

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Stationery and Supplies Will Be Furnished to School Children.

The board of aldermen held an adjourned meeting last night, Chairman Hall presiding, and the members being present except Mr. Walker. The session lasted until almost midnight, and will be remembered by those who took part in the deliberations as well as the outcome of the meeting, which the democrats whipped the opposition in a fair fight. They made the appropriation for stationery and supplies \$2,000 instead of \$1,000, so that the children of parents who are too poor to furnish their own pencils and such like will be on the same footing in the schools with the rest of their classmates, and had planned to strike out the \$1,000 appropriated for light in the new district, but they finally decided to allow this to stand.

A communication was received from the board of finance stating that the \$41,000 heretofore reported as a resource is a sinking fund established by the center school district for the purpose of retiring bonds amounting to \$100,000 according as they fall due, and could not be used as a resource, but that \$10,000 of the amount which will be due May 1, 1901, could be used in resumption against which an appropriation of a like amount should be made. The report was accepted and a vote passed making the item in resources, "cash in hands of treasurer, school sinking fund, \$41,000, and \$10,000, and creating a new item of \$10,000 in the appropriations.

Alderman Phelan, who has been keeping an eye around for a few dollars to add to the fund, moved for the consideration of the action taken on this matter at the last meeting. It was carried and the appropriation for Hamilton park and survey of South park increased by \$800, making the school \$1,200.

On recommendation of the board of finance the city attorney was instructed to prepare a suitable bill to be presented to the legislature asking for permission to issue bonds for the amount of \$100,000 to be used for the purchase of a site for a school building in the northeastern section of the city, together with a school building and furnishings.

The last of finance recommended that \$8,000 be appropriated for heating the Bank street school and for salaries at the Clay and Hendrick schools. The report was accepted, but the amount was reduced to \$7,000, the sum total of estimates for the work submitted by local contractors.

Alderman Boylan moved that the previous action taken on the item, stationery and supplies, be reconsidered.

Alderman Cross: "Perhaps you might be willing to vote that way if the alderman will give some reasons why we should reconsider former action."

Alderman Boylan: "The amount appropriated for this purpose, \$1,000, is \$1,000 less than what the board of finance recommended and will not be sufficient to meet the demand. It would furnish supplies for the poor only, but I don't think we ought to do things that way in the schools. Let the rich receive their supplies if they want to, as well as the poor, and then there will be no class distinctions among the school children."

Alderman Cross said that \$1,000 was all the board of education had asked for, but that the board of education had increased the amount to \$2,000 because several persons had petitioned them to do so. He thought the petition should have been presented to the aldermen instead of to the board of finance. Mr. Goss was also of the opinion that inasmuch as many people who have children attending the schools pay no taxes they should be willing to pay a moderate stipend for the education of their children.

Mr. Tyrrell said that he knew the petition to increase the amount for stationery and supplies \$2,000 would have been presented to the aldermen if the petitioners had known that that was the proper body to send it to.

Alderman Cross: "No doubt there is a certain amount of waste among the children of the poor and if we confine these supplies to the poor it may deter many pupils from asking for them. I cannot agree with my friend on the right (Mr. Goss) that people who pay no taxes have children in the public schools. It is impossible for people to live without paying tax. You can't buy a thing in one of our stores that costs a little more than it would if the dealer didn't have to pay taxes. It is the same way with the man who rents a house. He figures upon getting something towards meeting his water rent and taxes out of his tenants, so that everybody pays taxes in some form."

Superintendent Tinker was asked if \$2,000 would furnish supplies for all the children. He thought it would with the exception of white paper, which he would just as soon have bought by those who use it. If anybody wanted that who could not pay, he would be supplied with it.

Mr. Goss said that if the board wanted to furnish supplies for all the children they might just as well make it a little more and give them the white paper.

Alderman Blakeslee: "I think it is a false notion to suppose that children to be ashamed to receive supplies which their parents are not able to pay for. It is our duty to supply the poor with these articles. But I see no reason why we should give them to others. It is false pride for people to feel ashamed of not having as good means as their neighbors. It is no charity for us to help the poor. The law compels us to do that."

Mr. Cross: "Yes, but we want to do that through the town. No matter what we may think about that pride, it is there, and I don't know but it is a good thing. If it wasn't it would not be a part of our nature."

Mr. Boylan's vote was finally put and carried and then he moved that the amount be increased to \$2,900. The following voted in favor of it: Alderman Cross, Boylan, Thibault, Morris, Phelan, Kane, Foley, Tyrrell. The opposition was made up as follows: Alderman White, Blakeslee, Hall, Goss, Cahlan and Chesson.

