Meeting 11. April 1874

Board elected 31st. March 1873

At Garynahine Inn the Eleventh day of April Eighteen hundred and Seventy three

In

The first meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig in the Island of Lewis and County of Ross (under the Education (Scotland) act 1872.

Assembled

Donald Munro Solicitor and Chamberlain of Lewis residing in Stornoway
The Reverend John Campbell Free Church Minister of the Parish of Uig residing at Kneep in the said Parish
Kenneth Smith Tenant at Valtos Uig, and residing in Stornoway
John Macdonald Tenant of, and residing at Dackletc in the said Parish
John Hunter Tenant of and residing at Garynahine in the said Parish
James MacRae Tenant of and residing at Ballenish in the said Parish

The meeting having been opened with prayer by the Reverend John Campbell, the following Declaration by the Returning officer of the Parish was read viz: "I William Ross Solicitor Stornoway "Returning officer for the Parish of Uig in the "Island of Lewis and County of Ross Hereby "Declare in terms of the Education (Scotland) "Act 1872 that the following Seven persons have "been duly elected without a Poll Members of the "School Board of the said Parish of Uig namely (1.) Donald Munro Solicitor and Chamberlain of "Lewis residing in Stornoway (2.) The Revd John "Campbell

Declaration of Election of Members

"Campbell Free Church Minister of the Parish
"of Uig and residing at Kneep in said Parish
"(3) Kenneth Smith Tenant Valtos Uig and
"residing in Stornoway (4.) John Hunter Tenant
"of and residing at Garynahine in the said
"Parish (5) John Macdonald Tenant of and
"residing at Dackled in the said Parish (6.)
"John Mitchell Tenant of and residing at
"Mealista in the said Parish (7.) James MacRae
"Tenant of and residing at Callernish in the
"said Parish; And I further Declare the said
"Seven persons to Constitute the School Board
"of the said Parish of Uig and I Announce
"that the first Meeting of the said School
"Board will be held on the eleventh day
"of April next 1873 in the Garynahine Inn
"in the said Parish: Given under my hand
"at Stornoway this Thirty first day of March
"Eighteen Hundred and Seventy three years."-
(Signed) Wm Ross Returning Officer

All the members present accepted office.-

Election of Chairman (Don: Munro Esq.)

Thereafter on the motion of the Reverend Mr Campbell the said Mr Donald Munro was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board in terms of the statute, and he took the chair accordingly.—

Election of Clerk and Treasurer. (Mr. Wm Ross)

It was Resolved that the offices of Clerk and Treasurer to the Board should be conjoined, and on the motion of Mr Smith ~~to~~ Mr. William Ross Solicitor Stornoway was unanimously appointed to these conjoined offices during the pleasure of the Board and Consideration of his salary as well as the Amount

amount of Caution to be found by him for his intromissions was Reserved till some future time when the duties devolving upon him shall be better known.—

appointment of Com: to consider as to Education &c

The meeting having Considered the question of Education Nominated and appointed the Chairman, Revd Mr Campbell and Mr Mitchell a Committee to enquire and report on the amount of School accommodation required in the Parish, and the localities where the same is so required; and to report to an early Meeting — Mr. Munro to be Convener of the Committee.

Suggestion of application to Board of Education to extend ages of School going Children from 7. to 15 years.—

Mr Campbell stated that the ages of School going children from 5. to 13. years as provided for in the statute was not suitable for the class of children in Uig who have in many cases to travel along way over rough Roads and suggested that application should be made to allow a change in the ages to range from 7. to 15. years if the Board of Education had the power to Comply with such request which was unanimously supported by the Board.—

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Meeting 29. May 1873.

At Garynahine the Twenty Ninth day of May 1873.

In a meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Lig

Present

Messrs Donald Munro Solicitor Stornoway and Chamberlain of Lews.
Kenneth Smith
John Macdonald
James MacRae

Mr. Munro in the chair.—

The notice calling this meeting being read the Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.—

Application to Board of Education as to altering regulations as to the ages of School going children unfavorable.—

The Clerk stated that as requested he wrote the secretary of the Education Board asking if that Board could sanction the alteration from five and thirteen years as the ages of Children bound to attend School to 7. and 15. years and that the answer was unfavorable.

Resignation of Mr. John Hunter, as Member,

The following letter dated 21st Current from Mr. John Hunter Garynahine resigning office as a member of the School Board was produced viz: "Understanding that I have "been elected a Member of the School "Board for the parish of Lig I beg to "Resign the same as I decline to act "and therefore trust you will strike my name "off the Roll of Members and oblige yours "Truly (Signed) John Hunter.

The Board accepted of Mr. Hunter's resignation and on the motion of Mr. Smith unanimously Elected

James MacKenzie Linshader, elected,

Elected Mr. James MacKenzie Farmer Linshader as a member of the Board in Mr. Hunter's place.

Assessment of 9d p.£

The Board Resolved to assess and do hereby Assess in terms of the Statute ninepence in the pound sterling on the rateable property within the bounds of the Parish for the current year for School purposes to be levied along with the Poors Rates, and the Clerk was instructed to intimate so to the Inspector of Poor for the Parish in order that the same may be collected along with the Poors Rates, and handed over to the Treasurer of this Board.—

Resolution to open a Credit to provide funds for Current purposes (National Bank)

The Board took into Consideration the subject of providing funds for current purposes until the assessment authorised by the Statute is collected and Resolve to open a Credit accordingly with the National Bank of Scotland Stornoway to the extent of One hundred pounds sterling—the amount to be drawn of that sum to be repaid from the proceeds of said assessment, and the Board Hereby Engage to take all the steps vested in them by the act to effectuate such repayment and they Authorise the Treasurer William Ross Solicitor Stornoway by his cheques Counter-Signed by the Chairman to operate on the said Bank account.—

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Intimation to James MacKenzie that he has been appointed a Member of School Board.

Stomoway 31st May 1873

Dear Sir

I have pleasure in informing you that you have been unanimously Elected a member of the School Board of the Parish of Uig for three years in terms of the act.—

You will get due notice of the first meeting of the Board, and I trust you will attend it.

I am yours truly
(Signed) Wm Ross Clerk

James MacKenzie Esq:
Farmer Linshader
Uig.

Uig ~~Lochs~~ School Board

A meeting of this Board will be held at Garynahine Inn on Thursday the 24th Current at noon

Business

1. To Resolve on erecting new School and Teachers houses. procure Plans &c
2. To appoint an Officer under Section 70 of the Education act
3. To appoint a Correspondent with the Scotch Education Department in terms of art: 15 of Code &c &c

Meeting 24 July 1873

At Garynahine Inn the Twenty fourth day of July Eighteen hundred and Seventy three

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig

assembled

Meeting 24 July 1873

Assembled

Messrs Donald Munro Solicitor Stomoway and Chamberlain of Lewis
Kenneth Smith
Revd John Campbell
John Macdonald
James MacRae and
James MacKenzie Farmer Linshader Member elected in room of John Hunter resigned

Mr Munro in the chair.—

The notice calling this meeting having been read the Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.—

School Accomn to be provided

The Board took into Consideration the subject of providing School accommodation for the requirements of the Parish, and were unanimously of opinion that it is necessary to erect new Schools and Teachers residences in the following Districts and it was resolved to erect them accordingly viz.

1. At Down Carloway for Down Carloway & Tolsta Chulish
2. At Braisclait Parks for Braisclait & Callenish
3. At Loch Rosgal for Carishader and the Bays
4. At Valtos for Valtos & Kneep
5. At Head of the Bay of Crowlista for Crowlista and Aird Uig
6. At Islivig for Islivig and Breinish

In regard to the Township of Lochgannarich the Board Considering that it is 5. or 6 miles from any other Township in the parish of Uig while it is in close proximity to the Town: Ship

Combination with Lochs as to Common School at Achmore

:ship of Achmore in the neighbouring Parish of Lochs, and which also is 5. or 6 miles distant from any other Township in Lochs Resolved if the same be Com:petent to Disjoin Lochgannarch from the Parish of Uig, and for all school purposes to annex it to the Parish of Lochs with the view of one new School being erected for both Townships and to be under the Management of the Lochs Board and this Board recommends the Lochs Board to join in and give effect to this arrangement.—

No School required at present for Crulvie and Earshader.—

In regard to the Townships of Crulvie and Earshader at the South side of Loch Roag, and which Contain only twelve families and are so situated that any of the other Schools in the District Cannot be made available for the Children— the Reverend Mr Campbell stated that he expected the Ladies Association will supply a Teacher for these two Townships which may suffice in the meantime.—

Female Industrial Teaching in the Schools of Valtos Isliving & Braisclait

The Board was of opinion and Resolved accordingly that the Schools at Braisclait Valtos and Isliving ought to be so Constructed as to admit of a department for Industrial Female Teaching.

The present School at Bernera was Considered to be sufficient with some repairs for the requirements of that Island but seeing the School is the exclusive property of Sir James Matheson Baronet the Clerk was instructed

Transfer of Bernera School.

instructed to ascertain from Sir James through his Chamberlain if it would be made over to this Board and on what Conditions, and also to ascertain in the same way the Conditions on which Sir James will grant Sites for new School in the localities indicated above.—

Addition of Mr Jas. MacRae to Committee

The Committee appointed at the first meeting of the Board to fix on the precise situation of the Sites and Consisting of the Chairman, the Reverend Mr Campbell and Mr Mitchell was reappointed with the addition of Mr James MacRae with power to employ an Architect to prepare Plans &c and to report to a meeting to be held here on 5th August next.—

Election of an Officer

The Board next took into Consideration the subject of electing an Officer under Section 70. of the act, but there being no application for the appointment the Clerk was instructed to advertise for Candidates by hand bills— applicants to lodge their applications with him stating Salary expected by next meeting of the Board.—

Election of Mr Ross. as Correspondt.

The Board Unanimously Elected Mr William Ross Solicitor Stornoway as Correspondent for the Board with the Scotch Education Department London in terms of art: 15 of the new Code re:serving Consideration of his remuneration in the meantime.—

A draft Memorial to the Education Department praying for Government Grant in

Draft Memorial for Govt. Grant approved of.

in aid of buildings was laid before the Board and approved of and Authorised to be. Signed when extended by the Chairman that is to say one for each School and when Completed to be forwarded.-

Inquiry as to who is to pay Parochial and other Teachers

The Clerk was instructed to enquire of the Secretary for the Board of Education who is to pay the Teachers of Parochial and Denominational Schools who were Teachers at the passing of the Education Act and still continue to be so in temporary Schools till new ones are ready, and to enquire also if the expenses of Members of School Boards who have to travel long distances to Board meetings and to pay Boats and ferry men and other Conveyances can legally be paid out of the School funds.

Authority to get repairs and peats.

The Reverend Mr Campbell and Mr MacRae were authorised to get any repairs necessary done to the Valtos School and also provide peats for the School and School: Master.-

Donald Munro C

School Board of Uig 22 October 1873.

A meeting of this Board will be held at Garynahine Inn on Monday 3rd November next at 2 o'clock PM. when it is hoped all the Members will find it Convenient to attend.- (Signed) Wm Ross Clerk

-Business-

To Consider proposed Report to the Board of Education transfer of Bernera School, Consideration of plans and various other Matters.-

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At Garynahine Inn the 3rd Third day of November Eighteen hundred and Seventy three years

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig

assembled

Messrs Donald Munro Solicitor and Chamberlain
Reverend John Campbell
Kenneth Smith
John Macdonald
John Mitchell
James MacRae

Mr Munro the Chairman presiding

The minutes of last meeting were read and Confirmed.-

Thereafter the Report by the Committee already appointed to Select School Sites was read.-

Proposal to convert dwelling house at Carloway into a School

The Board Considered that the proposal in the Report to Convert the dwelling houses and offices at Doun Carloway into a School and Teachers residence will not suit and instead thereof it was resolved to Erect a new School at Such an Doun about halfway between the Townships of Kolsta Shulish and Doun Carloway.. In regard to the recommendation as to repairing the present School at Alivig to suit the District of Alivig and Brenish the Meeting Consider it unsuitable and Resolved to erect a new one at Brenish.. In all other respects the Report was approved of.-

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Offer from Sir Jas. to transfer Bernera school.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a letter dated 19 Sept. last from Sir James Matheson of the Lewis Baronet offering to transfer the School house and Teachers residence at Berneray to the Board unconditionally and of which offer the Board accepted subject to the approval of the Board of Education and directed the Clerk to tender to Sir James their best thanks for his handsome offer and also for his willingness to grant the required sites for new Schools.—

Enlargement of Berneray school

The Board Resolved to enlarge the Berneray School so as to make it sufficient for the wants of that Island.—

Report as to requirements of the Parish

A proposed Report to the Board of Education Edinburgh on the requirements of the Parish as to Educational purposes was read approved of and ordered to be signed by the Chairman and transmitted

Common School at Achmore.

In regard to the School for Achmore and Lochgannavich this Board agreed with the Board of Lochs that a School be built Common to the two Townships and that this Board bears the expenses Connected with such School in proportion to the School Children from each Parish—

The opinion of the Board of Education being adverse to the application of any (of their application of any) of their Boards funds to the payment of present Teachers of untransferred Schools—Mr. Campbell asked who is to pay these Salaries in the meantime stating

stating that the Schools under his direct superintendence at Valtos would require at least £30. to carry it on till Whitsunday next irrespective of the Schools at Cadenish and Tolsta Chuelish.—

In the Circumstances the Chairman stated that he expected the Proprietor Sir James Matheson would continue his support as formerly until new Schools are built and on Mr Campbell having expressed a hope that he will receive a Contribution from Edinburgh the Members of the Board agreed to do all in their power to meet the peculiar exigencies with a view that the schools be Continued in operation in the meantime.—

In regard to the Parish or public School at Crowlista the meeting authorised Mr. James MacRae, one of the Members to have such temporary repairs made upon it as are necessary and to provide fuel for the Scholars.

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Report of Committee as to requirements

Lig 20th August 1873

We the undersigned being a quorum of a Committee of the Education Board of the Parish of Lig, Island of Lewis on School sites having made ourselves acquainted with, and examined the localities, and after due diberation Beg to report as follows.-

1. As regards the School requirements of Brenish and Islivig Townships, it having been represented to the Committee that there is every probability of the people in these Hamlets being removed at no distant period, the Committee do not deem it expedient that a new School or Teachers Dwelling be built in either of the localities referred to, although it may be necessary to repair the present Buildings to meet the interim wants of the District.-

(2) We find that a new School and Teachers Dwelling is required for the Townships of Crowlista and Aird Lig, and for the Farms of Ardroil and Eriota and would recommend the same to be erected at the North end of the Bay of Crowlista.-

(3.) Another new School and Teachers Dwelling is required for the Township of Carishader and the Villages known as the Bays near little Loch Roag, and Gisla Tenant- the site for which should be at or near the North end of Loch Chroistan.-

(4.) A new School and Teachers Dwelling at or near Rhaner near the Township of Valtos for the requirements of Valtos Kneep Cliff and Ligan.-

(5.)

(5.) On the present Schoolhouse and Teachers Dwellings at Callanish being enlarged and imported, they would suffice for the requirements of the Townships of Callanish and Breaclait.-

(6.) If agreeable to the Proprietor Sir James Matheson we consider that if Conveyed to the Board for a fair Consideration the dwelling house with offices attached at Doun Carloway might with moderate outlay be converted into a suitable School and Teachers Dwelling for the requirements of Carloway and Tolsta Chulish Township

(7.) They further recommend that the School House at Bernera be improved repaired and enlarged, so as to secure similar privileges with the other Districts of the Parish under the Education act.-

The Committee are glad to report that they understand that the Schools proposed to be enlarged and repaired are in the proximity of Water Supplies, and these and the proposed new sites are in airy localities affording the requisite area of ground which the Proprietor is willing is Convey on his usual and liberal terms.-

(Signed) John Campbell
(") Don: Munro

Letter from Sir James as to transfer of the Sites &c.

Stornoway 19. Sept 1873.

Dear Sir,

I beg to intimate to you for the information of the School Boards of this Island, that I am willing to make over to them, on the terms Contemplated by the act of Parliament all sites required for Schools Schoolmasters houses and Playground &c

I am also willing to transfer to the School Boards any Schoolhouses Teachers Dwellings &c that may be Considered suitable.

Your Truly
(Signed) James Matheson

William Ross Esq:
Secretary to the
School Boards
Island of Lews

P.S. My offer to transfer to the School Board such Schoolhouses &c as belong to me does not include the Stornoway Female Industrial Seminary which is under the Control of her Ladyship who has not yet made up her mind on the subject.—

(Signed) James Matheson

Report

Report to the Board of Edn

Report by the School Board of the Parish of Uig Lews To The Board of Education Edinburgh in pursuance of the Education (Scotland) Act 1872,—

After anxious Consideration and procuring Census of the children between the ages of 5 and 13 years the School Board Resolved as follows in regard to School accommodation for the Parish.—

With the exception of the School house in the Island of Bernera (after referred to —No 8.) the School Board Find that all the existing Schools in the Parish are deficient of the Statutory requirements, and unsuitable as regards extent accommodation, original Con: struction and situation, and it has therefore been resolved subject to approval of the Board of Education that new Schools and Teachers residences be erected in the following localities as indicated upon the accompanying Map viz:

I Lochgannavich and Achmore (No 1 on Map)

As explained in the Report by the School Board of Lochs these are the only inland Town: ships in the Island all the rest being on the sea coast.. Lochgannavich is in the parish of Uig and Achmore in the parish of Lochs.. They march with one another and are 5. or 6 miles distant from the nearest Township of Surebost Lochs on the one side and Braisclete Uig on the other.— The School going Children in

in Lochgannavich at present is 3. and in Achmore 25. = 28. —

It has been agreed to build a new School Common to the two Townships: and at their joint expense to accommodate 40. Scholars It has been agreed also that the whole expense shall be borne by the Board of Lochs and this Board in the proportion of 3. to 25. Three Managers of the School are to be appointed two by the Board of Lochs and one by the Board of Uig and it is hoped this arrangement may meet with the approval of the Board of Education

II Breasclete (No. 2. on Map) This School will be about Six Miles from No. 1. but over five miles of that distance there is no inhabitant.. The School intended for the children in the Township of Breasclete

Breaclait 75
Do. Parks 9.
Callernish 57. 141.

and is designed to accommodate 160 Scholars.-

III Down Carloway (No. 3. on Map) This School will be nearest to No. 2 distance three miles but partly uninhabited .. It is intended for the Scholars in the Townships of

Down Carloway 32.
Tolsta Chulish 67. 99

IV Loch Roisteau (No. 4. on Map) This School will be nine miles from the nearest School — the one at Valtos No. V — but a large portion of the space is without inhabitants .. It is intended for the children in the following Townships on side of Loch Roag Commonly Called the Bays viz.

Inaclete
Carishader
Geshader
Ungshader 65.

and is designed to accommodate 80. Scholars

V Valtos, (No. 5. on Map) This School will be the nearest to Crowlista No. VI distant three miles — the Farm of Trimsgarry intervening.. It is intended for the children in the Townships of

Valtos
Kneep 190

and to accommodate 160 Scholars. —

VI Crowlista (No. 6. on Map) This will be the nearest School to Valtos distance three miles .. It is intended for the children in the Townships of

Crowlista
Aird Uig 55.

and to accommodate 80 Scholars

The old Parish School is here but it is to be shut up as altogether unsuitable in every way when the new one is erected. —

VII Islivig (No. 7 on Map) This is eight miles from No. 6. but there are no inhabitants in that space save two Farmers — Tenants of Edroil and Mangersta. — The School is intended for the children in the Townships of

Islivig 20.
Brenish 60.
Healista 5 85.

and to accommodate 100 Scholars

VIII Bernera (No. 8 on Map) In this Island there are 120 School going children, and the School Board consider that the existing School will, with some repairs

repairs suffice. It is built of stone and lime and slate – 35. ft: x 15. ft: 4. in: and 7. ft 3 in: high. Sir James Matheson kind: ly offered to transfer it to the Board and the offer has been accepted subject to approval of the Board of Education.–

A Committee of the School Board visited the localities and fixed on the sites for the proposed new Schools with an anxious desire to procure the best possible aspect for the buildings and have them planted as near as can conveniently in the Centre of the population of the various Districts In this object they have succeeded so far as that no Scholar in the Parish will have to travel beyond two miles at the utmost to School.–

(Signed) Don: Munro
Chairman

Stornoway
24th December 1873

School Board of Lig
Stornoway 17. December 1873.

A Meeting of the School Board of this Parish will be held at Garynahine Inn on the 27th Current at 2. o'clock P.M.

(Signed) Wm Ross, Clerk.

Business

To fix School fees and Consider and dispose of any other business that may be brought forward.

At Garynahine Inn the Twenty Seventh day of December Eighteen hundred and Seventy three years

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Lig

Assembled

Messrs Donald Munro Solicitor and Chamberlain
Revd John Campbell
James MacRae

Mr Munro, the Chairman presiding

The notice calling this meeting having been read, the Minutes of last meeting were read and Confirmed.–

Table of Fees delayed. ...

In respect of there being so few Members present Consideration of the subject of framing a Table of School fees was delayed till a future meeting.–

Treasurers a/cs submitted and approved

The Treasurer produced Pass Book with the National Bank Stornoway and also account of Income and Expenditure of the Board for the period between Eleventh April date of the Board's Election and the term of Whitsunday last 1873 which he explained requires to be transmitted in duplicate to Edinburgh before the first of January 1874.

The Board examined and approved of the accounts and authorised the Chairman to Certify the same.– Don Munro
D. M.

