

BRITISH SCHOOL IN THE LEBANON

Twenty-third Meeting of the Board of Governors held at the flat of the Representative of the British Council on Tuesday, 2nd November, 1971, at 6 p.m.

Present: Dr Joseph Hitti, Chairman
Mr George Heseldin
Mr Derek Paterson, Treasurer
Mr Onslow Tuckley, Secretary.

Apologies:

Sheikh Najib Alamuddin
Prof. F Hanania
Mr Ghassan Tuani.

On leave
in England: Mr J A Bryan.

1. On October 26, 1971, a reply was received to a letter from the Board of Governors, sent on October 16th, 1970, in which it was recommended by the Board that the Damour site be conveyed to the Trustees of Brummana High School and that the School should take the site over, along with the concomitant liabilities (including the LL.18,046 owing to the Brummana High School.)
2. The letter signed by Mr Nuhad Es-Said, Chairman, Principal and Hon. Secretary to the Brummana High School Committee in full version, had agreed unanimously to accept the Board's proposal. It also stated that there was warm agreement expressed with the Principal's view that the School had a moral obligation to try to avoid selling the land because of the charitable purpose of the original donors of the fund.
3. The contents of the letter was discussed and Mr Heseldin said it was essential, if the land were ever sold in the future, that the money realised must be used on the development of the School and the construction of new buildings and under no circumstances for the day to day running of the School. The Board would require a letter from the School stating that they would take over such legal fees as might arise, any payments connected with the official registration of the land in the School's name, all taxes levied, as well as the money owed by the Board to the School.
4. Dr Hitti undertook to deal with the formalities, and it was hoped to keep expenses and fees connected with the transfer of the land at the lowest possible figure, the land having been given as a gift to the School, which was charitable organisation. It was hoped that the transfer would be carried through as quickly as possible in order that the affairs of the British School in the Lebanon might be wound up.

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