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Finance Committee - Special MeetingPresent.

The President, C. E. Liffitt (Chair), Vice-Presidents Mrs L. A. L. Farr and Mr. Blackburn, The Hon. Treasurer, C. L. Lederman, C. W. G. Scotland and Mr. M. Hutchison, the Principal, Mr. A. J. Herdline and the Head Master of the Junior Technical School, Mr. A. W. Meane.

Registrar'sReport onJuniorTechnicalSchool

A full and frank discussion took place on the various matters covered in the report as a result of which Mr. M. Hutchison agreed to write a letter which would be sent to all Head Teachers circularized in October regarding the entrance examinations.

It was also decided to arrange for a round table conference ~~on~~ with the Board of Technical School Inspectors when they make their annual visit later in the year.

The opportunity will then be taken of discussing a paragraph in their last report on the Junior school and of laying before them the information now available and conclusions drawn.

In Mr. M. Hutchison's opinion the Junior school was not getting the number of average and above average boys that it should be, although he felt that the time was not far distant when we would be called on to take much larger numbers of students of a type who, ~~as~~ up to now have been seeking admission at the High school.

In reply to a question by the President Mr. Blackburn said that the necessary steps

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had been taken by himself and the City Council in reference to his suggested transfer of the gas and the handing over to the school of ^{the} Court House.

At this stage he did not think that it was necessary for the School Council to take any action in the matter.

Evening Studentships awarded to ex-Form III boys.

It was decided to recommend to the Council that no action be taken to vary the procedure of report years.

Maintenance Grant.

It was resolved that the Education Department be asked for an explanation regarding the reduction of £882 in the school's Maintenance Grant for the year 1940/41, which, in effect, will result in a reduction of Maintenance during the current financial year of £1224, compared with last year.

It was also decided to point out that this marked reduction, which could not be ~~well~~ accounted for on the figures for the last year and the estimates for this year, would result in an overdraft of approximately £2800 - an increase of nearly £1200 - by the end of the current year, and that the Council was striving to avoid a large overdraft.

It was also decided to point out the unfairness and difficulty caused by the Maintenance Grant not being made known until six months after its commencement to operate. (Mrs Lederman & Farr)

Excess Water recorded by 2" Probe

It was decided to request the Water