School Board of Mig

Stomoway 21st February 1874

A meeting of the School Board of this Parish will be held at Garynahine Inn on the 12th day of March next at ~~noon~~ one o'clock PM, when it is hoped you will find it convenient to attend.—

Business

To fix the Clerk and Treasurer and Correspondents Salary, and amount of his Bond of Caution: to Consider an application from Mr MacRury Teacher Crowlista and other Matters.—

At Garynahine the Twelfth day of March Eighteen Hundred and Seventy four

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Mig Assembled

Messrs Donald Munro Solicitor and Chamberlain
The Revd John Campbell
John Macdonald
James MacRae
Kenneth Smith

Mr Munro the Chairman presiding

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.—

Salary of Clerk &c

The Meeting on due deliberation hereby fix the Salary of Mr William Ross as Clerk and Treasurer and Correspondent of

£45

of the Board at the sume of Forty five pounds Sterling per annum Commencing from the date of his appointment payable half yearly at the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas — the said Salary to cover all his personal outlays & he finding security to the Satisfaction of the Board to the extent of £200 stg.—

Letter from the Educn Departmt authorizing Schools to be proceeded with

The Chairman laid before the meeting Copy of a letter dated 25th February last to the Education Department London and the answer received by him dated 3rd March Current explaining the reason for the Departments delay in approving of the ~~Boards~~ sites, and authorising the proposed Schools to be proceeded with, was read wherein the Board explained that they had 1.700 Cases to Consider and that it was only in December last they were forwarded.—

Letter from Mr. Mackury as to his salary

A letter from Mr John MacRury Teacher Crowlista dated 31 January last asking an increase of Salary was Considered, and the Board in the circumstances resolved to increase it to forty pounds per annum from and after the term of Whitsunday first, and the Clerk was instructed to intimate this to Mr MacRury.—

Ayes ordered to be paid.

The following accounts were submitted and ordered to be paid — the Board approving of the payment already made to account viz.

William Ross Solicitor for acting as Returning Officer £6:13:7.
Less paid 5. " " 1.13.7

Walter Rose Inspector for posting up notices up notices through Parish £7.4.6
Less paid 5. " " 2.4.6

R.M. Cameron Edinr for Books £9. 15/-
Wm Rae Wick for paper 1. 10. 4
Wm Blackwood & Sons 8/2 " " 8 2
Francis Orr & Sons Letter Book " 3. 10
James MacRae Marraig for peats for following Schools
Callennish £1. 4/.
Breasclete 2. 8/.
Geshader 1. 12/.
Islivig 1. 8/.
Crowlista 2. 8/. 9. " .
James MacRae for personal Expenses in taking Census 2. 16/.
Do for time engaged in getting peats Calds 1. 4 :

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School Board of Lig
Stornoway 18 May 1874

A Meeting of the School Board of Lig will be held at Garynahine Inn on Thursday the 28th of May Current at two o'clock P.M

(Signed) Wm Ross Clerk

- Business -

To Consider -

1. Notes by Auditor on last years a/cs rendered as to School fees
2. The Board's resolution at a previous meeting as to School at Bernera
3. The present state of Education in the Parish and any other subject that may be brought forward. -

At Garynahine Twenty Eighth day of May eighteen hundred and Seventy four
In
A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Lig
Present
Messrs Donald Munro
The Revd John Campbell
James MacKenzie
James MacRae

Mr Munro, the Chairman presiding

The Minutes of last meeting were read and Confirmed as to the las gestae

The Meeting approved of the following payments made by the Treasurer

1. 1/4 of 5/5 paid to Eyre & Spottiswood London for School Plans for Boards 9 July 1873. 1/4.
2. William Ross Clerk and Treasurer on account of his Salary 11 Aug: 1873. £10 . .
3. The said William Ross on acf of Salary 31 Dec: 73. 10 -
4. The said William Ross Do 11 April 1874. 35 -
5. John MacRury, Teacher, Crowlista, on account of Salary to 2 May 1874. when he gave up that appointment and left 20 . -
6. MacPherson & Coy Stornoway for Map of Lewis for use of Education Board 15 May 1874. . 2/ 6
7. William Ross Clerk 1/4 of £1. 16 8 1/2 of postage stamps since Board's election to 15 May 1874. 9/2
8. The said William Ross for Bank Cheques Receipts 1/2 10/ 4

Notes by Mr Bain Accountant for the Board of Education on the School Boards account rendered for the period to 15 May 1873 were read wherein he asks why no School fees are included in the account, and the Clerk was instructed to explain

also approved of being paid

Explanation as to no fees being collected under

explain that since the Education act came into operation no fees have been levied or Collected in the only School (Crowlista - being the old Parish School) yet under Control of the Board and further that until the requisite School accommodation and qualified Teachers are provided it was deemed unnecessary to prepare a scale of fees in the meantime as it would only cause the withdrawal of Children presently attending, while the Board in the present inadequate state of School accommodation is not in a position to enforce Compulsory attendance.—

Letter from Educ. Board as to the School accomm.

A letter from the Board of Education dated 20th ultimo relative to the amount of accommodation proposed to be provided in the new Schools was read The Board explained that their reason for suggesting accommodation for a few Scholars over and above the present actual number between the ages of 5 and 13 years was that the population in the Parish is increasing very rapidly, and that it would be a saving of much expense and trouble eventually to have the School made somewhat larger than the present requirements, and trusted that the Board of Education will receive this explanation as satisfactory.—

New School for Bernera

In regard to the School at Bernera the Board approved of the Clerk's application to the Education Department for a grant for a new School in the event of its being ultimately found expedient to build a new School and Teacher's residence there instead of improving and enlarging the present building and in the meantime instruct Mr. Mac Donald Clerk & Works to the Heritor to inspect the

the premises and report as to the Capabilities of their being enlarged and improved to suit the requirements of the District.—

MacRury

The Clerk reported that on the second day of May Current John MacRury Teacher of the School at Crowlista - formerly the Parish School resigned the office of Teacher there, and left the Lewis.— There were laid before the meeting letters from MacRury dated 19th March. 2d April and 9. May 1874 and the meeting directed the Treasurer to pay him the balance of his Salary to Whitsunday last being £3. 4. 2d (£20 having been paid him by the Treasurer and which payment was now approved of) and £2. 7. 5 for Peats making together £5. 11. 7d

Achmore School

In regard to the School at Achmore the Board Continue of opinion that it is most advisable the School should be made to accommodate 40 Scholars as there is every probability of that number of School going age being in the District within a short time.— The meeting instructed the Clerk to Convene a meeting of the Boards of Uig and Lochs in reference to the above School at Garynahine Inn on an early day as suggested by the Board of Education.—

Sir Jas. Outlay

The Chairman stated that the Sole Heritor of the Parish of Uig feels disappointed at the slow progress made by the Board in reference to Statutory Schools - that while he is desirous to Continue the former aid towards their support of existing Schools he deems it but reasonable that his outlay since the passing of the act on behalf of Education and his Contemplated future outlays should be refunded from the general assessment of the Parish, and the Board instruct the Clerk to

Tolsta Chulish School

to procure accounts of such outlays which ought to include the providing for the School of Tolsta Chulish.—

Valtos Teacher.

A letter from Alexander M. Morison Teacher Valtos Uig dated 6. May Current was read wherein he asked permission to appoint a Substitute Teacher during his absence in Glasgow for two or three months. The Board agree to the proposal upon condition that the Assistant to be appointed be approved of by the Revd Mr Campbell and that Morisons Salary (£18) to Whitsunday last be paid by the Treasurer out of the School funds which was instructed so to be paid.—

Peats.

The Revd Mr Campbell stated that the Schools at Islivig Valtos Geshader and Bernera for which the Ladies Association Edinburgh at present supply Teachers require peats to be provided for them and Mr MacRae the Ground Officer was instructed to get this done and see that the peats are sent to the said respective Schools except Valtos and Bernera.—

Crowlista School

The Salary of the Teacher at Crowlista Norman Nicolson was fixed at the rate of £25 per annum from 27 May Current when he opened the School.—

His Salary £15.

The Chairman stated that the Sole Heritor of the Lews was led to believe that the Salary allowed to Mr Ross as the Clerk, Treasurer Correspondent and Law Agent was too high and he gave notice that the question will be brought up at a fuller Meeting — the Board however were in the meantime of opinion, with due deference to the Heritor that the Salary is not more than adequate but even lower than in other Parishes.—

Don Munro

School Board of Uig

Stenoway 3rd June 1874

A meeting of the School Board of this Parish will be held at Garynahine Inn on Thursday the 11th day of June Current at 1. o'clock PM when it is earnestly hoped all the members will attend.—

(Signed) Wm Ross, Clerk.

Business

1. To meet the members of Locks School Board as to School at Achmore by desire of Board of Education.
2. To impose Assessment for School purposes.—

At Garynahine the Eleventh day of June Eighteen hundred and Seventy four

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig

Present

Messrs Donald Munro
Reverend John Campbell
James MacRae
Kenneth Smith
John Mitchell

Mr Munro the Chairman presiding

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.—

Peats

Mr MacRae verbally reported in reference to the Minutes of last meeting that Peats for the Schools of Islivig, Geshader and Callanish have been Cut as instructed, and those for the School of Bernera are in course of being Cut.—

In

Valtos School

In regard to the School of Valtos it was resolved that the sum of £4. per year be added to the Teachers salary leaving him to provide himself with peats.—

Bernera School

A report by Mr. Macdonald Clerk of works dated 29. May last on the School house of Bernera in terms of the remit to him, at last meeting was read wherein he dissuades the Board from attempting to improve or enlarge the present building but recommends a new School and School Masters house to be built using the materials of the present structure so far as suitable and the Board resolved accordingly.—

Expense for year £180..

A probable estimate of the expense of the Board for the Current year was produced from which it appears that at the most moderate Calculation £180. will be required for School purposes, and the Board therefore resolved in terms of Section 44 of the act that the sum of one Shilling per pound sterling be levied and Collected on the whole rental of the Parish payable equally by Landlord and Tenant and the Clerk was instructed to Certify this resolution to the Inspector of Poor for the Parish of Lig in order to Collecting the same and paying it over to this Board.—

Assessment 1/- pd

School fees

In regard to the subject of fixing School fees Mr. Smith moved that no fees be exacted in the Parish this year until Schools are erected and properly qualified Teachers procured which motion was seconded by the Reverend Mr. Campbell.. Mr. Munro, the Chairman on the other hand moved seeing that Salaries of Teachers of Schools already in operation in

in the Parish have been fixed, and that the system hitherto pursued of not exacting fees has notoriously tended to irregularity in the attendance of Scholars throughout the Parish that a scale of fees be now adopted as has been done in the other Parishes throughout the Island which motion was seconded by Mr. James Mackae and on both motions being put to the meeting Mr. Smiths was carried by a majority of one.— Mr. Munro dissented and appealed to the Board of Education.—

Members Outlay

Mr. Campbell stated that he considers that on the occasions when he and other Members living in the Heights of Lig are under the necessity of taking the ferry to attend meetings of the Board and pay a Boat fare & Crew. the outlay on such occasions ought in justice to be defrayed out of the School fund, and the Clerk was instructed to bring the subject again before the Board of Education as it is considered a grievous hardship.—

D Munro

School Board of Lig
Stornoway 1st July 1874.

A meeting of the School Board of this Parish will be held within the Inn at Garynahine on the 14th day of July Current at 1. oclock afternoon

—Business—

To fix a scale of School fees, and any other business that may be brought forward.—

At Garynahine Inn the fourteenth day of July Eighteen hundred and Seventy four

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Lig

Assembled

Messrs Donald Munro John Campbell
James MacKenzie & James MacRae

Mr Munro the Chairman presiding.—

The Minutes of last meeting were read and Confirmed.—

The Clerk stated that after last meeting he sent an Excerpt from the Minutes so far as
School Fees. regards the questions of charging School fees to the Board of Education and the Secretary's answer dated 22 June last was read wherein it is inter alia stated "that a resolution not to "charge School fees at all appears to the Board "of Education to be incompetent". In these Circumstances the Board fixed the following as the fees for the Schools in the Parish per quarter

Standard I. Reading	6.
" II. Writing and Arithmetic	9.
" III. IV & V	1/.
Higher Branches	1/6

Islivig School The Treasurer produced an account of £2 6. 9. claimed by Donald Macaulay Joiner Islivig for writing Desks, window and other things supplied to the Islivig School and which he had paid as the man was leaving the Island. The Board approved of the payment and also of the payment of £4 0/- to Murdo Maciver late Teacher Callernish—his Salary.—

The Bank Pass Book was produced and

Bank a/c. and the Treasurer explained that hitherto all operations upon the Bank account was made by his own cheques, but that he has now learnt upon enquiry that in other places it is customary for the Chairman to Countersign the cheques and Suggested the same system for this Board.. The Board approved of the Treasurers past operations on the Bank account but direct as desired by him that all cheques on the Bank in future be Countersigned by the Chairman who is to have the Custody of the Treasurers Bond of Caution which he the Treasurer said he expects to produce at next meeting.—

The following accounts were Submitted
Accts to be paid and ordered to be paid

1. Murdo Macdonald Clerk of Works for light plans of School sites
2. Malcolm Macleod Teacher Tolsta Chulish half years Salary to Whitsunday last £5.

Officers The Board instruct the Clerk to advertise for Officers to act under Sec 70 of the Statute one for Bernera, Valtos and the rest of the Parish South of Loch Roag and another for Lochgannaveh Callernish Breasclait Tolsta Chulish, Down Carloway and Kinnick including, if Sanctioned, by the School Kinnick Board of the Parish of Lochs Upper and Lower Carloway, North and South Shalbost.—

Offers stating Salary expected to be lodged with the Clerk within One Month from this date.—

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Notice for an Officer

Notice

An Officer is wanted by the School Board of the Parish of Uig to act under Section 70 of the Education (Scotland) act in reporting from time to time what parents fail to keep their children in School in Bernera, Valtos and the rest of the Parish South of Loch Roag.—

Also an Officer for the other portion of the Parish including Lochganvaich, Callanish Breasclete, Tolsta Chulish Doun Carloway and Kirivick to which will probably be added (with the Sanction of the School Board of Lochs) Upper and Lower Carloway and North and South Shalost.—

Candidates to lodge applications for said two Districts separately or both together and stating Salary expected with Mr Ross Solicitor Stornoway Clerk to School Board on or before 14. August next.—

Stornoway 22nd July 1874

School Board of Uig.

Stornoway 14th August 1874.

A meeting of the School Board of this Parish will be held at the Inn of Garynahine on Friday 21st August current at noon.

Business

To consider communications from the Board of Education and Scotch Education Department as to the building of Schools and other matters.—

At Garynahine Inn the twenty-first day of August, Eighteen hundred and seventy four years.

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig,

Assembled

Mess^rs Donald Munro
John Campbell
John Mitchell
James MacRae.

M^r Munro the Chairman presiding.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Sanction of new schools

There were produced letter from the Board of Education dated 4th current sanctioning the new Schools proposed by this Board to be erected at the following places: viz^t.

	No proposed to accommodate	No sanctioned
1. Breasclete for	160.	141.
2. Doun Carloway	120.	100.
3. Loch Croistean	80.	65.
4. Valtos	160.	130.
5. Crowlista	80.	55.
6. Islivig	100.	85.
7. Bernera	120.	120.
		696

and also letter dated 10th current from the Education Department with Schedules and relative instructions as to preparation of Plans, estimates and Titles to each of the above proposed Schools:

The Board in conformity with these instructions

instructions elected Mr. Murdoch Macdonald, Clerk of Works, Stornoway as Architect to prepare such plans and Estimates as soon as possible and Mr. William Ross, Solicitor, Stornoway was appointed Solicitor to the Board as regards preparing the Titles to the various Sites for Schools and Teachers' dwellings &c.

Officers. The Clerk produced two applications he received for the office of Officer, one from Peter Maclean Fisherman, and the other from George Macleod, Shoemaker, both residing in Crowlista, but consideration of these was deferred

Salary of J. McRae. The Revd. Mr. Campbell stated the Salary (£15 a year) of Julia MacRae the present female Teacher at Valtos is running on, and it is expected the Board will contribute £9. towards it, £6 hitherto got from another source and he further stated, that Ann Macleod, female Teacher at Crowlista is in the same position, except that her Salary is £12 a year and the half of it will be looked for from the Board.

a/c to be paid In account of £1. advanced by the Revd. Mr. Campbell for small repairs on the School house at Valtos was produced and payment ordered.

The Board in respect of a letter produced from John Ramsay Esq. M.P. a Deputation from the Board of.

Meeting with Mr Ramsay of Education adjourned, to meet again in the Clerks Office, County Buildings Stornoway on Monday next the 24th. Current, at two Oclock P.M. when Mr. Ramsay is expected to be present. and further Consideration of the above mentioned subjects as well as of the draft Minute of Agreement between this Board and the Board of Lochs, regarding the common School at Achmore, was meantime delayed.- Dan. Mackenzie Cl.

School Board of Uig

Stornoway 24th. November 1874

A meeting of this Board will be held at Carnmahine, on Thursday 3rd. December next at one Oclock p.m. when, it is hoped all the Members will be present.-

- Business -

To consider as to Draft Minute of Agreement as to proposed joint School at Achmore; State of existing Schools in the Parish; and any other business requiring attention.

Stornoway

Stornoway 25th November 1874

Dear Sir

I beg to send you herewith Policy of Insurance by the "Guarantee Association of Scotland, Limited" for my intromissions as Treasurer to the School Board of Uig.

The Policy guarantees £200, and costs me £1. 10/- per annum, which makes a great hole in a small salary for a most troublesome and laborious office.

The Policy is sent you in your capacity of Chairman to the School Board

I am, Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

(signed) Wm Ross

Treasurer.

Don: Munro Esq:
Chairman of the
School Board of Uig
Stornoway.

School Board of Uig
Stornoway 28th November 1874

Dear Sir

By direction of the Chairman I have to intimate that the Meeting of this Board called for 3d December next, is postponed till 11th December, at noon, at Garynahine

I am,

Yours truly

(signed) Wm Ross, Clerk.

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At Garynahine the Eleventh day of December, Eighteen hundred and seventy four years.

In a Meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig.

Assembled

Messrs Donald Munro
" James Mackenzie
Revd J. Campbell.
" John Macdonald
" James MacRae.

Mr. Munro presided and the Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Minute of Agreemt. A Draft Minute of Agreement between this Board and the School Board of Lochs, in regard to the erection of a Common School at Achmore for the children in that Township, and Lochganavich and Cleascro, was read approved of and authorized to be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Board, when extended, and to be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval.

Treasurers Acts The Treasurer's Accounts, in duplicate for the year to Whitsunday 1874, with the Bank Pass Book and Vouchers, were produced, examined and approved of, subject to the final approval of the Accountant of the Board of Education, to whom they were to be remitted in terms of the Statute, but in the meantime the meeting authorized the Chairman to sign the docket on the back of the duplicate Acts.

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School Plans

The Clerk produced plans of proposed Schools and Teacher's residences, prepared by Mr. Macdonald the ~~~~ Architect for the following places:-

Breasclait.
Dounbarloway.
Loch Croistean.
Valtos.
Crowlista
Islivig.
Bernera.

which were approved of by the Board and the Clerk was directed to lay them before the Education Department, it being however suggested that the Teacher's house at Islivig as regards external appearance, would be more suitable at Valtos, than the one proposed for Valtos as shewn on the Plans, yet retaining the same accommodation as in the Valtos house, which suggestion the Clerk was instructed to bring under the notice of the Architect with the view of being given effect to.

Valtos Teacher

There was produced a letter to the Clerk from Alex. M. Morison, the Teacher at Valtos dated 18th November last, asking payment of his half years Salary of £18. as Teacher there to Whitsunday last, and with reference to the Minutes of Meeting of 28th May last, the Treasurer was instructed to remit the same to him, in the hope that in the peculiar circumstances of the case, such payment will not be objected to by the Accountant of the Board of Education.

Donald Munro

Minute of Agreement between the School Board of the Parish of Lochs on the one part,

and

the School Board of the Parish of Uig on the other part.

The said two School Boards considering that the Parishes of Lochs and Uig which they severally represent, march with each other at the Townships of Achmore and Lochganavich the former being in the Parish of Lochs, and the latter in the Parish of Uig: that while the said two Townships are contiguous to each other they are distant from five to six miles from any other Township in either of the Parishes: that by Census recently taken, the number of children between the ages of five and thirteen years in Achmore is ____ 25
and in Loch-ganavich ____ 3
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That the said two School Boards have, in virtue of the power conferred upon them by Section 42 of the "Education (Scotland) Act 1872", agreed, subject to the approval of the Board of Education as follows.-

1. To combine, and agree together for providing maintaining, and keeping, an efficient School near the Site of the present condemned School at Achmore, common to the said Parishes of Lochs and Uig, as far as regards the said two Townships of Achmore and Loch-ganavich and to the employment of a Teacher or Teachers in such.

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2. To defray the Expense of providing maintaining and keeping such common School and the payment of Teacher or Teachers thereof and all other Expenses of any kind whatever connected therewith, in proportion to the number of School going Children of said ages, from year to year, in the said two Town-ships, and which proportion if disputed, it is hereby agreed, shall be ascertained by the Principal Teacher of the School for the time being, whom failing, by the Chairman of the School Board of Lochs, for the time being, and the decision of the said Principal Teacher or Chairman ~~for the~~ shall be final and binding on both Boards.

3. To elect three Managers of such common School, with all the powers conferred upon such Managers, by the said act,- two of such Managers being so elected by the School Board of Lochs, in respect of the larger population in that district and One by the School Board of Uig,- either from among the Members of said Boards respectively, or other parties not in any way connected with either Board.

In witness whereof, this Minute of Agreement written by John Ross, Clerk to William Ross, Solicitor, Stornoway is subscribed by Donald Munro, Esquire, Chairman of the School Board of Uig, on behalf of said Board at Stornoway, this twenty ninth day of December, Eighteen hundred and seventy four years, before these

these Witnesses, James Milwain Wither and John Rose, both Clerks and residing in Stornoway.

(signed) Don: Munro, Chairman of the School Boards of Uig and Lochs.

(signed) James M. Wither. Witness.
(" ") John Rose Witness.

The Board of Education in accordance with their Minute of 19th December 1873, hereby consent, in terms of the 42nd Section of the Education (Scotland) Act 1872, to the Combination and Agreement, between the School Boards of Lochs and Uig, in the terms of which are set forth in the foregoing document.

(signed) James Taylor
Secy.

Edinburgh
15 January 1875

School Board of Uig.
Stornoway 27th January 1875.

A meeting of the School Board of Uig will be held at Garrynahine Inn, on Wednesday the 3rd of February next at 2 O'clock P.M. when it is hoped all the Members will be able to attend.

(signed) Wm Ross, Clerk.

Business.

To consider Communications from:-

1. Board of Education, regarding Common School at Achmore,

2.

2. Mr. Munro, Chamberlain as to Clerk Treasurer and Law Agents Salary and other matters.

At Garynahine the Third day of February Eighteen hundred and Seventy five.