The chair stated that it required ten votes to increase an appropriation and inasmuch as it lacked that number he should declare the motion lost. The meeting was about to take up something else when Alderman Morris said he thought there must be some mistake about that decision. He contended that the board of finance had placed the sum at \$2,000 and the aldermen at a previous meeting reduced it to \$1,000. "Now," he said, "we have reconsidered the former action and the matter stands as it came from the board of finance, \$2,000, so that it requires but a majority vote to adopt it, and we have \$ to it."

The chair stated that the point was well taken and was about to explain the situation when Mr. Goss said he de-

sired to raise a point of order, adding that this was an adjourned meeting and that the board was not competent to undo its own acts at the same meeting or at an adjourned meeting. The chair ruled that as the matter had been reconsidered it was properly before the house, but stated that the motion of Mr. Boylan should have been to adopt the recommendation of the board of finance instead of to increase by \$1,000. It was decided to put the motion this way, and then Alderman White wanted to know what way Mr. Boylan voted on the question when it was being considered before. Mr. Boylan replied that he voted with the majority, and did so because he was not fully informed on the subject. Alderman Cross demanded that the clerk was about to look up the vote when Mr. Cross stated that there could be no question but that he voted with the majority and that if the motion from Mr. Boylan was not in order he would offer the same one. This settled the matter and the motion was put and carried, the members voting the same way as before with the exception of Mr. Goss, who went over to the democratic side.

The following is a list of the appropriations for 1901 as amended:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes Appropriations for 1901, Department of Public Works, Department of Public Safety, Department of Education, and Resources—Estimated.

Department of Public Works. For extension of water pipes, \$10,000. For water-repairs and maintenance, \$12,000. For water-reservoir maintenance, \$7,000. For streets-repairs and maintenance, \$22,000. For streets-paving, \$25,000. For streets-assessments, \$5,000. For sewers-repairs and maintenance, \$3,000. For sewers-new work, \$20,000. For sewers-sewage disposal, \$7,000. For lamps and gas, \$24,000. For electric lights outside city limits, \$1,000. For public lands and buildings, \$5,000. For bureau of engineering-inspection of buildings, \$1,000. For improvement of Hamilton park and survey of South park, \$3,800. For storm water drainage, \$10,000. For alteration of Carrie Weston fountain, \$1,500. For new streets from Bank street to Benedict street, \$15,000.

Department of Public Safety. For police department, \$38,750. For fire department, \$25,000. For additional patrolmen, \$4,250. For police signal system, \$5,000. For fire department, \$35,325. For health-department, \$3,000. For collection and disposal of garbage, \$10,000. For law expense, \$7,000. For city court, \$5,000. For city taxes and abatements, \$2,500. For Bronson library, \$1,000.

Department of Education. For salaries-teachers, \$121,500. For officers, including truant officer, \$2,800. For furniture and janitor's supplies, \$2,000. For fuel and lights, \$5,000. For text books and library accounts, \$9,180. For stationery and supplies, \$2,000. For repairs and maintenance, \$11,200. For fuel and lights, \$3,500. For janitors and cleaning schools, \$11,600. For Bank, Clay and Hendrick schools, heating, ventilating and sanitariums, \$7,700. For new school house and site, West Side hill, \$20,000.

Resources—Estimated. Water rents, \$120,000. Licenses and permits, 2,500. Sewer, street and paving assessments, 28,000. City hall rent, 1,000. Town of Waterbury highways, 15,750. Cash unappropriated, 9,000. From state school fund, 26,000. Unexpended balances, 12,500. State evening schools, 630. Total library fund, 540. Total report, 1,500. Interest daily balances, 1,000. City court, 4,000. Cash in hands of treasurer, 10,000. Grand list of city of Waterbury, as defined by the general assembly of 1895, full taxation 32 mills, 368,000. Grand list within the territorial limits of city of Waterbury, as defined by the general assembly of 1899, one-half taxation, 16 mills, 10,400.

The following vote was passed unanimously by a ye and nay vote: Voted, That a city tax of thirty-two (32) mills on the dollar on the ratable estates of the city of Waterbury, within the limits of said city as established by the general assembly of 1895 and within the limits of said city as established by the general assembly of 1899, and a city tax of sixteen (16) mills on the dollar on the ratable estates of the city of Waterbury lying outside of the limits of said city as established by the general assembly of 1895 and within the limits of said city as established by the general assembly of 1899, be and the same are hereby laid to meet the expenses of the city for the year 1901, said tax to become due and payable on the first day of May, 1901.

The recommendation of the board of finance that bonds to the amount of \$200,000 be issued to meet the floating indebtedness of the center school district was adopted, with the understanding that suitable provision will

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