

BRITISH SCHOOL IN THE LEBANON

Twentysecond Meeting of the Board of Governors held at the British Council, on Wednesday 7th October, 1970 at 6 p.m.

Present: Dr Joseph Hitti, Chairman      Prof. F. Hanania  
Mr D.W. Paterson, Treasurer      Mr O. Tuckley, Secretary.  
Mr J.A. Bryan

Apologies were received from:

Sheikh Najib Alamaddin  
Dr Fouad Boustani  
Mr Ghassan Tuani  
Me Jamil Mikaoui.  
Mr Heseldin is out of the Lebanon.

1. A financial Statement of outstanding payments connected with the British School in the Lebanon was presented to the Committee by the Treasurer. The total immediate liabilities were LLeb.32,928.46. Me Nassib Bulos had informed the Treasurer that there were sufficient funds remaining in the estate account to meet the care-taker's salary and the cost of the fertilisers, etc. up to the end of 1970. It was suggested that at the end of this year, the care-taker's indemnity should be paid off by increasing the bank over-draft. The danger of this was it would leave the land completely unattended.

2. After a full discussion, two proposals were put forward:

- a) That the Board of Governors should agree to sell the land at whatever price obtainable in order to cover the above liabilities. The strong disadvantage of this is that with the unsettled state of affairs in Lebanon at the moment, it might be well-nigh impossible to find a buyer; even if one were found, the sale could only result in a very low figure.
- b) The second proposal was that the Headmaster of Brummana High School should submit to his Trustees in England the suggestion that the land be handed over to the School on the understanding that they would be responsible for the financial liabilities. The Headmaster is to be asked to take action on this point with a strong recommendation that this is the best solution. The Treasurer agreed in the meantime to settle the two bills due to the contractor and the architect.

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