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig.

Assembled

Messrs. Donald Munro.
Revd. John Campbell.
James Mackenzie.
James MacRae.
John Macdonald.

Mr. Munro in the Chair. The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed. The Clerk laid before the Meeting a duplicate Minute of Agreement with the Parish of Lochs relative to the Common School at Achmore as recorded in the Minute Book with the Consent of the Board of Education to the arrangement in the following terms:- "The Board of Education in accordance with their Minute of 19th December 1873, hereby consent, in terms of the 42nd Section of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872 to the combination and agreement between the School Boards of Lochs and Uig, in the terms which are set forth in the foregoing document."

(signed) James Taylor, Secy.

Minute of Agreemt.

This

This Board joins with the Board of Lochs in instructing the Clerk to get Plans and Estimates of the proposed School and Teachers Dwelling made by Mr. Macdonald Architect Stornoway, or any other Architect the Clerk may select, and the same, when procured, to be submitted to a future Meeting, the School being designed to accommodate 46 Scholars.

Achmore School

A Letter from Mr. Malcolm MacLeod Teacher, Tolsta Chulish, was read asking payment of his half years Salary of £7. 10/- due at Martinmas last, and the same was authorized to be paid. The Clerk laid before the Meeting a letter received by him from Mr. Munro Chamberlain to Sir James Matheson, dated 25th Ulto. expressive of Sir James's surprise and displeasure at the high Salary fixed by the Board to Mr. Ross in his capacity of Clerk, Treasurer, Correspondent and Law Agent, to the Board, compared with that in the other Parishes in the Highlands, and he also read his own answer to that letter, and produced letters from other Districts on the subject, and referring especially to the neighbouring Parish of Harris, where the Salary of the Clerk alone appears to be above £50. The Board while regretting that Sir James should have found it necessary again to interfere in regard to the Salary of the Clerk who combined the Offices of Treasurer, Correspondent and Law Agent deem the Salary already fixed for all these Offices but reasonable, as bearing a §

Tolsta Chulish Teacher.

Salary of Clerk &c.

a fair proportion with that in other Parishes, and especially Harris referred to.- Mr. James Mackenzie dissenting.

Meeting at Inv.

The Chairman reported that in terms of instructions from some of the School Boards of Lews, he attended the Meeting of delegates held at Inverness, on 21st ult: as to amendments of the Education Act and refered the Meeting to the printed Report of the proceedings which appears in the "Inverness Courier", but he recommended parties interested to watch over the contemplated amendments.

The Clerk stated that by the amendments suggested, Parishes in the Highlands especially may expect greater facilities and larger aid from Govt. in reference to Schools, than now exists and he regretted that the preliminary forms hitherto necessary have retarded progress in the erection of Schools.-

Dan Munro C

School Board of Uig
Stornoway 25th March 1875.

A meeting of the School Board of this Parish will be held at Garynahine, on the 8th day of April next, at one o'clock afternoon when it is hoped all the Members will be able to attend.-

(signed) Wm Rofs. Clerk.

Business

Business.

To consider.

1. A communication from the Education Department as to Common School at Achmore.
2. Plans, &c. of said School; and other matters.

At Garynahine, the 8th day of April 1875.

In
A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig.
Assembled

Messrs Donald Munro
Revd John Campbell
James Mackenzie
John Macdonald
James MacRae.

Mr. Munro in the Chair: The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Achmore Plans

The Revd Mr Campbell moved, and the Chairman seconded, that the Plan of the proposed School at Achmore, and relative Specification and Estimate, now submitted be approved of, as was done by the Lochs School Board, yesterday, and transmitted to the Scotch Education Department without delay.

Mr James Mackenzie moved, and Mr. Macdonald seconded, that nothing be done in relation thereto, until the Sentiments of the Heritor, Sir James Matheson be obtained

Business

obtained; Mr James MacRae expressed a desire to be neutral in the matter, and the Votes being thus equal, the Chairman in deference to the decision of the Lochs Board, gave his Casting Vote in favour of Mr Campbell's motion, which was declared Carried.

Plans approved

The School Plans approved of at the meeting of this Board held on 11th December last, were again submitted, the Clerk explaining that Mr Murdo Macdonald who prepared them was not authorized by Sir James Matheson, his Employer, to furnish Specifications or Estimates applicable to these plans, and there was produced a Letter from Mr. Macdonald dated 9th February last, wherein he says: "I must now do nothing "further in the matter, except under "special written instructions from Sir "James Matheson".

Mr Murdo M'Donald resigning his office of Architect

In these circumstances, the Revd Mr Campbell moved that J. Houghton Spencer, Architect Taunton, who has been employed by the Stornoway School Board be instructed to prepare Specifications and Estimates applicable to said Plans without delay. Mr James Mackenzie on the other hand moved that the employment of Mr Spencer be delayed until Sir James & Lady Matheson give their consent in writing to such employment, which motion was seconded by

Mr Spencer appointed architect.

by Mr Macdonald, and joined in by Mr James Macrae, - the Chairman having previous to the motion explained that as Mr Spencer has been already employed by the Stornoway Board, there was little doubt but he would be preferred in regard to Uig.

Valtos - Salary.

The Revd Mr Campbell stated that Mr Alexander M. Morison, Teacher, Valtos, complains of his Salary being inadequate and had intimated his intention of resigning at Whitsunday, unless he gets an increase. The Board agreed to give him an increase of £5 from Whitsunday first. -

D Cumming Co.

10 August 1875

School Board of Uig

Stornoway 31st day May 1875

A meeting of this Board will be held at Garynahine Inn on Thursday 10th June next at one oclock P.M. when it is earnestly hoped all the Members will be present..

(Signed) Wm Ross, Clerk.

Business -

1. To impose the Assessment required for School purposes for the Current Year, in terms of Section 44. of the Statute..
2. To Consider School Plans if expected to be received from Mr Spencer before day of Meeting.

At Garynahine the tenth day of June Eighteen hundred and Seventy five
In
A meeting of the School Board of the parish of Lig

Assembled

Messieurs Donald Munro
James MacKenzie
James MacRae
Kenneth Smith

Mr Munro presided.

The Clerk stated that according to usual practice he had intimated the object and date of the present meeting to the several Members Constituting the Board, but that the above Members had only appeared.—

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

There was laid before the meeting an estimate of the deficiency in the School funds for the current year amounting (after deducting £51. odds at Credit of the Board in the National Bank) to £131. which requires an assessment of eightpence in the pound sterling of the rental of the Parish, and the meeting directed the Clerk to Certify to the Inspector of Poor for the Parish of Lig that said Sum is required to be raised by assessment of eightpence per pound on the rateable property in the Parish payable equally by Landlord and Tenant in terms of the Act. The Chairman thereafter, with every desire to avoid unnecessary rates gave it as his opinion that the rate will not be sufficient to meet the requirements.—

Assessmt. of 8d p £

School Plans

There were produced Plans and estimates of the following Schools prepared by Mr Spencer Architect Taunton with approval of Sir James Matheson viz.

	Estimated Cost.
Braisclete	£840
Loch Croistan	590
Crowlista	550

These plans and estimates were approved of and the Clerk directed, when the rest of the Plans are received to instruct Mr Spencer to advertise for Contractors for the whole buildings without delay — the Chairman having declined to express any opinion on the plans or Estimates which he has only seen to day.—

Donald Munro C
29 July 1875

Contractors for new Schools.

School Board of Lig
Stornoway 11th June 1875—

Dear Sir,

In terms of the Education Act 1872 I hereby Certify to you that at a meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Lig held at Garynahine on 10th Inst: it was found that the deficiency in the School fund for the Current year is One hundred and thirty one pounds sterling (£131.) which it is necessary the Parochial Board should levy and recover by assessment along with the Poor Rates, and pay the same over to the School Board in terms of said Statute.

According to my Calculation an assessment of 8.p£ on the rateable property in the Parish will be necessary to meet said Sum I am yours Sincerely

(Signed) Wm Ross, Clerk for Lig S. Board

Walter Rose Esq:
Inspector of Poor for the parish of Lig Stornoway

Parish of Uig
Stomoway 12 June 1875

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterdays date intimating the sum necessary to be raised in this Parish for School Board purposes for year 1875. 1876

I am yours truly
(Signed) Walter Rose
Inspector

Wm Ross Esq
Solicitor and
Clerk to School Board
of Uig

Estimated Cost of new Schools

1.	Crowlista	£550
2	Breasclete	840.
3	Loch Croistean	590
4	Bernera	770
5.	Valtos	800
6	Islivig	685.
7	Down Carloway	735
		£4970
		4285

Estimate of the probable Expense of the School Board of the Parish of Uig for year 1875. 1876

I Teachers

Alexander M. Morrison Valtos		£41.
Norman Nicolson, Crowlista	25	
Malcolm Macleod, Islata Uhulish	15.	£81.

II Officers

Clerk Treasurer and Law Agent	45.

III Fuel for Schools

The same as last year	13

IV Architect

Commission on erection of seven Schools say £70, but say only half in this years assessment	35
Achmore School say this parish one half	3

V Incidents

Postages &c	5.
	£182
Less Sum at Credit in Nat. Bank	51
Deficient	£131.

Rental £3960 @ 8 p £ = £132

School Board of Uig
Stomoway 22d July 1875

A Meeting of the School Board of this Parish will be held at Garynahine Inn on Thursday next the 29 Current at Noon, and it is hoped very desirable that all the Members should be present

—Business—

To Consider additional Plans of new Schools as all approved of in London, and to advertise for Contractors and any other business.—

At Garynahine the twenty ninth day of July 1875.

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig,

assembled.

Mess^rs Donald Munro
Rev^d John Campbell
Kenneth Smith
John Macdonald
James MacRae

Mr Munro presided.-

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.-

School Plans. There were laid before the meeting the following plans of Schools, which complete the number required in the Parish viz^t:-

	Estimated Cost.
Doun-Carloway	£735 " -" -
Islivig	685 " -" -
Valtos	800 " -" -
Bernera	770 " -" -
	2990

These plans were all approved of and the Clerk was instructed to consult with the Architect and advertise for Contractors for building these Schools without delay.- Contractors for new Schools.

The Draft Titles to the sites of the proposed Schools, approved of by the Counsel for the Education Department, were also laid before the meeting. Draft Titles

A letter from Mr Alex: M. Morison Teacher, Valtos, dated 22 June last was read wherein he asks payment of Peat money and the Peat-money.

and the Clerk was instructed to pay him the agreed sum of £4 for last year,- Mr MacRae having undertaken to supply four tons work for this year, at the Expense of the Board.-

Salary of female Teacher at Valtos

On the motion of the Rev^d Mr Campbell the Board agreed to contribute £9 per annum towards the Salary of Ann Macleod, the Female Teacher at Valtos, from the time of her appointment at 1st November last, and the Treasurer was instructed to pay £4 " 10/- of that sum due at Whitsunday last.

Vidimus to be prepared.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare a Vidimus shewing how so much time has passed away with little apparent progress in getting the new Schools erected.-

D Munro Ch.

6 Oct 1875

School Board of Uig, Island of Lewis, N.B.

To Builders and Contractors

Tenders are invited for the erection of School houses with Masters Residences and Offices at the following places in the above Parish.-

1. Doun Carloway
2. Breasclete
3. Loch Croistean
4. Valtos
5. Crowlista
6. Islivig
7. Bernera

Plans and Specifications can be seen in the hands of William Ross, Solicitor, Stornoway, Clerk

Clerk to the School Board with whom sealed Tenders are to be lodged, for the whole or any less number of the buildings, endorsed, "Tender for Uig Schools" on or before 2nd " September next.

Any further necessary information will be given on application to J Houghton Spencer Architect, Taunton, at whose Office duplicate plans may be seen.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted:-

Stornoway 2nd " Aug: 1875. Dan Munro & Co

(Copy Circular No 20)

Immediate,

Scotch Education Department
Whitehall, London S.W.
19th August 1875.

Sir,

The Queen has been pleased to comply with an address presented to Her Majesty in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons, dated the 27th " day of July 1875. praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before the House a Return from each School Board in Scotland, of certain particulars respecting the rateable value, and rating of their respective Districts for the last and current years.-

To enable my Lords to comply with this Order, so far as your Board is concerned, I am

am to request that you will be so good as to return this letter to me, with the least possible delay, after you have filled up the tables printed below.-

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
(signed) F. R. Sandford.
Secretary.

The Clerk to the
School Board of Uig
County of Ross & Cromarty.

Year from Whitsunday 1874 to Whitsunday 1875.

Rateable value of Burgh or Parish	Rate per £ of the School assessment on such rateable value..	Sum required from the rating authority "Education (Scotland) act" S. 44.	Sum actually paid by the rating authority to the Treasurer of the School Board.-
£3,960 " " —	1/- per £	£180 " —	£201 " 0 " 8d —

year from Whitsunday 1875 to Whitsunday 1876.

Rateable Value of Burgh or Parish	Rate per £ of the School assessment on such rateable value.	Sum required from the rating authority "Education (Scotland) Act" S 44.
£3960 " " —	8d per £	£131 " " —

3500 / 2 / 7000 / 250

(Notice Calling Meeting)

Account of the Income and Expenditure of the School Board of the Parish of Ulg. (Lewis) for the Period between 15th May 1873 and 15th May 1874.

Dr.

	£		
1. To Amount paid by rating Authorities @ 9d in £1	157	10	3
2. " Interest received from National Bank	"	3	9
	157	14	"

Exd and passed. By Balance Nineteen pounds 10/4

(signed) Alexander Bain

Accountants.

Cr.

	£					
1. Expenses incident to the election of the Board		13	18	1		
2. Salaries of Officers of the Board		55	"	"		
3. Salaries of Teachers in Schools		43	5	8		
4. Printing, postages, advertising and Office Charges		"	10	4		
5 Books, apparatus and Stationery for the Board		12	1	2		
6. Fuel and Light for Schools		10	4	"		
7. Interest on Bank Account		"	8	5		
8. Taking educational Census		2	16	"		
					138	3 8
9 By Balance on 15th May 1874 in National Bank of Scotland		20	4	6		
10 " Balance on Petty Cash Account – Less sum due Treasurer		"	14	2	19	10 4
	£	157	14	"		

11th December 1874

(signed) Wm Ross.

Treasurer.

School

Notice of Meeting

School Board of Uig.
Stornoway 29th. September 1875

A meeting of the School Board of this Parish will be held at Garynahine Inn on Wednesday, 6th. October, next at 1. Oclock, P.M.

(signed) Wm. Ross, Clerk.

Business.

To consider and dispose of such Offers as may be laid before the meeting, for building the contemplated Schools in this Parish, and other matters.

At Garynahine the sixth day of October, Eighteen hundred and seventy five.

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig.

Assembled

Messrs. Donald Munro.
Revd. John Campbell.
Kenneth Smith
James Mackenzie
John Mitchell
John Macdonald
James Macrae

W. Munro presided.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Thereafter the Treasurer

A/c for 1873-4 audited and found correct.

Treasurer produced his Account for the year ending on Whitsunday 1874; which account had been examined and found correct by the Accountant of the Board of Education. It was ordered to be engrossed in the Minute Book, and the original carefully preserved.

Tenders.

There were laid before the Board six Tenders received by the Clerk in relation to the new Schools proposed to be erected in this Parish. On these being opened in presence of the meeting they were found to be from the following Parties:-

I. Alfred J. Morse, Wellington, Somerset. who offers to erect:-

1. Doun Carloway	for £	1308.
2. Loch Croistean		1050.
3. Valtos		1400
4. Breasclete		1464
5. Crowlista		1110
6. Islivig		1200
7. Bernera		1460
	£	8992

II. John and Malcolm Macrae. Stornoway

1. Doun Carloway	for £	1596.10
2. Loch Croistean		1328.0
3. Valtos		1810.0
4. Breasclete		1771.0
5. Crowlista		1513.0
6. Islivig		1698.0
7. Bernera		1661.15
	£	11378.6

III.

Tenders

III Roderick MacLeod. Stornoway.
1. Down Carloway £1583
2. Loch Croistean 1275.

IV John Munro and Mal: Macrae
Stornoway
1. Achmore £579.

V George Mackenzie. Stornoway
1. Achmore £710.

VI Alex Mackenzie. Jr. Stornoway
1. Achmore £443.12.

Isliving Site to be changed

It was suggested that it would be expedient to change the site of the proposed School at Isliving to a place in Brenish - as being more central and convenient, - in respect of which the Board appointed the Revd Mr. Campbell. Mr John Mitchell, and Mr James Macrae, a Committee to fix upon the site and report without delay. The Board seeing the large sums in these Offers beyond the sums estimated, unanimously resolved and instruct the Clerk accordingly, that these Offers as regards Nos. 1, 2 & 3. be sent to Mr Spencer for his consideration and advise as early as possible.

Tenders to be sent to Mr Spencer

In regard to the Achmore School the meeting agreed, so far as this

Tenders of Wm Mackenzie for Achmore School accepted

Parish is concerned, to accept of that of Mr Alexander Mackenzie Jr. at £443.12/- and recommend the School Board of Lochs to do the same.

Substitute for Vallos School.

A Letter dated at Vallos the 1st Curt. from Alex. M. Morison, Teacher there, was produced, wherein he asks permission to appoint a Substitute for some months, and which was agreed to, Providing the Substitute to be provided be to the satisfaction of the Revd Mr Campbell, but not otherwise.

Resignations of Crowlista Teacher

A Letter from Norman Nicolson, Teacher, Crowlista wherein he intimated his resignation of his office, at the term of Martinmas next was also read, and his resignation accepted of. Mr Campbell and Mr James Macrae being requested to endeavour to procure a successor at a reasonable Salary.

Increase in Solsta Teacher's Salary

The Board increased the Salary of Malcolm Macleod, Teacher, Solsta Shulish, from £15 to £20 from the term of Whitsunday last.

Teacher at Callenish

The Board considering that Mr. Donald Murray, Teacher, Callenish has hitherto received no remuneration from this Board, and that he is deserving, agreed to give him the sum of £7 per annum, during his term

6br.

term of Office from Whitsunday last.

Parish School

In regard to the Parish School of Uig, situated at Balnakeil, the Board resolved to sell it, and make an offer of it to Sir James Matheson, Bart. for the sum of £50, which is supposed to be fair value - the sanction of the Board of Education being first obtained for said Sale.

Valtos School

Wm James Macrae was authorised to have such temporary repairs made on the Schoolhouse at Valtos, as he may deem necessary for the security of the building with as little delay as possible.

Donald Munro Ch.

12 Novem 1875

(Circular)

Notice of meeting

A meeting of the School Board of Uig will be held at Garynahine Inn upon the 12th day of Novr. Curt at 1. Oclock. P.M. when it is hoped all the Members will find it convenient to attend

(signed) Wm Ross Clerk

Stornoway 3 Nov. 1875.

Business

To consider communications from the Architect in regard to Contractors, &c.

At Garynahine the twelfth day of November 1875

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig.

Assembled

Messrs Donald Munro,
Revd John Campbell.
John Mitchell.
James Macrae.

Wm. Munro presided.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters from Mr Spencer.

The Clerk read letters from Wm. Spencer, the Architect, dated 14th and 15th October last and 1st Curt. in regard to the Offers received for building the new Schools in this Parish and in the letter of 14th October he states:- "there is a considerable difference in the tenders "and the lowest are very much above my "Estimates which were based on the Cost "of plain Stone Work in and near Stornoway, "and upon the supposition that the Carpenters "and Joiners Work could be imported upon "favourable terms". Again, in his letter of 15th October, Mr. Spencer states:- that, "the "prices for the Uig Schools may have been "considerably increased by the brick lining "of all the walls, as Garrabost is so far from "the Sites. If the Board think of accepting "any particular Tender it may perhaps be "well

Letters from Mr Spencer.

"well to ascertain what deduction would "be made if the walls were built "entirely of stone. 2 feet thick, instead "of stone 18 inches thick with a brick "lining."

Mr. Alex. Mackenzie to prepare Estimates

In the whole circumstances, while the Board exceedingly regret the delay that has necessarily arisen from this state of matters, it has no alternative but to direct the Clerk to obtain Estimates from Mr Alexander Mackenzie Jr. Architect, Stornoway of the probable cost of the buildings according to Mr. Spencer's suggestion of dispensing with the bricks, and on the supposition that the walls are to be entirely of stone and lime - two feet thick, - the walls and ceilings of the Teacher's residences to be lathed and plastered internally, as also the ceilings of the Schoolrooms, and after receiving such Estimates and the sanction of the Education Department to the proposed alterations upon the Plans to advertise again for Contractors.

Bricks dispensed with.

Isling Site

In reference to the Committee appointed at last meeting as to the changing of the Site for the proposed school at Isling, it was verbally reported by the said Committee that it did not meet, but it was agreed that the said Committee or a majority of their number be instructed to point out

out the best Site to the Contractor for the School when the Contract is being entered into,

Tender for Achmore.

Regarding the School at Achmore the Chairman stated that the Board of Lochs had also agreed to accept the Offer of Mr. Alexander Mackenzie Junior for erecting it at £443.12/- the same to be paid in three equal instalments: the

Terms of Contract

(1.) when the foundation stone is laid (2.) when the walls are at their height and (3.) when the work is finished and taken off the Contractors hands. Mr. Mackenzie, the Contractor, who was at the meeting, explained that his offer does not include a Boundary Wall, as he understands it is to be dispensed with.

Old Parish School

The Clerk read a letter from the Board of Education sanctioning the Sale of the Old Parish School at Balnakeil to Sir James Matheson Bart., the Sole Heritor, for £50, and stated that he had made the Offer to Sir James but had not yet received an answer.

Repairs on Valtos School.

Mr. James Macrae reported that he had been unable to procure a mason to make the necessary repairs on Valtos Schoolhouse but he expected one to be in the vicinity in a few days when the repairs will be executed.

The Revd. John Campbell reported that

Substitutes for Vallos and Crowlista appointed.

that he has, on behalf of the Board accepted of the services of Mackinnon as a temporary substitute for the Teacher at Vallos and of Donald Maciver for Crowlista School in room of Norman Nicolson resigned - the salary of the latter being £24 per annum with £3 for fuel. Mr. James Macrae entered his dissent from the appointment of Maciver which appointment, however the Board confirmed.

Wm Campbell Chairman P.T.

