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Finance Committee - Special Meeting

Held in the Principal's Office on Monday, 17th April, at 7 p.m. in lieu of Tuesday 14th April, which date had been found to be inconvenient.

Present The President, Mr. S. J. Lifford (Chair), Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Farr, Messrs R. Hyall, and E. G. Savage, The Principal, Mr. R. W. Richards

Apologies Apologies were received from Messrs N. G. Bealant and E. B. Davy.

Accommodation at Junior Technical School
After discussing the immediate need for additional classroom and workshop accommodation with the present enrollment of 389 students it was agreed ^{as a first step} to bring the matter under the notice of the Education Department and to draw attention to the report of Mr. R. Hyall as District Inspector as the result of a survey made by him of the number of students who will require accommodation in post-primary schools during the next ~~five~~ ^{few} years.

Retirement of Mr. G. W. Cornell

The Principal reported that Mr. G. W. Cornell would retire on 24th July next. His present time-table provided for two days supervision in the laboratory in addition to analyses of foods etc averaging about 50 analyses per year.

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The classification for the position is D £550 - £650 plus cost of living adjustment (at present £114 per annum).

After discussing the desirability of retaining the position of Analyst under the Health Regulations and the possibility that there will be no suitable applicants at the salary offered it was decided to recommend to the Council that steps be taken to advertise for applicants at the present classification. In the event of there being no suitable applicants the way would then be open for an application to the Education Department for a re-classification of the position.

Museum Building

The Principal said that the transfer of English classes from the Dressmaking Building would enable our waiting list of applicants for dressmaking instruction to be reduced considerably. The use of the top floor of the Museum building had been considered, together with the utilisation of the remainder of the building for classes in Domestic Economy and Institutional Management and the provision of a cafeteria for students. These would involve the removal of all exhibits and the question arose as to whether the School Council would be prepared to take such steps with the consequential effect they would have on local bodies who own the various articles exhibited there.