

BRITISH SCHOOL IN THE LEBANON

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Eighteenth Meeting of the Board of Governors
held on Tuesday, 13th December, 1966
at the British Council

Present: Dr Joseph Hitti Professor F. Hanania
 Mr P.E.H. Alexander Mr G. Heseldin
 Mr A.J.M. Craig Mr J.H. Grimes.

Apologies: Sheikh N. Alamuddin Mr G. Tueni
 Mr J. Catoni Me. J. Mikaoui
 Dr F. Boustani Mr N. Joly.

1. The report of the Brummana Joint Planning Committee, which had been circulated to members before the meeting, was considered and accepted by the Board. It was noted that the original building programme had to be modified because there is uncertainty as to how much of the programme can be fulfilled with the funds of the Board, the total of which will not be known until the sale of the site in the Damour valley has been effected.

2. A financial statement was presented by the Treasurer and accepted by the Board. The statement showed a cash balance of LLeb.996,494.57 at 30th November, 1966, of which a total of LLeb.699,373 was not yet committed. The Board estimated that this uncommitted balance would be expended before January 1968. The Treasurer made two proposals which were accepted:-

- (a) that he should approach Russell & Co. to undertake an audit of the accounts as at 31.12.66;
- (b) that the emoluments of the accountant, Mr T. Jabbour, should be increased from LLeb.200 to LLeb.230 per month from 1st January 1967 until such time as the main expenditure of the funds was accounted for.

3. The procedure for the sale of the site at Damour was discussed. The Secretary explained that the Board's title to the land was not established and the area of the site, which had been re-plotted since it was bought, was not confirmable by the Land Survey Department of the Government. An authorised surveyor had therefore been employed to make a new survey and this showed a total area of 554,705 M² for the 21 plots, now renumbered 670 to 690 inclusive. The Chairman undertook to establish the Board's legal title to the land with the authorities. Recurrent expenditure on the estate was scrutinised and the Board decided:

- (a) that the Treasurer should obtain an up-to-date account from Me. Nassib Boulos of estate expenditure;
- (b) that subsequently the Chairman would explain to Me. Boulos that his services were no longer required in managing the estate and the Chairman would himself make any necessary future arrangements with the caretaker;
- (c) that a letter should then be sent from the Board thanking Me. Boulos for his past services and officially terminating them.

It was agreed that the land should be advertised for sale early in 1967 in leading newspapers and that Mr Craig and the Secretary should undertake the drafting and insertion of the advertisements.

4. The Board approved the recommendation of the Joint Planning Committee that a formal opening ceremony of the first building completed at Brummana should be held in March 1967 at which the BSL Trustees would formally hand over the building to the BIS authorities, who would ask an eminent person officially to open it.