Notice of meeting

A meeting of the School Board of Uig will be held in Garynahine Inn upon the 8th day of December next at one O'clock, P.M. when it is hoped all the members will find it convenient to attend.-

(signed) Wm Ross, Clerk.

Stornoway
25th Novr 1875

Business

To sign the Contract for Achmore School, to consider Mr. Alexander Mackenzie Architect's Report on the matter, remitted to him;- to consider a correspondence as to the proposed Sale of the Old Parish School, and other matters.

At Garynahine the 8th day of December 1875.

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig

Assembled

Revd John Campbell
John Macdonald
James Mackenzie.

No meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. Munro, being unavoidably absent through an accident which happened him on the ice last Monday, the above Members failed to appoint one of their number as Chairman of the Meeting, and consequently no business could be transacted.— Mr. Campbell having successively proposed Mr Mackenzie, who declined to act, and afterwards Mr. Macdonald but the latter nomination was not seconded, nor another motion made.

Wm Ross Clerk

(See Letter regarding this meeting on page 74.)

A meeting of the School Board of Uig will be held at Garynahine Hotel upon the 28th day of December Curt. at one O'clock P.M. when it is hoped all the Members will find it convenient to attend.-

Stornoway
17th Dec. 1875

(Sigd) Wm Ross
Clerk

Business.

To consider as was intended at last meeting called:

(1.) The Treasurer's Accounts for last year, previous to being rendered to the Accountant of the Board of Education before 1st January next

(2.) A statement of the probable sum that will require to be borrowed from the "Public Works Loan Commissioners.

(3.) The Contract for Achmore School.

(4) Serious charges brought against the Clerk and Treasurer by Mr. James Mackenzie, and

(5.) Accounts of which payment is claimed, and other matters.

At Garynahine the twenty eighth day of December 1875.

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig

Assembled

Revd. John Campbell

Kenneth Smith

James Mackenzie

John Mitchell

The Clerk read extracts from a letter from Mr

Mr Munro's absence

Mr. Munro, the Chairman, saying that in consequence of the accident he came by on the ice as mentioned previously, his medical adviser prohibited him from attending this meeting, and thereupon Mr. Smith moved and Mr Mitchell seconded that the Revd. Mr Campbell take the Chair, which he took accordingly.

The minutes of meeting of 12th Novr. last were read and confirmed.

Estimate by Mr M'Kenzie

Mr. Alexander Mackenzie, Junior, Builder, who was present at the meeting, produced an Estimate prepared by him as instructed at last meeting. As regards the proposed School at Breasclete he estimated it at £1353-13-0 while the Architects Estimate is only £840. and the lowest Tender (Morse) £1464 - that of J. & M. Macrae being £1771.

The Board, in the circumstances, instructed the Clerk to advertise of new for Contractors, on ascertaining that the Education Department will sanction the substitution of a two foot stone wall in place of an eighteen inch stone wall with brick lining as shewn upon the plans. - the Schoolrooms to be plastered on the internal walls and the Teachers' Residences to be lathed and plastered.

Achmore Contract.

A Contract prepared by the Clerk, between this Board and the Board of Lochs with Mr. Alexander Mackenzie, Junior, Builder, for the erection of Achmore School was read & approved, and signed by the Members present and by Mr Alex Mackenzie, it being, however, agreed that the

Ochmore Contract

the time for finishing the work be post-poned from 15 May next as stipulated in the Contract, till the 30th of July 18[illegible] the Board in the Circumstances of the being a very small Contract dispensed with Caution being found by Mr. Mackenzie for completing the work according to the Contract, the Board granted however against this being made a precedent in other cases.

Ad Parish School

There was laid before the meeting a Letter dated 15th ulto from Mr. McKay Chamberlain to Sir James Matheson Bart. regarding the proposed Sale of the Uig Brish School to Sir James, in which Letter Mr. Mackay seems to doubt if the property belongs to the Board or to Sir James. The Clerk was instructed to Confer with Mr. Mackay on the subject with a view to an amicable arrangement.

Valtos School

The Chairman stated that nothing has been done to repair temporarily the Valtos Schoolhouse and that during the recent gales two of the windows were blown in and that the roof requires to be supported in some parts. In these circumstances Mr Campbell was instructed to have the necessary repairs made as cheaply as possible. Keeping in view the prospect of a new School being erected shortly.

Ops 1874-75

The Clerk laid before the meeting his Account for year ending Whitsunday 75 with the relative vouchers & Bank Pass

Ops 1874-75

Pass Book and these on being examined and compared were found correct and signed by the Chairman in presence of the meeting.

Loan.

An Estimate of the amount that will probably require to be borrowed by this Board for School purposes, from the "Public Works Loan Commissioners", was produced, which having been carefully considered it was found that the sum of £3500 will be necessary. The Board accordingly resolved to borrow that sum from the Commissioners on the security of the School Fund and School Rate, the same to be repayable by equal instalments in fifty years or any other period that may be agreed upon. The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary application to the Board of Education and Loan Commissioners for said loan.

Ops to be paid.

A Letter from Annie Macleod, Teacher Valtos, asking payment of her Salary to Martinmas last, was read and the Salary was ordered to be paid ——— £4. 10. 0

The following Ops against the Board were submitted & ordered to be paid: viz

1. John Hunter, Garynahine, for use of Room for seven Board meetings 1. 15. 0
2. Road Assessment on Crowlista Schol for year 1875. 76 ——— 0. 3. 6
3. "Builder" newspaper, advertising for Contractors ——— 3. 13. 11

£ 10. 2. 5

4

£ 10 .. 2 .. 5.

A/c to be paid	4. John Macdonald, Geshader. Fuel for Geshader School.	1 .. 12 .. 0
✓	5. James Macrae, Miavaig for superintending Cutting of Fuel	1 .. 0 .. 0
	6. Malcolm Macdonald, Tobson repairing Bernera School	1 .. 12 .. 0
	7. Malcolm Smith, Valtos, fuel for Valtos School — off 3/-	1 .. 10 .. 0
	8. John Macleod, Brenish, fuel for Brenish School	1 .. 12 .. 0
	9. Alexander Macleod, Callenish, fuel for Callenish School	1 .. 12 .. 0
	10. Donald Macdonald, Valasay fuel for Bernera School — off 4/-	1 .. 8 .. 0
	11. Do. for Valtos School	2 .. 10 .. 0
		£ 22 .. 18 .. 5

Charges brought against Clerk & Treasurer.—

In regard to the charges brought by Mr. James Mackenzie, a Member of this Board, against the Clerk and Treasurer as set forth in the Clerk and Treasurer's letter addressed to the Chairman, dated 9th December last, Copy of which was sent to each Member of the Board, Mr. Mackenzie apologized for & retracted his statements as set forth in said letter and acknowledged that he had no ground for any of his insinuations against Mr. Ross, and he regretted having made any. The Board expressed their entire confidence in the integrity and honesty

of Mr. Ross, and considered it unnecessary to look into his Accounts, which were tabled, embracing all his transactions from the time of his appointment to that date. Mr. Ross, said that he was quite satisfied with Mr. Mackenzie's apology and retraction which put an end to the matter.

D. Cullumro Ch.

7th Feby 1876

Copy Letter.

School Board of Uig.
Stornoway 9th December 1875.

Dear Sir,

I trust you are recovering from the accident you came by on the ice and that you will be able to name an early day for convening a meeting of this Board to consider important matters which will admit of no delay, including grave charges brought against myself as Clerk & Treasurer by Mr. James Mackenzie one of the Members

You were missed very much from the Meeting of the Board called to hold at Garynahine yesterday, which was the first instance of your absence from any meeting of all the Boards in the Island since their election.

I enclose Copy of a Memorandum I wrote in the Minute Book at Garynahine, from

from which you will see that only three Members attended viz:-

Revd John Campbell
Mr John Macdonald, &
Mr James Mackenzie

After explaining to these gentlemen your unavoidable absence, I pointed out that they had a right to elect a Chairman for that meeting from amongst themselves, which Mr Campbell and Mr Macdonald were willing to do, and Mr Campbell accordingly moved, and Mr Macdonald seconded, that Mr Mackenzie should preside. Mr Mackenzie, however positively refused to do so, and Mr Campbell thereupon moved that Mr Macdonald take the Chair but Mr Mackenzie declined to second that motion and consequently no meeting took place.

This, I very much regret as I attended at great personal inconvenience and expense and even risk from the dangerous state of the roads with ice. Mr Alexander Mackenzie, Junior, Buildr, accompanied me to Garynahine also at much personal inconvenience, to sign the Contract for Achmore School and give any explanation that might be required in relation to the Report made by him as instructed at the previous meeting

meeting but his labour was also lost through Mr James Mackenzies conduct and everything retarded when despatch is absolutely necessary.

I must say, however, that I would have thought little of the trouble and expense another trip would have entailed upon myself, but the charges brought against me by Mr Mackenzie call for investigation before I act furthr as Clerk and Treasurer to the Board

On my entering (along with Mr Alexander Mackenzie) the meeting Room, where Mr James Mackenzie and Mr Macdonald were sitting, the former immediately attacked me and said that I did not enter with clean hands; that I falsified the Minutes of the Board by putting his name in the Sederunts as being present at meetings while he was not there: that I sent his name to Edinburgh (whatever that means) without his consent: that I was dealing improperly with the Boards Funds and drawing upon the Bank a/c without authority from the Board or at all events, without his authority or knowledge: that I was feasting myself and my friends at the Boards ~~Expence~~ Meetings out of the School Rates; that he would investigate into my whole transactions from first to last: that I made my whole

whole official duties subservient to selfish ends, to "put money" in my own pocket, and other charges of a similar nature. I explained that these charges were all without any foundation, whereupon Mr Mackenzie replied that he was not quite sure of that and that I would require to prove it, and perhaps I will so prove it before a Jury in the Court of Session to Mr Mackenzies consternation.

In the meantime it humbly appears to me that in the face of these serious accusations the Board will be guilty of Culpable neglect of duty if they do not investigate into them. The charges are either true or false, - if true it is the Boards duty to recall my appointment, and if false, I am entitled, as a matter of common justice, to be acquitted.

Further, if the Board should not make such investigation, their neglect will have the effect of vitiating the Guarantee I provided for my intromissions and liberate my Cautioners in the event of any shortcoming in funds hereafter.

I feel called upon to enter into these particulars of a dis.

disagreeable matter for the information of the Members of the Board who were absent on the occasion referred to.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours truly

(signed) Wm Ross

Clerk & Treasurer.

Donald Munro Esqr.
Chairman of the
School Board of Uig
Stornoway.

Sanction to borrow £3.500

Copy Form No. 28.

Board of Education for Scotland
Edinburgh 12th January 1876.

Whereas, by the Education (Scotland) Act 1872, it is enacted (Sect. 45.) that "Where a School Board shall require to incur expense in providing or enlarging a Schoolhouse, they, with the consent of the Board of Education, may spread the payment over several years, not exceeding fifty, and may for that purpose, borrow money on the security of the School fund and the School Rate, and may charge that fund and the School rate with the payment of the principal and interest, due in respect of the loan.

They may, if they so agree with the lender, pay the amount borrowed, with the

the interest, by equal annual instalments not exceeding fifty, and if they do not so agree, they shall annually set aside one-fiftieth of the sum borrowed, as a sinking fund."

And whereas the School Board of the Parish of Uig have applied to the Board of Education to sanction the borrowing, from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, the sum of Three thousand, five hundred pounds Stg, for the purpose of providing new Schools and teachers' houses at Dunscarloway, Loch Croistean, Valtos, Breasclete Crowlista, Islivig and Bernera.

The Board of Education having duly considered this application, and consent thereto, on condition that the sum borrowed shall be repaid within a period of not more than Fifty years.—

(signed) J. Dorn. Wauchope, C.

A meeting of the School Board of Uig will be held in Garynahine Inn upon the 16th day of February current at one O'clock P.M. when it is hoped all the Members will find it convenient to attend.—

(signed) Wm Ross
Clerk

To

Business

To open and consider Tenders for erecting new Schools and other matters.

At Garynahine Inn, the 16th day of February 1876.
In
A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig.

Present
Revd. Donald Munro
Revd. John Campbell
Kenneth Smith
James Mackenzie
John Macdonald
James Maciae.

Dr. Munro in the Chair.

The Circular convening the Meeting having been read as recorded, the minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman explained that, in Consequence of a severe Cold, Dr. Ross, the Clerk and Treasurer was unable to attend the Meeting but that he had secured the services of Dr. Jn. Anderson to act as Clerk ad interim.

Alterations on Plans.

The Clerk stated that he had written Dr Spencer, Architect to the Board, in regard to the proposed alterations upon the School Plans, and that in reply Dr Spencer had advised the Board first

first to ascertain the sum that each Contractor was willing to deduct from his Tender in view of the proposed alterations: that a circular to that effect had accordingly been sent to all the Contractors and they had lodged revised Tenders. These Tenders having been produced and opened by the Chairman in presence of the meeting, were found to be as follows: viz:

Revised Tenders

1. A. J. Morse, Contractor, Taunton for

	Former Offer £	Present Offer
Doun Carloway School	1308.	1213
Breasclete	1464.	1358.
Loch Croistean	1050.	1088.
Valtos	1400.	1300.
Crowlista	1110.	1032.
Islivig	1200.	1129
Bernera	1460.	1355
	£ 8.992	8.475

Difference £517

2. Roderick Macleod, Joiner, Stornoway

Doun Carloway	£ 1583	1392
Loch Croistean	1275	1165.
	£ 2.858	2557

Difference £331.

3. J. & M. Macrae, Builders, Stornoway.

Doun Carloway	£ 1596 .. 10/.	1466.
Breasclete	1771 .. 0	1672
Loch Croistean	1328 .. 0	1170.
	over £ 4.695 10/.	4,308

	Former Offer	Present Offer
	over £ 4695 .. 10/.	4.308
Valtos	1810 ..	1,713
Crowlista	1513 ..	1363
Islivig	1698 ..	1548
Bernera	1661 .. 15/-	1510
	£ 11.378 .. 5/-	10.442

Difference £936

On comparing these Tenders with the Estimate prepared by Mr Spencer, it was found that the lowest Tender (Morse's) exceeded that Estimate by £3.505.

Mr Morse's Tender accepted

In these circumstances & considering the unavoidable delay that has already taken place in the erection of the School Buildings, the meeting on the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by the Revd J. Campbell, accepted as they hereby accept of the Offer made by Mr Morse (excluding the proposed School at Islivig ~~reclamation~~ Consideration of which was in the meantime delayed as there is a possibility of no School being required in that Village seeing that their is a chance of the Tenants being ultimately removed to another part of the Island). The Clerk was instructed to communicate this decision to Mr Morse in the hope that the exception referred to will not prevent Mr Morse from adhering to his Offer, and further that in the event of a School being required at Islivig that his Offer will be accepted.

The

Contract to be prepared

The Clerk was also instructed to have the necessary Contract prepared without delay.

Vote of thanks to Mr. Alexander McKenzie Jr.

The Meeting desired to record a vote of thanks to Mr. Alexander Mackenzie Junior. Builder Stornoway for the valuable assistance he has given the Board in considering the various School Plans & Offers.

Old Parish School

With reference to the sale of the Old Parish School the Clerk was instructed to endeavour to come to an amicable arrangement with Mr. Mackay the Chamberlain.

Valtos School

Mr. Campbell intimated that as instructed at last meeting he had got the Valtos School repaired.

Sanction to Loan

The Clerk reported that the Board of Education had sanctioned this Board's application for a loan of £3.500. from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, repayable in fifty years.

Regulations for Election

The Clerk produced and read a Code of Regulations issued by the Scotch Education Department for the Triennial Election of School Boards. The 29th day of March 1876 was fixed upon as the most suitable date for the Election, and, in the event of a poll taking place, of the following two places were appointed polling stations for

for the Parish viz:-

I Callanish Schoolhouse and

II Free Church. Uigan.

The Chairman having stated that he did not wish for re-election, was appointed Returning Officer for the Election.

Wm. MacKay
Chairman
18 April 1876

new Board elected 29th March 1876.

At Garynahine, the Tenth day of April 1876 years

In

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig.

First meeting of new Board

Present

Messrs William Mackay, Chamberlain Stornoway
Reverend John Campbell, Free Church Minister, Uig
Reverend Roderick Macrae, Free Church Minister, Carloway.
James Mackenzie, Tacksman Lynshader
James Macrae, Registrar, Meavig, Uig.
George Macaulay, Tenant, Croir Bernera.

The Meeting was opened with prayer.

On the motion of the Reverend John Campbell

Wm McKay elected Chairman

Campbell seconded by Wm James Mackenzie, Wm William Mackay was elected Chairman of the Board for the period of three years from the date of its election on 29th March last.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Declaration of Election

The Clerk read a Declaration by the Returning Officer as to the Election of the Members of the present Board It was as follows :- "I, Donald Munro, "Solicitor, Stornoway, Chairman of the "School Board of the Parish of Uig "in the Island of Lews and County of "Ross and Returning Officer for the "Triennial Election of a new School Board "for the said Parish, hereby Declare, in "terms of the "Education (Scotland) Act "1872", that the following seven parties "have been duly elected on 29th March "last, without a Poll, Members of the "School Board of the said Parish of "Uig: namely:- (1.) William Mackay "Chamberlain, Stornoway: (2) The "Reverend Angus Maciver, Parish "Minister, Uig: (3) The Reverend John "Campbell, Free Church Minister, Uig: "(4) The Reverend Roderick Macrae, Free "Church Minister, Carloway: (5) James "Mackenzie, Tacksman, Linshader: (6) "James Macrae, Registrar, Meavig: (7) "George Macaulay, Tenant, Croir, Bernera, "and

"and I further hereby Declare the said "Seven parties to constitute the School "Board for the said Parish of Uig: "And I Announce that the first meeting "of the said School Board will be held "in Prince Arthur Hotel, Garynahine, "in the said Parish on the Tenth day "of April current 1876. Given under my "hand at Stornoway this first day of "April, Eighteen hundred and Seventy "six years, (signed) Don: Munro, Returning "Officer for the Parish of Uig".

Mem[bers] present accept Office

All the Members present accepted Office, and a letter was read from the Revd. Angus Maciver in which he regretted that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Contract:

The Clerk stated that Mr. Morse, the Contractor for the new Schools, had accepted of the terms proposed at last meeting, and he read a Contract prepared according to the English Form between Mr. Morse and this Board. A letter from Mr. Spencer the Architect as to the position and Standing of the Sureties proposed by Mr Morse and mentioned in the Contract, was also read. The meeting Considering that Mr. Spencer's Statement regarding these parties is not Satisfactory or Sufficient deferred signing the Contract and directed the Clerk to procure further information from Mr. Spencer regarding them. & also to get some recommendations from

from Bankers and others.

Another letter from Mr. Spencer dated 25th ults. was read enquiring what services the Board wish him to render for the future and to arrange the terms, and also requesting a payment to a/c of his charges for preparing School Plans & Specifications The meeting delayed consideration of what services may be required of him in the future but authorize payment of £28 to a/c of his charges.

Services required of Architect

£28 to be paid to a/c of Architect Charges

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr Spencer if it was necessary to have a local Inspector of Works as well as periodical inspections by himself of the different Schools and if such Inspections are requisite how often they will take place and what they will cost.

Old Parish School

With reference to the Old Parish School at Balnakyle the Chairman stated that Sir James Matheson Bart. was willing to pay thirty pounds sterling for the same. This Offer was accepted of by the Board and the Clerk was instructed to prepare a Disposition in favour of Sir James.

Teacher at Valtos

The Revd Mr Campbell stated that the period of service of the Teacher at Valtos expires at Whitsunday next, and that it will be necessary to renew the engagement with him or employ another Teacher. Mr

Mr Campbell at the same time read a letter from the present Teacher, (Mr Morison) agreeing to engage for another year if he be allowed to provide a Substitute until July next.

Teacher at Valtos

The meeting agreed to engage Mr Morison at the rate of £40 per annum he to provide his own peats and to employ a Substitute whose qualifications and fitness for Office shall be determined by a Committee of the Board, consisting of the Reverend Messrs Campbell, Maciver and Macrae. Mr Campbell was empowered to intimate this resolution to Mr Morison and make all the necessary arrangements for examining the Substitute.

Wm MacKay
Chairman
11 May 1876

A meeting of the School Board of Uig will be held in Garynahine Hotel upon the 11th day of May curt at one O'clock P.M. when it is hoped all the Members will find it convenient to attend.

(Signed) Wm Ross. clerk.

Stornoway
3rd May 1876

Business.

To consider.

A communication from the Contractor

Contractor for the new Schools in the Parish, and any other matter that may be brought forward.

At Garynahine the 11th day of May 1876

A meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig. Assembled

Messrs William Mackay
Revd John Campbell
James Mackenzie
James Macrae.

Wm Mackay in the Chair

The meeting having been opened with prayer by the Revd J. Campbell the Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Wm Morse's Cautioners

A letter from Wm Spencer, the Architect, dated 29th April last, with relative correspondence as to the responsibility of the Cautioners proposed by Wm Morse for the fulfilment of his proposed Contract for building all the new Schools required in this Parish, was read.

Another letter addressed by Wm Morse

Wm Morse resiles from his Offer

Morse to the Clerk and dated 4th curt. was read. It was in the following terms:- viz:- "Stornoway. May 4th 1876 School Board of Uig. To W. Ross Esqre Sir, Having visited the sites on which it is proposed to build Schools for the above named Board, and seeing many difficulties that I shall have to contend with in erecting those Schools and previous to this time I was not aware of: viz:- Cost of carrying materials providing accommodation for man and horse &c., I shall be compelled to withdraw my Offer for erecting four of those Schools, but as I have made arrangements for leaving England to work in this country I will agree to execute Doun Carloway & Breasclete Schools at the price named in my Offer. After taking into consideration the advanced price or Cost of labour and materials in addition to the above, I am sorry that I am compelled to take this course. Yours obediently (signed) A. T. Morse". Following upon the said letter the Clerk received from Wm morse a Telegram dated 6th May curt which was as follows: viz: "Shall send a revised Tender for Uig and Stornoway Monday next: You will get it for the meeting as arranged". The Clerk, however, explained that he had not

not yet received the Tender referred to by Mr Morse in the Telegram.

