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Donald Plaxton Candidate

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Mr. Plaxton urged support for the Liberal party as the only real alternative to the present government. In the past he said votes for the C.C.F. had meant only the election of conservative candidates as minority members. In reply to Mr. Frost's comforting words that all is well in Queen's Park the candidate said, "let us not forget the millions wasted on Hydro conversion, the Highways scandal and the Gas line scandal".

In a plea for more assistance for the municipal taxpayer, Mr. Plaxton stated that in his opinion the present grant structure is not adequate to meet the increasing demands on local municipal councils. He was sharply critical of the Ontario government for creating the all-powerful Metro Planning Board and said their actions have been dictatorial. He said planning for York North should be left in the hands of York North people. In the recent case of the new railway by-pass, the councils of local municipalities were told of the route only at the eleventh hour. He said local municipalities have not individual representation on the board and it is the duty of the York North Parliamentary representatives to eliminate such extra-territorial jurisdiction in planning. He had noted only silence on this subject from the conservative members for the riding. For some time local municipalities have been trying to secure direct representation on Metro Planning authority. At present one man represents Richmond Hill, Markham Twp., Markham Village and Stouffville. In this set-up there is a conflict of interest of the different municipalities, said Mr. Plaxton.

Support for the newly chosen candidate from the Young Liberal organization of York North was pledged by John Lawlor, the organization president. "We are behind Don Plaxton for member," he said, "because we know he's a good man, and because he's one of us". The candidate is 33 years of age, well within the age limit for the young Liberal organization.

Vaughan Williams, newly elected riding association president, assured Mr. Plaxton of wholehearted support, and extended thanks to Mr. Wintermeyer, the Ontario leader for attending the convention.

Brigadier Campbell on behalf of the association expressed regret at the illness of retiring president Lorne Lee

High School Bd. Meeting

Public Tender For All Supplies Is Urged By Trustee W. Middleton

York Central District High School Board met Monday evening at the new Woodbridge High School in order to give ratepayers in the district the opportunity to conveniently attend a high school board regular meeting, however no interested ratepayers turned up.

Policy For Advertising Tenders

During the evening's discussion Chairman Harry Sayers called attention to the fact the board at present has no written "policy" or by-laws. The board chairman, chairman of the management committee Trustee E. Axelson, the Business Administrator B. Ashworth and the Secretary, Mrs. J. McAllister will study the matter and bring their recommendation before the board for discussion.

The matter of policy stemmed from Trustee Wesley Middleton's objection to items over \$100.00 not being advertised for tender. Mr. Middleton and Trustee Stewart Rumble objected to two items, sodding and paving \$378.80 at Richmond Hill High School, and fencing \$1,900.00 at the same school, not being advertised, and instead invitation bids being issued by the property administrator. Through some local tenders had been sought, Mr. Middleton felt all competing businesses should have had the opportunity through advertising to tender. He was referring especially to the fencing, the three tenders sought here were from Frost, Lundy and N. Bone, Frost being the low bidder.

Chairman Sayers felt the property committee had no guide rules as to what to do in certain instances and perhaps there should be a policy, for instance, in insisting tenders over a certain amount should be advertised.

Middleton Wants Tenders

"Call for tenders, that's all there is to it," enjoined Trustee Middleton. He then proposed the motion "in future all contracts over \$100.00 be advertised for tender."

Trustee Wilson cautioned, "This motion shouldn't be lightly made or carried. We can't solve the problem by making this motion, we're bound by it if we pass it, we should investigate."

Business Administrator Ashworth commented he had over nine around \$100.00 items on the evening's accounts. Trustee J. Honsberger wondered if it was the intent of the board to tender every time they got \$100.00 worth of meat for the cafeterias.

On motion of Trustee Wilson and Trustee N. Hicks the matter was tabled until it could be studied as to how to best administer it. Chairman Sayers commented, "Trustee Middleton's idea has been accepted by the board, we need further information."

To Await Bd. of Education Data

Chairman of the planning committee, Trustee Rumble, informed the board Markham Township Council was withholding approval of the Bayview site for a new high school until July 1 in order to give Richmond Hill Council time to obtain and study a report on whether a board of education is feasible for the town at this time.

