

Municipal Hall,
Cloverdale, B. C.
February 26th, 1951.

The Council met at 7.00 o'clock p.m., in special session called by notice given in pursuance of the provisions of Section 34 of the "Municipal Act" for the purpose of giving consideration to Estimates of Ordinary and Extraordinary Expenditures for the current year as submitted by the Board of School Trustees on the 15th instant.

All of the members were present.

All of the members of the Board of School Trustees were also present at the meeting, at the invitation of the Council.

Mr. Brankin, Chairman of the Board, drew attention to a news item which appeared in the February 20th issue of the Vancouver Province, in which reference was made to the increase in the estimates for Teacher's Salaries and inferring that this was due to the award handed down recently by an Arbitration Board. He stated that the award had actually increased the offer made to the teachers by his Board by only \$147.00 and that he wished to correct this mis-information.

Mr. Brankin then stated that since meeting the Council on the 19th instant, the Board had given exhaustive study to the estimates submitted and had agreed to make the following reductions:

<u>Division (A)</u>	Office Expense	\$ 500.00	
	Trustees Expense	<u>250.00</u>	\$ 750.00
<u>Division (B)</u>	Teachers Salaries	10,900.00	10,900.00
<u>Division (C)</u>	No change		-
<u>Division (D)</u>	Buildings - Wages and Supplies	7,905.00	
	Equipment - " " "	<u>1,000.00</u>	8,905.00
<u>Division (E)</u>	Health Service	200.00	200.00
<u>Division (F) and (G)</u>	No change		-
<u>Division (H)</u>	Item No. 4	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Provided that the Council would agree to make this sum available to the Board if it were found necessary to have same at a later date.		
<u>Division (J)</u>	New Buildings (Item J-2)	3,500.00	<u>3,500.00</u>
	Total Reduction		<u><u>\$34,255.00</u></u>

The estimates were discussed in general terms to considerable length during which the Reeve and other members of the Council drew attention to the difficult situation facing the Council in providing the sum of money requested and also to the ability of the Municipal Taxpayer to meet the increasing demands being placed upon him.

It was agreed to accept the Board's offer to reduce the estimates under Division (H) by \$10,000.00 and that the Council would provide for this sum in the estimates of its own ordinary expenditures and, if required, would make up this amount available to the Board at a later date in the year.

The Board then withdrew from the meeting.

Further discussion ensued; during which the Reeve suggested that the Council consider the imposition of a minimum tax for school purposes. Attention was drawn to some of the difficulties involved in levying and collecting such a tax and no action was taken on the suggestion.

Moved by Councillor Atchison
 Seconded by Councillor McPherson
 That the revised estimates of Ordinary Expenditures in the amount of \$474,057.53 as submitted to the Council by the Board of School Trustees, District No. 36 (Surrey) at this meeting, be accepted, under protest.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Atchison
 Seconded by Councillor McPherson
 That the revised estimates of Extra-ordinary Expenditures in the amount of \$20,400.00 as submitted to the Council by the Board of School Trustees, District No. 36 (Surrey) at this meeting, be accepted, under protest.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor McPherson
 Seconded by Councillor Closkey
 That the meeting do now adjourn.

Carried.

Adjournment accordingly at 11.00 o'clock p.m.

Chris Schuyf REEVE

Peggy Simpson CLERK