Mr Morse's Offer declined

The Board, observing from Mr Spencer's letter that one of Mr Morse's cautioners is not now prepared to sign the Bond to be entered into between Mr Morse & the Board, and that the other Cautioners might consequently withdraw also, came to no decision on that point, but the meeting was unanimous in declining Mr Morse's Offer for Doun Carloway and Breasclete Schools unless he undertook the other Schools at the prices named in his first Offer. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain immediately whether Mr Morse intended to withdraw his Offer of 27th January last for the whole Schools.

Teacher for Valtos

The Reverend Mr Campbell reported that, as instructed at last meeting, he had re-engaged Mr Alex. M. Morison as Teacher of Valtos School for another year from Whitsunday next at a Salary of £40 per annum - he providing his own fuel.

Returning Officer's a/c

An a/c rendered by Mr Donald Munro, Solicitor, Stornoway per £4.18/- for acting as Returning Officer

Officer for the Election of the present Board, was submitted to the meeting and ordered to be paid.

a/cs to be paid

The Treasurer, in contemplation of the annual Balance of his Books on 15th inst. produced the following a/cs which were ordered to be paid viz:-

1.	Murdo Nicolson, Fuel for Crowlista School	£1.10/-
2.	Norman Nicolson, Teacher, Crowlista ½ years Salary to Mart. last	12.10/-
3.	Board's proportion of Expense for parchment for Title Deeds	0.11/1
4.	Donald Murray, Callenish ½ years Salary to Mart. last.	3.10/-
5	"Architect" newspaper, advertising for Contractors	1.19/-
6.	"The Builder" newspaper for - do.-	3.13/11
7.	R.M. Cameron, Edinburgh for School Board Directory	0.3.6
8.	F.W. Craig, for printing Circulars	0.3.9
9.	Dingwall & Skye Railway Co. carriage of Bills of Quantities.	0.1.3
10	Poors Rates for year ending 15th May 1876 on Old Parish School	1.1.8
11	Mackenzie & Co. Stornoway, for Spun yarn for Crowlista School	2.6.8
12	"Inverness Courier", advertising for Contractors &c	3.14.10
13	John Hunter for use of Room for Board meetings to 28 Decr 1875	2.5/-
14	James Macrae, Meavig for his trouble	
		£33.10.8

over £33..10..8

trouble and outlay in superintending the Cutting of Peats last year £2..0..0

15 Alex.r Morrison, Teacher, Valtos ½ years Salary to Whitsunday next. 20..0..7.

16 Wm. Ross, Clerk Treasurer and Law Agent, ½ years Salary to Whitsunday next 22..10..0

£78..1..3

Clerk & Treasurer's Salary

The Clerk stated that having now in his Capacity of Law Agent prepared Titles to all the Schools in the Parish and having got over the most laborious part of the duties connected with the Offices which he holds, he is now willing to continue in these Offices at £22..10/- per annum from Whitsunday next, instead of £45 as at present. The Board after considering the matter in the absence of Mr. Ross, who had retired, resolved not to allow so high a Salary as £22..10/. asked by him, and agreed to relieve him of his duties from and after the Term of Whitsunday next, with which he expressed himself perfectly satisfied, and tendered his thanks to the Board for their uniform consideration towards him in times past.

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The meeting adjourned to meet here again on the 24th Inst. at noon, to elect a Clerk and Treasurer, which meeting Mr. Ross agreed to attend.

Wm. MacKay
Chairman
24 May 1876

At Garynahine, the 24th day of May 1876,

In

An adjourned meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Uig.

Assembled

Messrs. William Mackay
James Mackenzie
George Macaulay
James Macrae.

Mr. Mackay in the Chair.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

New Offer from Mr Morse

The Clerk produced and read a new Offer from Mr. Morse. The Offer, which had been received since the last meeting of this Board, was for the erection of the following Schools:- viz.t:-

1. Doun Carloway	£1213..0..0
2. Breasclete	1354..0..0
3. Loch Croistean	1340..0..0
4 Valtos	1733..0..0
5. Crowlista	1276..0..0
6. Bernera	1806..0..0
	£8722..0..0

Mr Morrison's Offer rejected

The Board finding that Mr. Morse has withdrawn his former Offer for the erection of all the Schools (including Islivig) for £8475, unanimously reject the Offer now given in.

The Clerk laid before the Meeting a letter dated 11th Curt. from Mr. J. Thornton Green, Surveyor, London, asking the Board for payment of an a/c of £140 due to him for preparing "Bills of Quantities" for the proposed new Schools in this Parish, and that the Board ultimately keep that sum off the Contractors for these Schools. The Clerk explained however, that Mr. Green had not been employed by the Board to do any work for them, and they unanimously declined to entertain the proposal that they should pay the claim.

Second instalment of Achmore School

The Board authorized payment to Mr. Alexander Mackenzie Junior, of the second instalment for the erection of Achmore School, so far as this Parish is liable therein seeing that the walls of said Building are now at their height.

On the motion of Mr. James Mackenzie the Board nominated & appointed Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, Agent

Mr Kenneth Mc Kenzie appointed Clerk Treasurer and Correspondent

Agent for the National Bank of Scotland, Stornoway, as Clerk Treasurer and Correspondent to the Board at a Salary of Fifteen pounds Sterling per annum and Mr. Ross, the retiring Clerk Treasurer and Correspondent was instructed to hand over all the Books and papers in his possession belonging to the Board, to Mr. Mackenzie.

Wm. MacKay
Chairman
7 June 1876

Copy of the First Letter received from Mr. J. Thornton Green, in which he states the conditions on which he will prepare Bills of Quantities for the proposed new Schools in this Parish.

"Wm. Ross Esqre.

33. Poultry. E. C.
London. Augt 23rd 1875.

Board Schools, Uig

Sir

Mr. J. Houghton Spencer informs me that some person calling himself a Surveyor has been very persistent in trying to get the quantities for the above Schools.

Although no name or place is mentioned I think I have heard of some person from

from Reading who runs about the Country touting among Builders & others for business.

Wm. Spencer (who, I believe, has mentioned my name to you) with his usual courtesy informs me that you seem now inclined to accede to the Quantities being supplied by a Surveyor.

As Wm. Spencer has in his correspondence with me before named these Schools, I confess to a little disappointment when I saw them advertised for Tenders, and rather than any one else should do Wm. Spencer's work I will engage to supply the Quantities at 1½ per cent: my fees to be paid by the successful builder and I will begin the work at once.

Hoping that I may hear from you consenting to my Offer.

I am, Sir

Yours obediently

(sig.) J. Thornton Green

Copy Telegram in answer

Wm. Ross
Solicitor
Stornoway

J. Thornton Green
33. Poultry, E.C.
London.

Letter & Telegram received: Mr. Spencer has authority to act in regard to School Quantities as he thinks proper

Stornoway
31st. May 1876

Inventory of Books, Plans, Letters and other documents belonging to the School Board of the Parish of Uig. (Lews)

Transmitted
By
William Ross, Solicitor, Stornoway, late Clerk, Treasurer and Correspondent to the Board
To
Kenneth Mackenzie, Esquire, Banker, Stornoway, the present Clerk, Treasurer and Correspondent

1. √ Principal Minute Book pp 1. to 101. inclusive
2. √ Scroll ___ Do. ___ Do. ___ {commencing 11th April 1873 / ending 28th Dec.r 1875}
3. √ Scroll ___ Do. ___ Do. ___ {commencing 16th Feby. 1876 / ending 24th May 1876}
4. √ Portefolio of "Official Letters" {commencing 21st April 1873 / ending 17th May 1876}
5. √ File of "Treasurer's Instructions & Forms" ___
6. √ Two Copies "Book of Summaries" ___
7. √ School Log Book Blank
8. √ School Board Record Book. Blank
9. √ Stock & Stores a/c Book. Blank
10. √ Admission Register - 2000 names. Blank
11. √ ___ Do. ___ Do. ___ - 1000 ___ Do. Blank
12. √ Two Copies "Attendance Register". Blank
13. √ Bank Pass Book (National Bank of Scotland) ___
14. √ Seven Copies Printed Time Tables. ___
15. √ Seven Copies "Statement of Works required of √ School Keepers. ___
16. √ Bundle

16. Bundle of School Plans containing :-
Sanction to alterations on Plans.

√√ I Sanction to alterations on Plans.
√ Sealed Plans (2) for Bernera School
√ Specification for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
√ Form No. 7 for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
√ Letter of approval for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
√ Estimate for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____

II Sealed Plans (2) for Breasclete School
Specification for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Form No. 7 for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Letter of approval for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
√ Estimate for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____

III Sealed Plans (2) for Crowlista School
Specification for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Form No. 7 for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Letter of approval for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
√ Estimate for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____

IV Sealed Plans (2) for Doun Carloway School
Specification for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Form No. 7 for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Letter of approval for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
√ Estimate for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____

V Sealed Plans (2) for Isliveg School ____
Specification for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
√ Form No. 7 for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Letter of approval for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Estimate for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____

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VI Sealed Plans (2) for Loch Croistean School
Specification for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Form No. 7 for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
√ Letter of approval for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Estimate for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____

VII Sealed Plans (2) for Valtos School ____
Specification for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Form No. 7 for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
Letter of approval for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____
√ Estimate for ____ Do. ____ Do. ____

17. √ Bundle of letters received from various parties
√ (Nos. 1 to 164 inclusive) ____
18 Bundle of Papers (Tenders, Election papers, &c.)
√ (Nos. 1 to 49 inclusive) ____
19. Unexecuted Contract between the Board and W. Morse, Builder, Taunton. ____
20. √ Ten Books of School Fee a/cs. ____
21. √ Bundle of the "Builder" newspapers with advertisements for contractors. ____
22. √ Bundle of Election Notices. ____
23 √ Three copies of the "Scotch Education Code"
24 √ Twenty three copies Schedule D. (a/cs of Income and Expenditure) ____
25 √ Seventeen copies Schedule E. (Balance Sheets for year) ____
26 . Two parcels School Board Summonses. ____
27. × √ Three parcels Compulsory Forms No 44. ____
28. √ Four ___ Do ____ Do ____ Do ___ No. 2. ____
29. Blank √ One parcel "Lists of Defaulting Parents & Children"
30. √ One parcel "Questions for Employers." ____
31. √ Bundle

31. ✓ Bundle of S. B. Advertisements.
32. ✓ Fourth part of S.B. notepaper on hand.

(Leave room here for List of Treasurer's Books &c.)

Notice to Members of Meeting of 7th June 1876
Viz:
Stornoway 3 June 1876.

A Meeting of the School Board of Uig will be held at Garrynahine Hotel on Wednesday at 12 noon and it is hoped all the Members will attend

Business

To fix an Assessment for 1876-77 and dispose of any other Matter brought under Notice.

Minutes of Meeting

At Garrynahine Hotel the Seventh day of June 1876

By

A Meeting of the School Board of Uig assembled

Mess^rs Mackay Chairman
Rev Roderick Mackay Carloway
James Mackenzie Lochaddar
James Mackenzie Mealasaig

Mr Mackay in the Chair

The Meeting being opened with Prayer the Minutes of last Meeting were read and Mr Kenneth Mackenzie who was elected Clerk and Treasurer at last Meeting being present accepted Office in terms of the Minutes

New Clerk &c

Mr Mackenzie the Clerk submitted to the Meeting a letter addressed to Mr Ross his predecessor from Mrs McAlpine Teacher Valtos Complaining that £6 were kept off his last payment that no allowance was made for Peat Money Cutting 1876 for his sister as Assistant Teacher for the Winter Months and Submitting that there should be a fixed Sum allowed by the Board for the ensuing Winter.

Mrs Morrison Valtos for Peat money & Assistant

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The Board admit that the Sum of £10 6 6 shillings is still due W Monson and author ize the Treasurer to pay accordingly but the Board cannot entertain W Monsons application for Coal Money as an allowance for Coals was included in his Salary of £40 from Wilkinday last as well as for any Assistant he should appoint with whom however the Board have nothing to do further than his employing an Assistant if necessary during their pleasure

Board resolution as to W Monsons application – Instruction according sent to him 8 June 1876

The Clerk stated that Mr Malcolm McLeod Teacher Tobermory School applied for his Salary due at Whitsunday last in terms of his appointment by the Board amounting to £40 and the Clerk further stated that although the payment should have been made prior to or at Whitsunday so as to be included in the Accounts for the Financial Year ended then, that yet the Treasurer paid Mr Mcleod the said Sum of £10 Ten Pounds producing Mr McLeods Receipt therefor which payment the Board confirmed

Mr Malcolm McLeod Teacher Tobermory School £40 Salary

As to Unsertificated Teachers the Clerk was requested to enquire of the Board of Education whether the Board might competently appoint such existing Schools in the absence of Certificated Teachers till the new Schools are ~~elected~~ erected

Unsertificated Teachers

The Board in Considering as to an Assessment for the current Year resolved to raise by assessment the Sum of £145 One hundred and forty five Pounds being at the rate of Tenpence per £ at the Rental of the Parish payable in equal proportions by Proprietor

Assessment of Tenpence per £ or £145

Proprietor and Tenant to meet the deficiency in the School fund and the Clerk was instructed to certify the same to the Inspector of Poor for the Parish in order that he should provide the required Sum in terms of the Education Act 1872 and pay it over to the Board or their Treasurer when Collected.

Inimation to Inspector of Poor as to deficiency

The Board in view of the erection of Schools for the Parish determined to borrow from the National Bank of Scotland the Sum of £1000 One thousand Pounds Sterling for Building purposes on the security of the School fund and School Sale until a larger Loan from the Public Loan Commissioners or others is obtained and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the necessary application and Minute as under noted to be sent to the Bank accordingly – Viz –

Loan of £1000 from National Bank

The Board having taken into Consideration the subject of providing the necessary funds for making additions to the School Buildings for the erection of which they have obtained the authority of the Board of Education – hereby resolve to borrow from the National Bank of Scotland the Sum of £1000 One thousand Pounds Sterling for that purpose to be drawn out as the Board may require and the Board hereby impledge and charge the School fund and School Sale with the payment of the foresaid Sum it being hereby declared in Conformity with the arrangements made between the Board and the Bank that the Principal Sum and Interest shall be repaid to the Bank by the Board within two years from this date from Monies to be obtained from the Public Works Loan Commissioners or other Lenders or from such other Source as the Board may obtain themselves

Application & Minute to Bank for Loan of £1000

themselves & and the Board undertake to grant in favour of said Bank such formal Bond for the aforesaid Sum and assignation of the School fund and School Rate in Security of the same as the said Bank may reasonably require and proper and as the Board may be entitled to grant under the Statute 35 & 36 Vict. Cap 62 or any subsequent Acts and they hereby undertake authorise the Treasurer by Cheques Countersigned by the Chairman to operate on the Bank Account.

Wm Mackay
Chairman

Dated 22 July 1876

Copy Letter to Walter Rose Inspector of Poor for the Parish of Oig as to assessment for School fund referred to in Minutes

School Board of Oig

Stornoway 8 June 1876

Dear Sir I am directed to intimate to you that the Board have in terms of the Education Act 1872 determined at their Meeting held Yesterday to impose an assessment for One pound forty pence on the Rental of the Parish being at the rate of ten pence per £ payable in equal proportions by Proprietor and tenant to meet a deficiency in the School fund for the Current Year in order that you may levy and collect the same along with the Poor assessment and duly pay it over to the Board or their Treasurer

I am Sir

Copy Letter to Secretary Board of Education as to appointed of uncertificated teachers sent in terms of Minutes above recorded

Oig School Board

Stornoway 8 June 1876

Sir I am directed by the Board to enquire if Letter in regard to uncertificated teachers may temporarily be appointed under the Education Act (1872) seeing that Certificated teachers cannot be got till the New Schools are completed and that the existing Schools in the Parish will be vacant unless Uncertificated teachers are employed.

The favour of an early reply and your advice for the guidance of the Board in the circumstances mentioned is respectfully requested.

The above letter was sent and the following adopted and sent—

I am directed by this Board to inform You that Certificated teachers are not likely to be got for this Parish until the new Schools are completed and that unless Uncertificated teachers are temporarily appointed the existing Schools will probably be all vacant in the meantime. And to request the favour of the advice and direction of your Board all these circumstances as the appointment of Uncertificated teachers does not appear to be competent under the Education Act 1872

Wm

At Garrynahine on the Twentieth day of July 1876

In

A Meeting of the School Board of Uig

Assembled

Mess.rs William MacKay Revd. M. Maciver Uig James MacKenzie Linshader James Macrae Mealvaig George MacAulay Leroir no notice received by the latter

Mr. MacKay in the Chair

The Meeting as usual having being opened with prayer and the Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed. The Clerk intimated that the National Bank of Scotland had granted the temporary Loans for Building purposes amounting to £1000 which the Board had resolved to apply for at last Meeting in terms of the Special Minute on the Subject which the Chairman was authorized to sign and a copy of which was inserted in the minutes of last Meeting as transmitted to the Bank and the Clerk and Treasurer further reported that he had opened an Account in the Bank for Said Sum and placed to the debit of said Account the Sum of £15-16/-10 paid to the Contractor of the Achmore School on 26 May last as the proportion then due by the Board to him for the erection of said School which was erroneously charged to the ordinary Account for current expenses but which Account is now credited with the said Sum. He also reported that he dealt similarly with another Sum of £15-16/-10 paid to the Contractor of said School on 14th Feby last as the proportion then due to him by the Board - the Building

Loan £1000 from Commercial Bank obtained

Payments to Repair School Board Account & Amount Building &c and Credited to Current Expenses formerly debited

Building Account being therefore Debtor to the extent of these two Sums amounting to £31-13/-8 and the Account for current Expenses credited therewith as per Bank Pass Book produced. The Board approved of these Operations as also of the following payments made by the treasurer viz. the Sum of £12 to Donald Maciver Teacher Clerowclete as his Salary for 1/2 year to Whitsunday with £1-10/- for Rent Money to said period and the Sum of £4-10/- to Anne MacLeod Teacher Valtos being the Salary due to her to Whity 1876 These Sums should have been paid & included in the Annual Accounts closed at 15th May last but Mr. Ross the previous Treasurer omitted to do so as they had not then be called for. An Account of 15/- by Mr. John Hunter late Gun Keeper Garynahine for Rent of Meeting Room up to Whitsunday last was also produced & noticed which the Board ordered to be paid altho it also should have been settled before the yearly accounts for last year were closed The Clerk pointed out that there was a Meeting held on 6th April which Mr. Hunter seemed to have forgotten and the Clerk was authorized to pay Mr. Hunter 5/- extra for said Meeting in all £1-0-0

Donald Clerk and female teacher Valtos Salaries fixed

Treasurers Account

Letter from Inspector of Poor as to assessment for 1875-7

The Clerk further read to the Meeting a letter of Acknowledgement by the Inspector of Poor for the Parish of Uig sent to him by the Clerk on 8th Ulto. of the Sum that this Board at last Meeting had requested him to provide for the requirements of the current year. Also in reference to the resolution of last Meeting that the Clerk should communicate with the Board of Education for Scotland as to the Appointment of Uncertificated teachers he reported that he had written accordingly and submitted his letter as well as the following answer of the

Letter from Edinr Board as

As to Uncertificated Teachers

the Board dated 19th June 1876 Viz. with reference to your letter of 8. inst. I am to state that in their third Annual Report the Board have of Education have suggested to the Scotch Education department that in cases where School Boards have not being able to secure the services of a certificated teacher it might be well to recognize the temporary appointment of a Non certificated teacher so far as to instruct H.M. Inspector when visiting the district to examine and report on the state of Education in such School it being understood that every such teacher is to be subordinate to the certificated teacher of some School in the Neighbourhood." In the meantime however I think (the Chairman of the Board adds) that the School Board of Uig should make every effort to obtain certificated teachers Signd. Donn Mauchope Chairman This Board in view of this communication resolved to continue the present Staff of Teachers in the Parish till certificated teachers can be got making all diligence to procure them. The following letters were also read to the Board Viz. 1st from Mr. Morse Contractor explanatory of his reasons for increasing his offer for the erection of the Schools of the Parish and that he had offered to erect Dun Carloway and Breasclete at the original figures or if that was refused to erect the whole for £8722 or if allowed three years £8346 and requesting that he be informed what in these circumstances the Board intended to do with his offers 2d a Letter from Mr. Spencer the Architect enquiring whether the copies of drawings for Contractors have been settled 3 Letter from

Uncertificated Teachers Continued

Contractors Mr Morse and Spencer

Should be prepared before the taking of alterations

Mr. Alexr. MacDonald (of Lyndale) Contractor to whom all the Plans had been sent with a view to his offering for the erections of the Schools as the Board had previously resolved to decline Mr. Morses offers - Mr. MacDonalds letter was dated 27th Ult. to acknowledge receipt of the Plans expressing his intention to put in a tender for the Work without undue delay and stating that "the" Bills of Quantities which the Architect intimated to the Board sometime ago the Successful Contractor would have to pay for were of no use to him as they included much of the original Work intended which was now dispensed with and he would have to measure the whole anew & make up a new Schedule As to these communications the Board resolved as follows Viz. 1st To Appoint the Chairman and Clerk a Committee to meet with Mr. MacDonald Lyndale and after he deducts from his Tender which amounts to Eleven thousand five hundred pounds the Amount he charges for the Stornoway School and should the Balance then not exceed Mr. Morses last offer of Eight thousand three Hundred & Forty six pounds for the remaining six Schools the Committee are empowered to give Mr. MacDonald the Contract of the Schools for the Sum mentioned but if Mr. MacDonald declines to accept this Sum of £8346 Stg. the Committee are instructed to Intimate to Mr. Morse that his Offer of £8346 for the Schools at Breasclete Valtos Loch Croistean Bernera Breaclet and Dun Carloway has been Accepted. These Schools to be completed within Three years of the date of signing the Contract and to be commenced immediately and each School once begun must be worked at continuously till finished. The Clerk laid before the Meeting the Schedule of queries

Mr. Macdonald Contractor for all Bills of Quantities sent to him

Mr Fulton of Board instructed to offers of Mr Macdonald & Morse for erection of School Buildings

quiries from the Public Works Loan Commissioners as to a Loan to this Board to which answers were prepared and the Clerk instructed to sign the same and he and the Chairman were empowered to sign the required documents in order to obtain this Loan. Mr. James MacRae mentioned to the Board that the substitute appointed on 10th April last and that the time at which Mr. Morrison the Teacher was to resume Teaching personally namely the month of July is now past and that therefore Mr. Morrison should be instructed to resume his duties or resign his Situation. The Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. Morrison and intimate to him to resume his duties forthwith or give in his resignation as a substitute cannot be accepted hereafter. The Revd. M. Maciver stated that with the approval of this Board He wished to hold meetings in the Lochvolista School House and ask if the Board the School House would be available to him say every Sabbath and on Week days at such hours as would not interfere with the attendance at School which request the Board unanimously agreed to grant

Had not been examined by the committee appointed by the Board

Falls Teacher substitute discontinued

Second

Wm MacKay
Chairman

Notice of Meeting

A Meeting of the School Board of Ohs will be held at Tarrynahmi Hotel on 29th July Current —

Business

To Consider as to Building tenders and other matters.

