4. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

A statement of Income and Expenditure for the period 26 March 1956 to 8 April 1958 was placed before the Board. A copy of the statement is attached to these Minutes.

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5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

After some discussion Mr McQueen stated he would ask Mr Lees of Russell & Company, Chartered Accountants, if he would be prepared to accept this appointment; Mr McQueen said that for the moment there was very little detailed audit work to be done and he thought Mr Lees would accept the appointment without fees. It was agreed that when the volume of work for the auditors increased to such an extent that a fee became appropriate, Mr McQueen would advise the Board.

6. ALTERNATIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr Morray said he had not been able to make much progress but would get in touch with Mr Irving again.

NOTE:

Since the Meeting Mr Nassib Boulos has told Mr Scott that the Municipality of Deir-el-Qamar are on the point of granting a new right-of-way through their property, which adjoins the School site.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. UNFULFILLED PROMISES OF ASSISTANCE MADE BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

The Secretary produced a summarised statement (copy attached to these Minutes) concerning the following items :-

Water supply of 200 cubic meters per day
Making up of approach road
Establishment of a Gendarmerie post
Bringing electricity and telephone lines to the site,

and Dr Hitti promised to take up these matters at an early date with Jamil Bey Mikkaoui, Mr Ghassan Tuani and the Government departments concerned. It was emphasized that every effort should be made to get satisfaction on these points as soon as possible.

8. TITLE DEEDS

Mr Scott stated that the original Title Deeds were held for safe custody in the British Embassy permanent archives. A photostat copy of the Deeds would be handed to the Secretary to be kept in a special file together with the Articles of Constitution, statement of Powers of Trustees, statement of Powers of the Education and Building Committees, and any other such documents.