It is anticipated that unless the findings prove it advantageous for Richmond Hill to sever its connections with the high school district, the site will be built upon. However, the opinion was expressed due to the growth of the district it is difficult to know what will happen. A statement attributed to Mayor Ken Tomlin was quoted which advanced the opinion the three municipalities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan (comprising the high school district) might find it to their advantage to get together in a metropolitan government of their own.

Chairman Sayers and Chairman of management Axelson, and property Chairman Howes, with the business administrator were present with the mayor and the Reeves of the three municipalities last week for a discussion of the high school budget.

Trustee Rumble said one councillor had asked him why the board didn't have a finance committee. Trustee Middleton wanted to know who selected who was to attend the meeting with the Reeves and mayor to discuss the budget.

Chairman Sayers stated the finance committee was a committee of the board as a whole but he had asked the heads of the property and management committees to attend the meeting with the representatives of the councils because they drew up much of the budget. He said further, "the budget was carried by a majority of the board and no request was made on the part of a municipal council to cut the budget."

Chairman Sayers and Trustee Axelson said the contingency fund had been questioned as to "why do we have a contingency fund", but they had not been asked to cut the budget.

Chairman Sayers commented, "We have no guidance for the board on matters of this type" and so he had selected the aforementioned committee heads to attend.

delay debenturing the \$35,000.00 for sodding, draining, and graveling Woodbridge High School grounds until the debenture for the new high school is needed to cut down on the procedures required. The capital account could be used for the present, said Mr. Ashworth.

On the basis of its lowest bid, Imperial Oil Ltd. was awarded the contract for supplying fuel oil for Thornhill and Woodbridge High School for the coming year. Low was 10.8 cents, high tender was 11.1 cents.

The board agreed, on motion of Trustee M. Kinnes, to accept the Code of Ethics recommended by the Ontario Trustees Council. **Want All Salary in June**

Following a request from four teachers to receive the remainder of their year's pay in June, the board agreed to accede to such requests as received by June 1. Some years ago at the teachers' request (1947) the board agreed to pay salaries on a 12 month instead of a 10 month basis to relieve summer hardships. However, a letter from board solicitor J. D. Lucas stated the School Act stated salaries were to be paid by the last teaching day in June. However, as Trustee Hicks pointed out, Department of Education policy seems to be changing to a 12 month basis of pay so the department will be contacted re its official position, and the board will discuss the matter before September salaries are due, to arrive at a policy.

Accumulative Sick Leave
It was noted head caretaker Harry Stanford of Richmond Hill High School, who retires this year, has an accumulative sick leave of 200 days with \$2,178.00 payable on his retirement after 35 years service. It was agreed on Trustee Honsberger's motion that this amount be paid out of the contingency fund, as it had not been budgeted for. This is the first time the accumulative

sick leave due on retirement has been paid to a board employee. Trustee Middleton felt it was a "terrible" amount to have to pay in addition to a \$50.00 a month pension already passed by the board to be given to Mr. Stanford. Mr. Stanford was not in a pension plan for the caretakers. Incidentally the pension fund was started for caretakers only this January, 1959.

It was pointed out most boards in the face of present competition now award "fringe benefits" of accumulative sick leave and pension plans to their employees. The accumulative sick leave of an employee usually passes from board to board, only lapsing at the retirement or quitting of an employee from school board employment.

Chairman Sayers again commented policies of the board on such matters as sick leave, pensions, etc., should be "lined up to give to each new member of the board."

Trustees Howes expressed the thought during the evening that he would like to hear some discussion of the actual curriculum offered at the schools. Principal Morrow told of the comprehensive, standardized Grade 12 multiple choice examinations now being required by the Department of Education in Mathematics, English and French. These are in the process of being written among approximately 15,000 Ontario pupils in Grade 12.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Sayers and Trustees Rumble, Axelson, Middleton, Hicks, Wainwright, Kinnes, Wood, Wilson and Howes, and Principals Morrow and Morrison. Principal Elson was absent due to illness.

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