1 Aug 1876

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Business

To Consider as to Building tenders and other matters.

Notice of Meeting of 7th August sent to all the Members of School Board of Ohs

A Meeting of this Board was called at Tarrynahmi Hotel on Monday 7th inst. at 12 O'Clock PM

Business

To reconsider Building tenders and other Matters.

Minutes of Meeting held at Tarrynahmi Hotel on the 7th day of August 1876

Present —

Wm MacKay Chairman presiding
Rev Dan Campbell PC Ohs
Rev Angus Maciver PC Ohs
James MacKenzie Gaskmans Limekilns
James Macrae Register Meeting
George McAulay Servant Clerk Pro tem

Wm MacKay in the Chair

The Meeting being opened with Prayer the Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed. The Building tenders talked at last meeting and the resolution of the Board regarding them were then reconsidered and the Committee appointed to meet with Mr Hamden MacDonald one of the tenderers reported that they had conferred with Mr Macdonald and that he was prepared to offer a new under reduction of the estimated Cost of the Schools which the Board had determined to delay Building for the present and a letter was produced from Mr Macdonald addressed to the Clerk which being opened and read

Proceedings as to Building with Contractor for Schools

Mr Macdonald offer

was

Offer accepted unanimously

was found to be an offer to erect and complete the whole of the proposed School Buildings of the Parish with the exception of Oban which within two years Conform to the Plans & Specifications submitted to him for the sum of Nine thousand three hundred Pounds Stg (£9300) and the offer was in the following terms Viz:- "Aylesdale Cottage 2d Augt 1876 To the School Board of the Parish of Kirkmichael Gentlemen I hereby offer to perform the Works required for the Erection of the Six Schools Buildings proposed to be erected in your Parish - viz:- that at Braeallet; Pennan Callos, Newcarloway, Lochcristiern and Crowlista - all as shewn on Plans Sections and Specifications hereof - adopting that portion of the Specifications written in red ink on the face of the drawings - Copies of which have been shewn to me - for the Lump Sum of Nine thousand three hundred Pounds Sterling (£9300) and finish the same within three years after the work shall have been Commenced. In the event of this tender being accepted the Estimate Cost of each individual Building will be given. Signed (Signed) Alex Macdonald."

Condition imposed & offer Modified

Condition imposed as to Modified

The Board after due deliberation and seeing that no more than their offer had withdrawn his first offer and that he failed in regard to his Tenders Unanimously resolved in the interests of the Parish to accept of the above offer of Mr Alex Macdonald on the Motion of Mr Angus Macnair seconded by Mr Mackenzie Auchadder, but this acceptance to be on Condition

Condition 1st that Mr Macdonald will dispense with the principal Couples shewn on the Plans and use instead ordinary roofing and line the roof with plain deal Lime varnished without any extra Charge 2nd that each School once begun shall be worked at Continuously till finished and 3rd that the Callos School be first commenced.

Rothiemurchus Board Letter estimates Minute authorised Contract Reading

The Clerk produced a letter from the Public Room Board in acknowledgment of their Boards Answers to the queries of that Board transmitted on 24th Ult.; and he intimated that he had communicated to Mr Morrison teacher Callos the Board determination at last meeting that they could sanction a substitute no longer and that he must perform the duties personally or resign. A letter from Mr Morrison in reply was then read which stated that he had resumed his duties and that the School had not been repaired as promised by the Board. The Rev Mr Campbell moved that the necessary Repairs be made but Lewis not seconded and Rev Mr Maciver moved that inasmuch as the School house was not the property of the Board no money be expended in repairing it. This motion was seconded by Mr George McQueen and Carried.

Callos teacher Letter as to Repairs of School

Repairs refused and Motion of Mr Maciver

A letter from the Scotch Education Department enquiring whether this Board moved anything of the Department Grants for the encouragement of Gaelic teaching was read to the Board and the Members were all of opinion that such grants should be given in all their Schools.

Grants for Gaelic teaching

With reference to the Parish

Old Parish School

Parish School powers made over to Mr James Matheson by the Board a draft-disposition in favour of Mr James was submitted and approved of and ordered to be expended

The Rev Mr Maciver - referring to the letter read at last meeting from the Board of Education for Scotland which stated that that Board had suggested to the School department to instruct their Inspectors of Schools to visit the Schools taught by unrecognised teachers - Moved that the Clerk enquire whether the School department had determined what on the suggestion of the Board of Education and if so to request respectfully that their Inspectors be instructed to visit the Schools in this Parish and this Motion being approved of the Clerk was desired ordered accordingly

Application to School department for Inspector to Schools in District the unrecognised in terms of recommendation of Board of Education

Mr MacKay
Chairman
3 Nov (8)76

Copy letter to Mr Alexander Macdonald Dingdale intimating that his offer for the erection and completion of the Six Schools of the Parish had been accepted

Dr Corsi

Stornoway 8 Aug!

Sheriff Bompas Com that this Board at their Meeting Yesterday Unanimously agreed to accept Your Tender of 4th Current - hereof and complete the Six Schools Buildings specified therein Conform to Plans and Specifications submitted to You within twenty years for the

Sum of Nine thousand Pounds Sterling on Condition that You dispense with the Principal Couples shewn on the Plans and use instead ordinary Roofing and line the roof with Team deal Sarking without any Extra Charge

2nd That each School as begun shall be worked on Continuously till finished and

3 That the Tallow Schools be first Commenced

Hope these Conditions will be quite agreeable to You and will be glad to hear to that effect and that the work will be begun forthwith - I am &c

Copy Letter to Mr Rose Clerk

School Buildings - Stornoway 8 Augt 76

Sheriff Bompas - Stornoway

Sir Referring Con to my Letter of 8th June last in answer to Yours of 3d Same month I am to inform You that the Board have at length after mature Consideration unanimously resolved to decline Your offer of the Letter date to build their Schools and Conferred the Contract upon Another whose offer they deemed it their duty in the circumstances of the Case to accept - trusting that this determination of the Board may in no way inconvenience You - I am &c

To A. Rose Esquire - Clerk

Copy

Old Parish School -

Letter from Board of Education sanctioning sale of School in terms of Minutes to Mr James Matheson.

Edinr 5 Sept 1876

Sir I am directed to acquaint You that the Board have had under consideration your letter of the 16th instant that the School Board consider the

from

Sixty
Upon ~~Sixty~~ bonds a fair and adequate
Price and have already agreed to accept
the amount from Mr James Matheson
for the Rush Lake School at Balgonie
the Board of Education agree to sanction
the arrangement

The Clerk
of the School Board
of this

Signed Thos Wardlaw Pope
Chairman

Adjd Meeting of Board on
3rd November 1876 - Sent - Bonds
the members in good time previous
to Monday 2nd Oct 1876

Meeting of the School Board of Dis
was held at Qu'Appelle Hotel on
Friday 3 November 1876 at 12 noon

Minutes of said Meeting
of 1st Qu'Appelle Hotel on 3rd November
1876 ~~Accepted~~ Accepted

Present William Mackay Chamberlain
James MacKenzie Treasurer
James Macrae Secretary
George McKay Esqr
Rev Rodenek McRae Missionary
Angus Macaver Esqr
John Campbell Esqr
Mr MacKay in the Chair

The Meeting being opened with
Prayer pursuant to Draft Contract between
Mr Chamberlain Macdonald and the Board
for building & completing the six Schools
which the Board determined to proceed
with was read and ordered to be sent
to Mr Macdonald for approval his tender
for the same having been accepted by the
Board at last Meeting. The Clerk then read a
letter from the Roman Catholic Education department
dated 16th August last requesting that an
application be made on behalf of the Schools
of the Board which the Board desire to be
inspected by a Government Inspector. In
reference to this letter the Rev W Macaver
moved that a Government Inspector be
requested to visit all the Schools and the
Rev W Campbell moved that application
for such Inspector be delayed seconded
by Rev Rodenek McRae and W Macaver
not being seconded Mr Campbells motion
was carried. The Clerk produced a
draft Deed from the Public Lands Commis-
sioners in reference to the Loan of £300 asked
for by the Board and £200 to account of same
and which the Commissioners agreed to give on
the terms stated in said Deed and the Deed
being read was adopted and the Chairman and
Clerk Treasurer were authorized to sign the necessary
documents on the part of the Board in order
to procure the Money for the purposes of the Board
and Messrs Mathieson and Lombard Street
London were authorized to receive it from the
Commissioners and to remit the same to the
Treasurer

In regard to the Title for the
Balfour School the Rev W Campbell moved
that a Committee be appointed to enquire
upon a Title and that the Committee consist
of Messrs James Macrae Macaulay Mr
Sellardo Macdonald Clerk of Works & Jas
Matheson and himself - Mr Campbell
to be Convener and the Motion being seconded by
Mr

Letter from Roman Catholic Education department and determination of Board to delay application

Draft Deed on security of Loan £300 from Public Lands Comm'rs & Chairman & Treasurer ordered to sign same & latter to procure Rest Money from Mathieson & Co

Draft Contract read and ordered to be sent to Builder for approval

Balfour School Title

Condition of Ballos School and Repairs ordered to be made to the extent of £4 pounds

the Rev M Maeiver was duly adopted. Letters from the teacher at Ballos were then read complaining of the state of the school and asking to be allowed to employ a substitute. Cato Nelson Dickson of the school Mr Maeiver moved that no Money ~~be expended~~ of the Board be expended in repairing it as the Building is not the property of the Board and this Motion was seconded by M George McAulay The Chairman moved that the School be rented by the Board at £4 pounds per annum and that that sum be expended in repairing it and was seconded by Mr Mackenzie Kinkaddon. Both Motions being put to the Meeting the Chairmans was carried by a majority of two - Mr Maeiver dissenting. And it was agreed that W Macdonald Clerk of works be requested to report to the Clerk as to the Cost & extent of the Repairs necessary. Cato a substitute teacher the Board Object to ~~one~~ such and declined to sanction one. In regard to the Crowlista School a letter of resignation of the office of teacher was read from Mr Donald Macaulay the present teacher which resignation was accepted. The Rev Mr Campbell then moved that Mr Donald Macdonald Crowlista be appointed in room of Mr Maeiver until the end of April next - the ~~the~~ and the meeting resolved to appoint Mr Macdonald accordingly at a salary of £12 per Year. The Callernish teacher having applied for an increase of salary on account of the Education Committee of the Free Church

No substitute teacher allowed for ~~Dog~~ Ballos

New teacher for Crowlista

withdrawing their grant to the School the Board resolved that in the event of the grant being actually withdrawn which amounts to £10 pounds the Board shall pay the same to him half Yearly in addition to his present salary of £30 making £40 per annum but the Rev Mr Macrae Carloway must first certify to the Board that the grant of the Education Committee has been withdrawn.

Callernish Teachers Salary to be increased Conditionally

Accounts from Messrs Stewart and ~~Ruke~~ Cheyne for preparing letter to School Offices and for the Advertiser Newspaper for Advertising for Contractors - the former amounting to £5. 13. 6 and the latter to £1. 8 - were produced and ordered to be paid. A Communication from the Board of Education having been received and considered as to the appointment of a Compulsory Officer in terms of the Act the Board appointed Mr James Macrae Clerk Compulsory Officer for the Parish at a salary of £15 per ann during the pleasure of the Board and Mr Macrae accepted the appointment accordingly. Cato to the new School at Shadmore Built jointly by this Board and Lochs letters were read from the Contractor intimating that said School was completed and tendering it to be taken off his hands and from the Clerk of Lochs Board to the same effect and requesting the Board to appoint a female teacher and a Manager for the School. This Board thereupon appointed the Rev Roderick Macrae to be the Manager of the School for this Parish and the Chairman was authorized to Co-operate with the Lochs Board as to receiving the Contractor and appointing a suitable teacher - Mr Mac-

Accounts ordered to be Paid

James Macrae appointed Compulsory Officer

Arrangement for taking School Building at Shadmore off Contractors hands & appointing a Manager & Teacher

- donald

Annual Balance Sheet to 15 May 76 examined Certified

Deed of disposition & transfer of Old Parish School in favour of Sir James Matheson signed by all Members except Rev W Macewen

Dispute of New Building

Crowtown Sky School not allowed

Delny School

agnad Clerk of works to Sir James Matheson being appointed to inspect the School before taking it off the Contractors hands. The Balance Sheet of the School Board for the year to 15 May last for the information of the Board of Education for Scotland was submitted and examined and duly certified by the Chairman. In reference to the sale of the old Parish School to Sir James Matheson a disposition by the Board in favour of Sir James was submitted and signed by all the Members of the Board with the exception of the Rev Angus Macewen who declined to sign as he was no party to the sale. As to the inspection of the new School Buildings about to be erected by the Board the Board appointed Mr Alexander Macgeorge & architect Stornoway as Clerk of works accordingly at the rate of £1. 10/- a week from the time the work begins. The Rev W Macewen brought the laxity of Education at Crowtown & University under the notice of the Board and proposed that a teacher be appointed for that district but was not seconded. The Chairman moved that no teacher be appointed in as much as the people of the district were offered a teacher gratis both by Rev W Campbell and Mr Macewen and the latter Motion was carried. The Chairman intimated to the Board that the Building of the Delny School which was likely to delayed in consequence of the probable removal of the tenants of Blarnish and Delny, might now be proceeded with as the people were not to be removed. The Chairman read along correspondence in reference to the Claim of Mr D. Fraser Surveyor for payment of his fees for Bills of quantities prepared by him for the use of Contractors and the Meeting having considered the matter was in the present state of their information of opinion that Mr Fraser had no well founded Claim on the Board but determined to delay further Consideration until next Meeting.

Claim of D. Fraser for "Bills of quantities"

W. Mackay Chairman 28 Nov 1876

Notice of Meeting of 28th November 1876

A Meeting of the School Board of Uig will be held at Garrynahine Hotel on Tuesday the 28th November at 12 noon for the purpose of issuing the Deed of Feu duly for the sum of £9 5/- to the Parochial Commissioners signed and sealed by the Chairman & Clerk on behalf of and by authority of the Board and attending to any other matter brought forward.

At Garrynahine Hotel on Tuesday the 28th November 1876 at a Meeting of the School Board of Uig

Present

Messrs William Mackay Chamberlain of Lews Chairman
Rev Angus Macewen Uig
Rev Farquhar Mackay Free Church Bernera
Rev John Campbell Uig
James McRae Weaving Uig
James Mackenzie Tacksman of Kneckan
Rev Roderick Macrae Carloway

W Mackay in the Chair

Deed & Ork £3500 and Immediate instalment of £2000 signed

The Clerk produced the Deed for the Public Loan Commissioners for the loan of £3500 agreed to by the Commissioners on the Security of the School fund and School Rate the parties thereto being the Secretary to the Commissioners on the one part and the Chairman & Clerk to the Board on the other. He also produced a Corporate Seal for £2000 part of said loan to be forthwith paid by the Commissioners to the Treasurer of the Board. The Meeting thereupon having considered the said documents authorized the Chairman and the Clerk to sign and Seal the same on behalf of the Board which was then accordingly done at this Meeting in presence of all the members of the Board above named and Donald Macdonald Ground Officer Duncan Calloway and Alexander Stewart Hotel Keeper Portnahaven who with the Parish of Kilchoman as Witnesses

Site of Ballos New School

In reference to the site for the New School at Ballos the Committee appointed at last Meeting reported that they had fixed upon a site 120 Yards to the Eastward of the Site formerly fixed upon was approved of. In regard to the Resolution of last Meeting to erect the Ballos School a letter from the Rev M Campbell stating that rather than raise any questions as to either erecting or repairing the School that he himself would undertake to get the necessary Repairs made without Expense to the Board was read. The Clerk also read a letter from the Education Board in Scotland to the effect that in the opinion of that Board this Board might competently execute the Repairs but in view of M Campbells offer the Board agreed to take no further action in the matter. As to the Knockstaple School a Remit was made by the Board to Mr Macdonald

Knockstaple School

Macdonald Clerk of Works to examine as to the state of the School and to report whether in his opinion the Children might safely attend the School in its present state of Repair till the month of April without injury to their health. The Clerk intimated that Mr Donald Macdonald appointed at last Meeting to the Inspectorship of this School had accepted Office on the terms then stated. The Clerk also intimated that Mr Macaree the former Teacher claimed a Salary of £25 per Annum instead of £24 founding his claim upon a letter from the late Campbell a Member of the Board but £24 being the Sum inserted in the Minute relating to his appointment the Meeting adhered thereto and declined to entertain the claim

Compulsory Officer

Referring to the appointment of James Macrae as Compulsory Officer the Clerk read a letter from the Board of Education stating that while a Member of this Board may competently act as Officer, yet he must not be paid out of the School fund for any Services. Mr Macrae being neither a Member of the Board thereupon resigned as Member and adhered to his former acceptance of Office as Compulsory Officer and the Board approved his appointment as such accepting his resignation of Membership. In his room the Rev M Macaree nominated Mr Wm Mitchell Bealach which was seconded by the Rev M Campbell

John Mitchell New Member

The Rev Roderick Lloyd that Mr Alexander Stewart Hotelkeeper Portnahaven be appointed but was not seconded. Mr Mitchell was therefore elected and the Clerk requested to intimate the same to him.

In regard to the Removal of the Port Askaig School a letter of the Clerk from the Clerk of the Works

School Board intimating that Rev Swan
Comptroll and Wm Mackay Chamberlain
were appointed by that Board to be Managers
of the school for the ensuing year and that
it had been instructed to advertise for a
Teacher. This Board approved of the Advertisement on the understanding that it would be consulted as to the terms of the appointment

Ackmere School

The Clerk produced his account from
Messrs Stewart & Cheyne for £1.15/- being their
fee for the disposition in favour of Sir James
Matheson for the old Parish School which
was ordered to be paid. Read also produced a
Receipt to Sir James for the payment of the
feu duty of said School and the ground connected
therewith 32/- Theirs Bonds - which Receipt the
Clerk was authorised to sign on receiving the
Money

Old Parish School Rent for free use

Referring to the Claim of Mr J Green
brought under notice at last Meeting the Clerk
read a letter addressed by him to the Archi-
tect declining liability dated 22 November
1876 which gave various cogent reasons for
declining. The Board approved of this letter and
on reconsidering the whole matter resolved ~~finally~~
to refuse to entertain the Claim being instructed
by Mr Ross the former Clerk that Mr Green
did no work for them all tho he consented
at the request of the Architect to execute Mr
Greens Measurements on being informed by the
Architect that the Contractor was to pay the fees,
~~nothing~~ at any time by the Architect or Mr
Green that the Board would be liable in the
event of the Contractor refusing or in any event

J T Greens Claim

Again

being said and Mr Ross only received the Measurements for
for the purpose of offering them to the Contractors in
the interests of Mr Green which he accordingly did

In connection with the resignation
of Mr James McRae as a Member of the Board
the Chairman Moved that a vote of thanks be
passed to Mr McRae for his services while a member
of the Board which was seconded by Mr Mackenzie and
unanimously carried

Vote of thanks to Mr McRae carried

Wm MacKay
Chairman
27 Feby 1877

Copy Notice of Meeting.

School Board of Alig

A Meeting of this Board will be held at Grey
ornahme Hotel on Tuesday the twenty seventh day
of February Curt at 12 Oclock noon which
is hoped you can conveniently attend -

Business

To Consider Claim of Mr J Green Surveyor and
Course to be adopted in regard to Summonses
raised by him in Cowdon against the Board,
and other Matters

Meeting
At Grey ornahme Hotel on the
27th February 1877
Assembled

Mr MacKay in the Chair

The Rev Wm Masson Clk
James MacKenzie Architect
and William Mackay Chamberlain of Rews

Mr MacKay in the Chair.

The Meeting as usual being
opened with Prayer - the Clerk produced a letter
from Mr Macdonald Clerk of Works to Sir James
Matheson with reference to the remit made to
him at last Meeting to examine and report
as to the Condition of the School at Cowbeta
from which

Broxburn School Repairs postponed

somewhat to appear that there was a difficulty in procuring Materials at Broxburn for the necessary Repairs and these Repairs being unimportant and less needed until the approach of better weather the Meeting determined to delay them until meantime

W McLean appointed a member of Board instead of Mitchell who declined to act

In regard to the election of Mr John Mitchell Mealstie as a Member of the Board at last Meeting the Clerk read a letter from him declining to act and the Rev Mr Macnei moved that Dr Alexander McLean the Medical Officer of the Parish be elected a Member of the Board instead of Mr Mitchell which motion was unanimously adopted and Mr McLean present accepted office accordingly.

J Green's Claim v Clark non authorised to offer £100 with £5.5/ Costs in full of all demands to pay same if accepted - pike

With reference to the Claim of Mr J. Green Surveyor which the Board declined to entertain at last Meeting the Clerk and Chairman informed the Meeting that Mr Green had raised Summons against the Board in the Court of Queens Bench London and fully explained the circumstances under which the Claim arose. The Meeting thereupon considered the whole matter anew in connection with the fresh aspect of the case presented by Mr Green's procedure in London, and resolved towards the quick and the peace of litigation to offer One hundred Pounds to Mr Green with £5.5/- of Costs in full of his Claim of One hundred and fifty Pounds and the Chairman was authorised to settle with him on this footing so as to close the matter without further trouble it being understood that the Contractor would include the payment in his Contract price of the Buildings in the usually done with the fees for plan measurement and

Said sum to be added to Contract price of Building being for measurements & Plans

Chairman to write to former Clerk for explanation of his procedure in regard to Green

Broxburn School Teacher appln for increase of salary refused

Memorial for Continuance of Board of Education agreed to be forwarded to Adam MP for the County for presentation to Government

Grant of £15 to a Cambridge teacher

measures to Green. At the same time the Chairman was instructed to request Mr W Ross the former Clerk of the Board to explain how he came to advise the Board at their Meeting on 24th May 1876 to receive payment of Mr Greens Claim on the ground that the Board had not employed him seeing that Mr Ross himself had authorised the Architect to employ him

On application by the teacher of Broxburn School dated 24th Ult for an increase of Salary was submitted but the Meeting deemed it inexpedient to grant any addition in present Circumstances.

