

PROPOSED ENGLISH SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR BOYS IN
THE LEBANON

Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held at 9.30 a.m.,
3 September 1973 at the British Embassy, Beirut.

Present: HE Mr Alec Stirling - Charge d'Affaires
Dr Joseph Hitti - Chairman
Me Nassib Boulos - Legal Adviser
Mr T Gardner - HBM Consul
Mr C Kelley - BBME
Mr Paul Gotch - British Council Representative.

1. Dr Hitti was persuaded to take the chair at the meeting.

2. Me Boulos outlined the legal position of the School and the reasons for the meeting. These were to 'regularise the file' of the School with the Ministry of the Interior, and to prepare the way for the final meeting of the School's Board of Governors. It was proposed that with the legalised transfer of the Serjibal land to Brummana High School, for the signing of which someone would be nominated by the Board at the next meeting, the affairs of the English School for Boys in the Lebanon would then be wound up.

3. Me Boulos explained that the Minister of the Interior had agreed with him to accept 'a form of declaration', under Dr Hitti's signature, confirming the circumstances of the English School in the Lebanon. This, in draft, was read first in Arabic and then in English by Me Boulos, who undertook to get the finished document to Dr Hitti, at his home, for him to sign.

4. This provided an opportunity for the identification of the existing members of the Board of Governors. These were:

Dr J Hitti
- Mr G Heseldin
Dr Ferid Hanania
Dr F Boustany
Mr N Joly.

Mr Stirling proposed that it should also be recorded in the certificate that the present British Council Representative, Mr Paul Gotch, having succeeded Mr J Grimes, was a member of the Board, ex-officio.

72/ 5. A bank statement, giving assets and debts (if any) as at 31.12.73 of the English School, was requested to be attached to the certificate of declaration. Mr Kelley agreed to supply this in Arabic.

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After call from Mr. Boulos.

6. It was agreed that the final Governors' meeting should be called as soon after October 15 as possible so that the maximum number could attend, including HE the Ambassador and Dr Hanania.

7. Me Boulos did not consider that any further legal documents were necessary at this stage, except a formal letter of acceptance by Brummana High School of responsibility for all taxes and costs outstanding in connection with the Serjibal land. Mr Gotch agreed to try to obtain this.

8. The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

(Joseph), Yusuf K. Ketti M. D.

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