The Rev Mr Macnei having brought under the notice of the Meeting that the Board of Education for Scotland by Minute dated 12th August last unless reappointed by Parliament the following year resolved to memorialise the Government to continue the Board and give it the power of framing and fixing the Educational Code for Scotland under which the Government Grants are made as thereby the interests of Education in Scotland would be more effectually promoted than by the formation of the Code by the Department of Education in London, and the Chairman was authorised to transmit a Memorial to the Right Hon Lord Advocate the Member of Parliament for the County for presentation to the Government.

With regard to the District of Building referred to the Meeting of 3 November last Mr Macnei pointed out that no School was there yet and recommended that a Grant for a Teacher by Message and the Board Considering that Cruiking had the same Claim as other districts to such Teachers

Compulsory Officer authorised to Communicate with Ensiving people & Teacher & report

teachers had been appointed and that their expectations that other parties who appeared to be interested in the Education of the district would provide a school for it had not been fulfilled resolved to give a grant of £15 Sterling towards the salary of a teacher and instructed Mr James Macrae Compulsory Officer to intimate the same to the people there under that they might be provided a teacher forthwith and to report to the Board the proceedings of the people thereupon and intimation

Wm Mackay
Chairman

24 April 1877

at Garrynahine Hotel the 24th day of April 1877

Assembled

James MacKenzie of Linshader
George Macaulay Croir
Rev. Rod.k Macrae Carloway
William MacKay Chamberlain
Rev.d J Campbell
Dr Maclean
Mr MacKay in the Chair

The meeting opened with Prayer. The Clerk read a letter from Mr Macdonald Teacher Crowlista dated 6th April 1877 enquiring whether his appointment was to be continued after the end of this month and if the Board would consent to increase his salary. The Rev.d Mr Campbell read a report of his examination of the School which may be considered satisfactory in the circumstances and it was agreed that Mr Macdonald be continued till 1st Nov.r last next but without increase of salary.

Crowlista School & Continuation of Teacher's Sth Nov.r at £2 some salary

Mr Green's Claim paid

Referring to the resolution of last meeting to pay Mr Green surveyor £100 with £5-5/ of escpenses in full of his claim of £140- the Clerk produced Mr Green's discharge for this sum which settles the whole matter.

Crulivig Teacher's Cert.e examined by Dr McLean

In regard to the Crulivig School a letter was read from Mr James Macrae Meavaig stating that the people there had appointed Mr Donald Smith teacher which the Board confirmed in the meantime. Dr Maclean was requested to examine the Teacher as to his qualifications & to report to next meeting.

Architect's fee paid

The Account of fees due to the Architect Mr Spencer was produced amounting to £34:13:8 of which £28 were previously paid and the meeting authorized the Balance to be now paid

Examination of Valtos School & Teacher's appln for increase of Salary & Assist.t declined

The Rev.d Mr Campbell read his report of the Examination of the Voltas School and a letter from the Teacher was submitted applying for an increase of salary and also an Assistant female Teacher at £5 or £6 p Ann.m. The Board however in present circumstances determined to make no change in regard to salary or assistance.

Compulsory Officer's Report on School attendance

The Compulsory Officer of the Board submitted his report of School attendance for the Months of Dec.r Jany Feby March & April shewing the total attendance for the district in these months respectively to be 390. 453. 502. & 390 while 155 were found to be absent and the total number of children of school age was 654. and he was instructed to continue his diligence in enforcing attendance as far as possible. The Clerk was instructed to intimate to all the Teachers of the Board that they are not to absent themselves from School or close the School for religious or other

Resolution as to School Holidays and

meetings during school hours without the permission of the Board and that holidays be given for the first 14 days of May and also 14 days in last week of August and first week of September and in the event of a Teacher having reasonable occasion to be absent at any other time the Teacher must make application in the first instance for leave of absence to the compulsory Officer who shall report to the Clerk, who may grant leave on the recommendation of the Officer and report such cases to the Board.

Rules and Regulations when leave of absence must be granted on other occasions by Teachers

The Draft Contract betwixt the Board and the Contractor referred to at last meeting of 3rd Nov. last was again submitted to the Board with certain alterations which being duly considered the Board approved of and they finally adopted said Contract as so altered.

Draft Contract approved

In regard to the proposed site of the Voltas School reference was made to Mr. Macdonald Clerk of Works to examine & report whether building upon this site would entail Extra Expense on the Board for additional Excavation for foundation beyond that shewn in the Plan & Specification and in the event of his reporting that it would involve such expense the Board appoint the following Gentlemen as a Committee to select and fix upon another site viz: The Revd. Messrs Maciver & Campbell with Messrs Macdonald James Macrae & Dr. Maclean - the Dr. to be Convenor to whom Mr. Macdonald will forward his report if a new site be recommended.

Voltas Site to be inspected by Clerk of Works

Committee to select another site if necessary

The Clerk laid before the meeting a tender by Mr. A Macdonald Contractor to erect & Complete the Islivig School for the sum of £1600-

Offer for Islivig School accepted

consideration of which was delayed

Mr. MacKay Chr
30th May 1877

At Garrynahine Hotel the 31st May 1877

Assembled

Messrs William MacKay Chairman
Revd. John Campbell
" Dr. Maclean
James MacKenzie Lynshader
George Macaulay Croir

Mr. MacKay in the Chair

The meeting being opened with prayer and the Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed a letter was produced from Mr. Macdonald the Clerk of Works in reference to the site of Valtos School being his report in terms of instructions to him at last meeting from which it would appear that in his opinion there would be no additional excavation and that there would be sufficient space for the building on the site already selected The Board therefore resolved to adhere to this site

Final Resolution as to Voltas Site

Dr. Maclean reported reported that he has not as yet been able to proceed to Cruliving to examine the Teacher.

Cruliving Teacher Dr. Mc.

There was submitted a probable estimate of the deficiency in the School Fund for the year from Whitsunday 1877 to Whitsunday 1878 amounting to £280 stg and the Clerk was instructed to intimate this deficiency to the Inspector of Poor of the Parish of Uig that the Parish Board of said Parish may assess for the same in terms of the Statute

Assessment for 1877-78

In regard to the Crowlista School the site as originally selected being within the present Glebe of

Crosshouse Site changed and Rev. Mr agreed to

of Wig the Board agreed to accept of a site any where along and north of the road to the Established Church and east of the Church and the Clerk was instructed to ask Mr Macdonald Clerk of works to point out the new site to the Contractor

Alterations in Draft Contract submitted by the Contractor and now agreed to by the Board

The Clerk submitted the Draft Contract returned by Mr Macdonald the Contractor with the following alterations proposed by him viz 1st That the words "with the seats and benches and desks therein" be not ~~under~~ inserted in the Contract ~~and~~ but on the understanding that Mr Macdonald would complete all the Schools in terms of the specification and as shown on the Plans. the Board agreed to this

2nd He also proposed that the varnishing of ceiling shall be compared with the varnishing and painting described and intended for the original roofing and any difference in measurement that may arise shall be added or deducted from the Contract Sum as the case may be, which was likewise agreed to

3rd That the period for finishing the schools be two years from 1st April last when the works were commenced in terms of his offer, and this proposal was also agreed to be inserted in the Contract.

Resignation of Alex Mackenzie Jr Inspector & Request him to continue temporarily

There was a letter submitted dated 28th May '77 from Mr Alexr Mackenzie Jr Inspector intimating that owning to the state of his health he was unable to undertake the duties of inspecting the Schools now building but that he would be willing to give an occational visit and inspection when so required by the Board. The Clerk was instructed to offer the Inspectorship to Mr Alexr

Mackenzie

Mr Baltos Rev. A Mackenzie Jr is finally appointed

Mackenzie Sr presently Inspector in the Parish of Barvas at a salary of 30/- p week he to make no less than two visits to each School House building in the week but in the meantime and until arrangements are made with Mr Mackenzie Sr the Clerk was instructed ~~the~~ C to ask Mr Mackenzie Jr to continue his inspection of the Valtos School till another is appointed.

Defaulting Parents to be examined by Compulsory Officer to appear before Board

The Compulsory Officer was instructed to report to the Clerk the parents of the children who are entirely neglecting their education in such districts as there are schools with the view that such parents be (~~surmounted~~) summoned to appear at next meeting of the Board and more particularly parents who ~~may~~ employ their children to herd their cattle to the neglect of their education

Gallowish Teachers Salary fixed at £17 p Ann.

With reference to the resolution of the Board of 3rd Novr 1876 in regard to the Salary of the Gallowish Teacher being fixed at £17 per Annum in the event of the Free Church Education Committee withdrawing their allowance to him, the Revd Mr Macrae Carloway who was appointed to ascertain the determination of the Committee reported that they had resolved to discontinue said allowance. The Board therefore in conformity with their resolution of 3rd Novr 1876 fixed his salary at £17 per Annum and authorized the Clerk to pay him accordingly from Martinmas last being the term at which the grant from the Free Church Committe ceased

Wm MacKay
Chairman
13 August 1877

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A Meeting of the School Board of this District held at Lochgarthmore Hotel on the 13th day of August 1877

Assembled

Messrs A. MacKay Chamberlain of Ross
Rev J Campbell J.C. Chig
James MacKenzie Lyoskadder
George MacGillivray Esqr
Rev Angus MacLean Aber Ecclesig
D. MacLean Lochgarthmore

Mr. MacKay in the Chair

The meeting as usual being opened with Prayer the Clerk reported that Mr Alexander Macdonald Gar. appointed Inspector of Buildings at last meeting had declined to act and the Board appointed Mr Angus MacLean Geisla instead in Condition of his erecting three Wells and inspecting each School Building under supervision of Mr MacKenzie Strathcarron when required

Angus MacLean Geisla appointed Inspector of Schools

Mr Architect Morrison should visit and inspect when requested by the Board todo so, at the expense of the Board, and Mr MacKenzie being present was instructed to intimate this arrangement to Mr MacLean. The deed of Contract between the Board and Mr Macdonald the Contractor was then read and approved and duly signed by the Members of the Board present and Mr Macdonald. In regard to the Crowlista School a memorial addressed to the Board by the Heads of Families at Crowlista and Aird Chig was submitted. The memorialists pointed out that the site fixed for this School was in the opinion of the Memorialists unsuitable and

Deed Contract signed

Memorial as to Crowlista site and determination

Board to adhere to site formerly fixed

and inconvenient for the attendance of Young Scholars and they recommended that a Place at or near the Croblista Lands be selected instead. The Board however on considering the matter fully determined to adhere to the site previously fixed at the East end of the Parish Church, the Rev Mr Weaver dissenting. Communications from the Ballos teacher were read in reference to the Evening Classes there and the time for Holidays formerly fixed by the Board. The teacher recommended that his sister be appointed Evening Mistress instead of Miss McLeod and enclosed Certificate as to her Competency. But the Board being not satisfied with Miss MacLeod resolved to continue her as the term of Examinations next when both her engagement and that of Mr Morrison terminate that being the proper time for any new arrangement that might be deemed requisite. And as to the Holidays determined to adhere to those already fixed and intimated to all the Teachers. As however Fever was reported to be now prevalent at Ballos the Board authorised the teacher to Morrison to close the School for three weeks from 28th August last period to count for a portion of his Holidays

Application from Ballos teacher for New Evening Mistress & Change of time for Holidays

Resolution of Board to adhere to Holidays fixed & to provide arrangement as to teachers till Martinmas next

Ballos School to be closed for 3 Weeks owing to Fever

The Clerk stated that it was necessary that working plans of the Davies School Building be prepared, and the Board authorised him to employ Mr Alexander Mackenzie Strathcarron Architect to prepare the same.

Working Plans ordered

Mr MacLean then reported on the Competency of the Evening Teacher for Elementary Branches in terms of the report formerly made to him and the Board resolved to continue the teacher

Report from Evening teacher Ballos MacLean

Mr Neil Morrison teacher for the Ladies School Applications

Mr Neil Morrison

as to section

Upper grades teacher allowance of £24 or £28 granted

association at Berneray Grazing an allowance of six Shillings a month for fuel the Clerk to write Malcolm MacLeod 20/- and the Board being that they were willing to subscribe 10/- towards defraying the expense further than that sum they agreed to grant

Wm Mackay
Chairman
23 Nov 1877

At Garrynahine Hotel at a Meeting of the School Board of Uig the 23 Nov 1877
Assembled
Messrs Mackay Chairman
James MacKenzie Linshader
Revd Angus Maciver Uig
Revd John Mackay Carloway
Mr Mackay in the Chair

The Meeting being opened with prayer and the Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed the annual accounts of Income and expenditure were submitted and signed by the Chairman.

Donald MacDonald Croulista Teacher continued on condition of people Repairing School

(2) The Clerk submitted a letter from Donald MacDonald Croulista intimating that his engagement with the Board had expired on the 1st Nov and wishing to know if his services as teacher at Croulista was still required by the Board the Board agreed to continue Mr MacDonald on a monthly engagement providing the people deriving the benifit of this School repair and uphold the school Premises.

(3) Another letter was submitted by the Clerk from Malcolm MacLeod Jolista Teacher

Jolista Teacher increased Salary to £4 pr Annum

Teacher for an increase of Salary the Board thought proper to allow him an increase of salary of Four pounds Stg

Walter Teacher for Repairs of School also found part

(4) The Clerk also submitted a letter from A. M. Morrison Valtos Teacher asking to bring under the notice of the Board, that if they expected him to continue teaching the schools Buildings will require to be sorted as he can not live in them during the winter further asks to be allowed to appoint an assistant while he is in the south and lastly asks an increase of salary to enable him to pay an Assistant. The Board declined to make any repairs on the Building and also declined any increase of salary but the Board have no objections to his appointing a Substitute while he is in the south the Substitute however to appear before a comittee of the Board for examination and the Revd Angus Maciver and the Revd John Campbell are hereby appointed to examine the substitute and if satisfied with his competency to appoint him substitute and put him in office and Mr Morrison and Miss MacLeod Sewing Mistress to be continued on a monthly engagement at the present salary if they should wish to continue teaching in the present premises without any obligation from the Board to repair the same

Board decline Repairs but don't object to substitute if found qualified Uig Comee

Both female & Male Teacher at Valtos to be Continued on Monthly engagements

(5) There was an acc submitted from Mr Alexr MacKenzie Jr Inspector of Works for four visits to Uig at £3 Stg each £12 Stg which is ordered to be paid and the Board arranges that Mr MacKenzie should in future be paid at the rate of £2 Stg per trip to Uig and 21/ per trip to Jolista Chulish and

Inspector of £12 ordered to be paid & New Conditions for terms of Printing made

and Breasclete. Mr MacKenzie the Inspector who appeared at the Meeting reported that he had just visited Valtos Loch Croistean and Breasclete Schools and from the amount of work done and materials on the ground the Contractor might now be paid the sum of £1000 Stg. to account being his first instalment which sum the Clerk was instructed to pay on receiving a written report from the Inspector

£1000 or less to be paid to Contractor - first instalment

There was laid before the Meeting a Report by the Defaulting Officer as follows

Report of Defaulting Officer up to July 1877

Abstract attendance of School Aged Children at each School in the Parish of Uig for the Months of April May June & July 1877

No		April	May	June	July
1	Bunish District consisting of Bunish & Jolivig	40	20	28	28
2	Croulista District consisting of Valtos Cliff Croulista & Aividvig	21	21	20	23
3	Valtos District consisting of Valtos Cliff Knep Uigin & Mealvaig	60	54	40	36
4	Lochroague District consisting of Breaclete Ungshader Gushader & Cruishader		20	20	25
5	Aruluvig District consisting of Aruluvig & Gushader	17	17	17	18
6	Callarnish District consisting of Callarnish Breaclete park & Breaclete	30	30	40	40
7	Jolstaculish District		43	45	40
8	Dunn Carloway at Carloway school			12	14
9	Lochganavich at Auchmore				
10	Bernera District consisting of Johnson Valtos Boshta Croic & Breaclete		20	50	80
11	Valtos Female School	10	6	10	12
	Total average attendance	178	231	282	316

(Signed) Jas. M. Kenzie C.O. Uig.

Instructions to Teachers to be repeated as to School hours & holidays & other allowed without special authority

The Revd Mr Maciver moved that the Clerk be instructed to repeat in injunctions of this Board to the Teachers namely that they are not to absent themselves during school hours from their respective schools without the permission of the Defaulting Officer and any one hereafter absenting himself from his duties without such permission to be called on to appear before this Board

Wm MacKay Cl
29 Jany 1878

At a Meeting of the School Board of the Parish of Clig held on Thursday the twenty ninth day of January 1875 Apresent

William Mackay Chamberlain of Lews
James MacIntyre Tacksman of Lewsladder
Rev Roderick Maccrae Carloway
Rev John Campbell Clig
Rev Angus Macaver Clig - Members

N. Mackay in the Chair

The Meeting opened with Prayer

The Clerk submitted a Receipt for the Balance of the Loan of £3500 granted by Public Loan Commissioners viz £1500 at the meeting held on the 29th day of October 1874 which was ordered to be lodged in the Bank of Scotland Stornoway in name of the Board

Balance of Loan from P.L. Comrs £1500 raised & documents duly signed

The Clerk also submitted a Receipt for the Balance of the Loan of £1500 granted by Public Loan Commissioners viz £1500 for the erection of the Meeting House Chairman & Clerk to sign Receipt & Seal the same on behalf of the Board - as also a requisition from the Board to the Commissioners to deliver a Certificate for said Loan of £1500 to their Treasurer to enable him to uplift the same on account of the Board which documents being duly considered were also adopted and the Chairman and Clerk authorized accordingly to sign the same which they have signed & sealed accordingly at this Meeting in presence of all the members mentioned and of Alexander Stewart Innkeeper Stornoway and James Macrae Registrar Measaig - both in the Parish of Clig as Witnesses

Claim of Contractor for Extra Cost of Road to Crowlista School remitted to

A Letter from the Contractor of School Buildings Uigas dated 19th Oct 1876 in reference to the Crowlista School and claiming any Extra Cost of the Carriage of Materials that may be incurred on account of the Change of the Site of said School. The Board instruct entertaining the Claim authorized the Chairman and Clerk to Correspond with the Contractor on the subject - and to

Chairman & Clerk to correspond with him

close first the result to the Board before further consideration of the matter

Instructions to Inspector re opening of W.S. & projecting roofs.

The Inspector of School Buildings having applied by letter for instructions in regard to projecting roofs and as to a letter W.S. stated to be placed further from the other School Buildings than was originally intended - the Board resolved to adhere to projecting roofs and all the School Buildings with the exception of Ballos and to place the W.S. at a greater distance - taking care that each W.C. be fully supplied with water in the same way as at the Public School of Bayhead and the Clerk was requested to instruct the Inspector accordingly. In regard to the old School at Ballos a letter was read from the teacher requesting certain Repairs to be made thereon. The Board considering that the new School Buildings are nearly finished and that the old School is used as a Class Room and reserved by the Squatters Act declined to spend the funds of the Board in any Repairs but Campbell dissenting from this resolution

Ballos Repairs again declined

Mr Campbell then applied for a Continuance & increase of the Board former Grant of Boat-money to Peter Berneras teacher and the Board agreed to seven shillings a month till the end of March next.

Repairs to Ruinous School at Ballos & Inspector instructed as

Mr to Ruinous School and Expenditure not exceeding £2 was authorized for necessary Repairs seeing that the new Buildings are not likely to be completed for a considerable time to come. and in regard to the proposed School for Soliving the Clerk was requested to instruct the Inspector to adapt this Specification form to the same mode of Building as was adopted for the other Schools, and to lodge the same so altered or

adopted

Islington School

Accepted with the Clerk to write Rev. Mr. Cameron to communicate with the Contractor on the subject

Wm. MacKay
Chairman
21 March 1878

At Greymalkine Hotel at a Meeting of the School Board of Nig the 21st March 1878

Assembled

Wm. MacKay Chairman
D. McLean
Wm. James MacKenzie
" George MacKillop
Revd. John Campbell
" Roderick Mackay

The Meeting being opened with prayer and the Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman reported that in terms of instructions given at last Meeting he had written Mr. MacDonald the Contractor for the School Buildings asking him to state his extra charge for the Browlista School Buildings in the event of the Site being changed from near the Established Church to Browlista. Mr. MacDonalds reply dated the 18th Feby 1878 was laid before the Meeting which was to the effect that his extra charge for the School if built at Browlista would be £30 Stg. the Board to exonerate him from any charge that might be made for damages for a roadway passing through the Glebe. As it does not distinctly appear from Mr. MacDonald's letter that the extra charge of £30 includes not only the extra cartage but the expense of forming the road through the Glebe. The Board therefore unanimously resolved to adhere to the original site about 400 yards to the east of the Established Church and north of the road and unanimously refused to sanction any extra charge on account of changing the Site. The Members

Growlista School Building resolved to retain the original Site in Consequence Increased Expenditure demanded by Contractor on account of Site formerly named

Members of the Board present being all along under the impression that the Contractor could have built the School at Leowisite for even less money than at the Church otherwise they would not have thought of changing the Site and the Clerk was instructed to intimate to Mr. MacDonald that the School was now to be built at the original Site near the Church

Mr. MacKenzie the Inspector who was present laid before this Meeting the following letter from Mr. Alaster MacDonald the Contractor's Manager Viz:-

Letter from Contractor for leave to proceeding roofs

Mr. Alexr. MacKenzie
18 Francis Street Stornoway

Lochs School Building
Stornoway 18th March 1878

Dear Sir

I understand that you are to have a Meeting of the Uig School Board next week. You should give the Board to understand that Mr. MacDonald is not bound to put but ordinary roofing on any of the School Houses in the Parish of Uig and that he will not put up that; unless he gets official notice from the Board; stating what the Board wants and that the Board pays any extra expenses occasioned by any alteration they make

I am
Yours Truly
(Signed) Alaster MacDonald

Board instruct Inspector to see projecting roofs put on all

The Board maintain that by the terms of the Contract there are no alterations on the Specification in regard to projecting Roofs and that he is bound to put projecting Roofs on all the Schools and School Masters Dwellings without any extra charge and further instruct their Inspector to see

All School Buildings roofed & extra charge in terms of Contract

that projecting Roofs be placed upon all the Schools and if Mr. MacDonald the Contractor insists upon making an extra charge for the same the question of extra charge will be referred to the decison of the Arbitrars named in the Contract. As it appears the couples for Breaselets School have been cut for a roof without a projection the Board agree that these couples be used at the Bernera School and that Cantilivers be added thereto so as to form a projecting roof on this School all the others Schools except Valtos to be roofed the same as Loch Croistean School

Couples intended for Breaselet to be used at Bernera

Resolution as to W.Rs

As it was resolved at last meeting to supply all the W.Rs with water the Inspector was instructed not to place these further from the dwellings than shown on plan except in such places cases where it is necessary to do so in order to procure water

Rev. D. Campbell & D. McLean appointed to examine Schools

The meeting appoint the Revs. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Alexr. MacLean to examine the different Schools of the Parish towards which the Board contributes to the salaries of the Teachers and to report

10/6 per month or 4 loads of peats authorised for Bernera School

Mr. Campbell stated that the supply of 4 loads of peats per week for the Bernera School was found to be not to be sufficient and that six loads were required which amounted to 10/6 per Month the Board agreed to pay 10/6 for four Months and £7 for one Month instead of £7 per Month as ordered at last meeting.

Contractor authorised

In order to avoid delays in carrying on the School Buildings the Contractor is instructed to carry on the work as the Inspector may

authorized to Carry on work as semi-circle by Architect & Contractor Consult with Inspector

may point out and any addition or alteration ordered by the Inspector will be approved of by this Board. The Inspector however to have the authority of the following committee Viz Messrs D. MacLean, St. James MacKenzie and the Chairman before he makes any material change or alteration on the Plans and Specifications

Wm MacKay
Chairman
16 May 1878

At a Meeting of the School Board of Egg ag-gle-wha-ahme held on the 16th May 1878

Present

Messrs William MacKay Chairman
Jas Campbell Esq Justice of Peace
D. McLean
Compulsory Officer was also present

Mr James McRae

Crowlista Site. Petition against & Communication from Board of Education thereon Considered and Site fixed upon Confirmed notwithstanding Petition for

Moreover cause stored

The meeting being opened as usual with prayer the Clerk submitted to the meeting Communications from the Board of Education together with a Petition from the people of Crowlista and dissatisfied against the site fixed upon by the Board for that district and these and duly considered along with the statement of the reasons that influenced the Board in sent to the Board of Education, this the Board are still of opinion that the site in question is the most suitable for all concerned seeing that the site desired by the people would cause considerable expense above the latter as as well as necessitate the formation of a New Road through the Ministers Glebe which he might object to and that the Contractor absolutely declines to build upon any other than the site fixed upon having made his arrangements for it. The Board have no alternative but to adhere to it.

New Bridge to be erected across stream at Crowlista for Children

To obviate however all reasonable objection on the part of the people the Board resolve to build a foot-bridge across the stream at the Crowlista Bay over which the Crowlista Children may conveniently and safely pass to the school, and the Clerk was requested to intimate this decision to the Board of Education

With reference to projecting Logs at the New Schools the Clerk intimated that he had sent a copy of the Board Resolution on the subject at last meeting to the Contractor and that the Contractor being in Stornoway he had interview with the Chairman and Inspector at which he maintained that Lewis not bound by his Contract to form projecting Logs and refused to submit the form- and to which Lewis objected or was not to the arbiter named in the Contract but stated that Lewis willing would be paid for so doing in the Schools at the rate of three shillings per lineal Yard and a letter from him to the Clerk to that effect was read to the Board to day. The Clerk having also submitted a letter to the meeting from the Contractor dated 4th May 1878 which appears to have an important bearing on the matter the question at issue the

Projecting Logs

Question referred to Chairman & Architect to Consider in Connection with Contractors Letter of 4th May 1878 and his Report

Board

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y Town so high as desirable for such a School be removed that he be paid £6.10. for the ~~the~~ Year during which period to teach - that being the Sum fixed by the principal teacher but that the Board pay that Sum as the whole amount which they should pay for the period. the principal teacher to keep nothing like he resumes teaching. This Motion was seconded by Peter W Maewer. The Rev W Campbell seconded by Peter R Macrae Moved that the appointment of Malcolm McLeod as Substitute be approved of in the Circumstances and that the principal teacher ~~teacher~~ is entitled to make his own bargain with the Substitute and to pay him out of the Salary already fixed upon for the principal teacher or otherwise as he thinks fit. This Motion was carried by the Vote of the Chairman.

Callerish School. In accordance with the remit to Mr McLean & Rev Campbell at last Meeting to provide a teacher for this School vacant by the removal of Donald Murray Mr McLean reported that out of several applicants he found Mr Norman Nicolson best qualified and as his qualifications were above the Average he recommended his appointment at a Salary of £38 p/ann. The Board appointed him accordingly his Salary to Commence from the time he entered upon his duties.

Grinding Skilvig. The Board requested that the Clerk get the plans and Specification of the School Buildings for this district from the Inspector from whom they were formerly remitted to make them conform to the Skilvig School Buildings of the Parish, and to advertise for Contractors for to proceed with the works according to said Plans and Specifications.

School Seating. The Board authorise the Chairman to instruct the Inspector to procure Seats and desks for the Ballos School so soon as it be ready for them as well as for the other Schools of the Board on the same terms as the Stromness School Board was supplied for their Schools.

Site Crowlista Site. The following "letter from the Board of Education (Scotland) was "submitted to the Board 8 Oct. "18 June 1878. Sir "I sent a Copy of your letter of 28th Ult. to Mr Angus Mac- "donald as representing the inhabitants of Crowlista "and Aird who petitioned against the Site and which "your Board resolved to reject the new Public School "for that district. and I send you herewith a Copy "of Mr Macdonalds reply. In the Circumstances "my Board before sanctioning the Loan for which "the School Board desire permission to apply consider "it necessary again to bring the question of suitable "and convenient Site for Crowlista School under the "special notice of the School Board I am &c "Signed James Taylor Secy. To Kenneth Mac- "kenzie Esqre Clerk to School Board of Skilva- "tional Bank Stromoway" In deference to this Communication the Board resumed Consideration of the Site matter once more and after full and careful enquiry anew into all the Circumstances of the Case and having heard a deputation of the people of Aird and Crowlista who were present by request of the Board who urged nothing new the Board finally resolved to adhere to the Site above fixed upon for the reasons previously Communicated to the Board of Education on 6 April last saving the

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heavy Extra Expense a change would cause as well as the penalty of procuring the necessary legal Consent to make a road through the Minister Glebe and besides that the new Buildings are already advanced to the extent of 4 feet in height and that the Contractor absolutely refuses to change. The Board however agreed in addition to the foot-bridge already conceded to apply to the Proprietor for permission to form a foot path from Hird to the School to remove the alleged roughness of the present track altho no objection has been hitherto made against it. The Board while of opinion that the site pitched upon is quite Convenient for all Concerned regret that the Circumstances mentioned enables them to accede to the wishes of the people unreasonable tho they be, and in regard to the delay on the part of the Board of Education to sanction the loan referred to the Board are of opinion that such delay was arbitrary & incompetent seeing that one particular site was only in question while the Money is required for six other School Buildings besides and appears to the Board to be something like an attempt to coerce them to do that which in the due exercise of their functions and after careful enquiry they determined in the interests of the Parish not to do. while at the same time will tend to retard the progress of the works and subject the Board to expense which might otherwise be avoided. From the Resolution of the Board as to the Site the Rev Mr Macnie begged to record his dissent in his own words as follows viz! "The Rev Mr Macnie adhered to his former dissent and begs

" begs to adhere to his former dissent and to
" intimate that he will have nothing to do with
" any legal Expenses that may be incurred now or
" hereafter in Connection with this matter and states
" that as nothing to do with the Proposed School as a
" Member of this Board and herewith intimates
" this to the Board and all concerned." The
Board while allowing Mr Macnie to record
his dissent in his own words are at a loss
to understand its meaning inasmuch as he
declined to move that the Site pitched upon
be Changed

Jno. MacKay
Chairman

1878

At a Meeting of the School Board of S.S. No 1 Williams Gore held on the twelfth day of November at 2 o'clock p.m. there were present

Wm. MacKay Chairman
D. McKeown
Rev R. Macrae - Members

Mr MacKay in the Chair

The Minutes of the previous Meeting duly read and confirmed.

The following tenders submitted for the erection of Stirling School Building viz! Stirling School tenders

Mr Morrison Legion Street Stirling	£347.8
Messrs Madleson Builder do	1152
Wm Messrs Mason Ramsale	1232.
Wm D Malcolm McRae Stirling	1179
Peter Macdonald of Kyndale the Contiguity of the Boards other Schools	1600

This Board Offered Mr Macdonald while on the same general terms as the other offers does not include the seating as they do.

The Board duly considered these offers

Mr McGhee tender for Lochaly accepted

Members agree unanimously to accept that of Messrs John & Malcolm McRae recorded they reduced it to £1160. The site of the school to be the original one at the spring between Breanish and Lochaly

Crowlista School Room

As to the minute of last meeting protesting against the delay of the Board of Education to sanction the loan of £3000 applied for on account of the site fixed for this school while the loan was required for all the other schools as well. the Clerk reported that the Board of Education had at length sanctioned the loan and that he accordingly applied to the Public Loan Commissioners for the same but that they declined to grant it on the ground that the Building Grants appealed against together with the former Loan meet the Expenses of the Board. However having again addressed them representing that at least a sum of about £1500 would be needed above and above these sums, they after some further correspondence agreed to lend £1500 on the same terms as the former loan. The Clerk submitted the Bond and Order for this new loan of £1500 which the Public Works Loan Board agreed to advance for 50 years on the security of the School fund and School Rate and re-payable half yearly till 12 Nov ~~1875~~ 1928 with interest at 3½ p Cent which documents being duly read were adopted and the Chairman and Clerk signed the same on the authority and on behalf of the Board at this Meeting in presence of Roderick Stewart Inn Keeper Garynahine and Alexander MacKenzie Crofter both Stornoway Witnesses. The Clerk further reported that the Inspector had granted Certificate to the Contractor entitling him to £3000 as at 29th Sept last and that he had only about £300 at hand. The Board therefore resolve to borrow £2000 from the National Bank of Scotland and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the requisite Securities to the Bank therefor. This Sum of £2000 when obtained together with £1000 Grant from the Loan Commissioners being expected to pay the Contractor £3000 and other incidental Expenses until one or two of the Schools are finished, the Board authorize the Treasurer to pay the Contractor accordingly. The Board also authorize the Treasurer to pay the Instalment of the former Loan £350 which is now due by the Bank of England on account of the Public Loan Commissioners amounting to £125. 2. 11 - being £57. 2. 11 of principal and £68 of Interest.

Enclosures of School Buildings.

The Board resolve to enclose and remit to the Inspector to report to future Meeting the best & most economical mode of doing it.

Crowlista School

The Board resolve to discontinue this School in the meantime to pay the teacher up to Martinmas

Inspectors Account

This Account for 4 trips to Vig at £3 = £12 and 61 trips to Breasclete and Dun Carloway at £1.1/- = £6-6/- since last payment was ordered to be paid as in full to this date.

Annual Accounts

These Accounts for the Year from

from 15th May 1877 till 15th May 1878 all
duly submitted with Corresponding Vouchers
and examined - were found Correct and signed
by the Chairman for transmission to the Accountant
Board of Education Edinburgh in the usual way

Wm MacKay
Chairman

5th March 1879

At Garynahine on the 5th day of
March 1879 at a Meeting of the
School Board of Lig

Present Messrs William MacKay Chamberlain of Keos
Rev A Maciver James Mackenzie Assistant
Rev Rod.k Maccrae George M'Clunay, Crois
and Rev Jno Campbell

Mr MacKay in the Chair

The Meeting being opened
with Prayer and the Minutes of the former Meeting read
and confirmed - the Clerk produced a letter from
Messrs John and Malcolm M'Rae agreeing
to Build and Complete the Orinsay School for
the Sum of £1160 as requested

Letting tender restricted to £1160.

Payments to Mr Macdonald Con-
tractor. With reference to the Sum of £2000 which
the Board at last Meeting authorised the Clerk
and Chairman to borrow from the National Bank
of Scotland, the Clerk reported that the Inspector
had granted Certificates to M Macdonald for
£1500 in respect of work done, in addition to the
Sum of £3000 mentioned at last Meeting and
that therefore the Board would require to borrow
£700 more from the Bank - in all £2,700 to meet
the payment of £4200 £4500 to Mr Macdonald and
the Clerk and Chairman were authorized accordingly
to

to borrow the Sum of £2700 from the Bank which would
be sufficient with the money in hand for the purpose
and to sign the usual documents of security re-
quired by the Bank. The Board at same time desire
to record that altho they sanction the foresaid pay-
ment to Mr Macdonald of £4500 they consider they were
not bound to do so seeing that he has not fulfilled
an important condition of the Contract - viz. to work
Contineously at a School once begun till finished -
and in this way prevented the Board getting the
Building Grants to which they would be entitled for
each completed School and subjecting them to borrow
at high rates of Interest to meet his demands

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School Enclosures

The following offers for en-
closing the Ground connected with the Schools at
Callos Loch Croistean and Grosbista were duly
considered and accepted - viz. Angus M'Leans offer
of 3/5 per yard for Loch Croistean and Simes M'Rae
of 4/ per yard for Callos and Croglista. For Breasclet
the offer of John Morison and Neil Mackay was
accepted for Breasclet at 4/6 per Yard and Newalloway
at 3/4 per yard

Completed Schools

The Schools of Callos and Loch-
Croistean being reported by the Inspector as finished
with some trifling exceptions - the Board appointed Mr
M'Kenzie & Rev J Campbell - Members of the Board
with Mr Murdo Macdonald Clerk to the Board - as a Committee
to examine these Schools and to sign the required
Schedules to entitle the Board to receive the Building
Grants applicable to them with the least possible
delay

New Election

The period for which
the

the Board was elected being about to close - Friday the eighteenth day of April next - was fixed upon for the election of a new Board - the Poll then to be open from 12 noon till 4 pm

Polling hours to be 12 noon till 4 P.M. o'clock

in Mr Roderick Fraser's office at Callernish and Mr. William Ross Solicitor Stornoway was appointed Returning Officer, the Chairman and Clerk having declined the office. The first meeting of the new Board was fixed for Tuesday the 29th April next at the usual hour at Garynahine Hotel.

Teachers for Callernish and Lochcroistean

The Clerk was directed to advertise for Certificated teachers for each of these Schools. The salary to be £50 per annum with the Parliamentary grant and free house - a knowledge of Gaelic in applicants to be considered indispensable.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks on the motion of Rev Mr Maciver to the Chairman for his Valuable services.

Jm. Mackay
Chairman
29 April 79

Declaration of Poll April 1879

At the first meeting of the School Board of Uig after the Triennial Election of 1879 held at Garynahine on the 29th April 1879

Present.

Messrs. William Mackay Chamberlain of Lews
Rev. John Campbell. F. C. Uig.
Angus Macarthur
John Matheson
Kenneth Macleod
Angus Gillies.

After prayer the following Declaration by Mr William Ross Returning Officer of the Parish was read viz.

I. William Ross, Solicitor, Stornoway Returning Officer for the Triennial Election of a new School Board, for the Parish of Uig, Island of Lews, and County of Ross hereby declare that eleven candidates having been nominated for Election and not withdrawn while the Board is composed of only seven members, a Poll was taken on the eighteenth day of April, Eighteen hundred and seventy nine, with the following result: (1) For William Mackay Chamberlain of Lews Stornoway there were recorded eighty three votes: (2) For Angus Gillies, Merchant, Kirkibost, Bernera, there were recorded sixty two votes: (3) For John Matheson (Malcolm) Fisherman, Aird, Uig, there were recorded fifty seven votes: (4) For Angus Macarthur, Crofter, Kirkibost, Bernera, there were recorded forty nine votes: (5) For Kenneth Macleod, Joiner, Valtos Uig, there were recorded forty eight votes: (6) For the Reverend John Campbell, Minister, Free Church Manse, Uig, there were recorded thirty one votes: (7) For James Mackenzie, Farmer,

Linshader, there were recorded twenty four votes: (8) For Alexander Maclean, Doctor of medicine, Garrynahine, there were recorded twenty two votes: (9) For John MacRae, Farmer, Crimsgarry, there were recorded twenty one votes: (10) For the Reverend Roderick MacRae, Minister Carloway, there were recorded twenty votes: (11) For Donald Maciver, Miller Breasclete, there were recorded sixteen votes, while one ballot paper was spoiled by the voter; and I declare that the following seven parties have had a majority of votes, and have accordingly been duly elected Members of the said School Board for the period of three years from and after the date of said Election Viz: (1) The said William MacKay. (2) The said Angus Gillies. (3) The said John Matheson (Malcolm). (4) The said Angus Macarthur. (5) The said Kenneth Macleod. (6) The said Reverend John Campbell. (7) The said James MacKenzie.

And I further hereby declare the said seven parties to constitute the School Board for the said Parish, for the said period of three years; and I announce that the first meeting of the said School Board will be held within the Prince Arthur Hotel, Garrynahine on Tuesday 29th April current eighteen hundred and seventy nine at twelve o'clock noon.

Given under my hand at Stornoway this eighteenth day of April eighteen hundred and seventy nine. Two words deleted on page second hereof.

Signed William Ross
Returning Officer.

All the members named in the above Declaration as duly elected being present accepted office with the exception of Mr James Mackenzie, Linshader, from whom a letter of this date addressed to the Clerk was produced declining acceptance of office. On the motion of Reverend John Campbell, Mr William MacKay Chamberlain of the Lews was unanimously appointed Chairman of the Board till next Election, and Mr K. MacKenzie also unanimously reappointed Clerk and Treasurer for the same period on the motion of Mr MacKay these Gentlemen having accepted office accordingly the Chairman then moved the appointment of Dr Alexander Maclean Garrynahine as a member of the Board in the room of Mr James Mackenzie, the Doctor being next to Mr Mackenzie at the Poll and the other members having concurred, Dr Maclean was sent for, and having accepted office took part in the proceedings.

Acceptance

Loan £2700 from National Bank

The meeting next adverting to the resolutions of the former Board of 12th November and 5th March last to borrow the sum of two thousand seven hundred pounds Sterling from the National Bank of Scotland for the purpose of meeting payments due to the contractor; and which sum the Bank has advanced in account current with the Board, Resolved to adopt the following form of Minute impledging the School Fund and School Rates including the Government Building Grants to the said Bank in security for the said sum of two thousand seven hundred pounds Sterling and to forward a copy of the same to the Bank; Viz: Reverting to the resolutions of the Board at the meetings held on 12th November 1878 and 5th March 1879 to borrow the sum of two thousand seven hundred pounds Sterling from the National Bank of Scotland, for the purpose of meeting payments due to the contractor of the School Buildings; the Board hereby impledge and assign the School Fund and School Rates or other monies to which the Board may be entitled including Government Building Grants, to the said Bank in security for the afore said sum of two thousand

seven hundred pounds Sterling and engage to apply the said Government Building Grants as well as all other monies to which the Board may be entitled towards the payment of the said sum to the Bank immediately on the receipt thereof in preference to any other claim against the Board; and farther the Board hereby also engage to take all the steps vested in them by the Act (35 and 36 Victoria) to effectuate repayment to the said Bank and to execute and sign whatever Bond or other Document in security may be required by the said Bank for the afore said sum; and they authorize the Clerk ~~&~~ Treasurer of the Board for the time being to operate on the Bank Account in connection therewith by Cheque or Cheques countersigned by the Chairman.

Appointments to Valtos and Loch-Croistean Schools

The following applications from teachers for the School of Loch Croistean were submitted. Viz: Messrs John Smith Strathcanaird Public School, Ullapool, Mr A.M. Morison, late teacher at Valtos; Roderick Maclean Bayhead North Uist; Angus M'Craig Sarsgaveg School, Broadford; John Mackenzie 19 Cromwell Street Stornoway; and for Valtos School, John Koss 22 Arthur Street Glasgow; Donal Maclennan, Cliff, Uig; and John Mackenzie above mentioned; and these being duly considered together with the testimonials of each applicant, on the motion of the Reverend John Campbell, seconded by Mr K. Macleod Mr John Smith was appointed to the Loch Croistean School and Mr John Koss Glasgow to Valtos School, a condition of their appointment being a notice of three months to the Board on their part previous to quitting office, the Board agreeing to give similar notice to him.

A representative of the Board being required for Achmore School Mr Mackay was appointed.

Valtos and Loch Croistean fuel—

As to fuel for Valtos ~~School~~ and Loch Croistean School Buildings instruct Mr Mackay

Bernera Do

compulsory Officer to advertize for offers to the extent of four Tons for the former and four for Loch Croistean and to accept the lowest offer provided Valtos be under 2/- and Loch Croistean 1/-

As to ~~the~~ Bernera teacher's fuel the Board agreed to continue the allowance as before but for six months (instead of five) from twelfth April at 8/- per month and to pay him whatever appears to be due to him for the past season.

Rent of Meeting room to date

An Account by Mr Stewart Innkeeper was presented for the use of Meeting Room amounting to £2-10/- being for ten Meetings from 8th March 1877 @ 5/- each, and the Board ordered the same to be paid.

Claim of Rev J.M. Maciver for Stirling Teachers Salary

A Letter from Rev Mr Maciver Uig being read stating that three years ago he managed to get a Salary for the teacher of Stirling School without troubling the Board but in consequence of the Education committee of the Established Church having ceased to give Grants for Education he was unable to pay the teacher for the current Year to Whitsunday, his Salary of £30. He therefore desires to hand over the School to the Board, in the expectation that the Board would pay this sum to the teacher and take over the School and pay the teacher for the future. The Board agreed to give a Grant of £15 for the current Year, provided it be legal to do so, (to Whitsunday) and to take over the School, paying the teacher a Salary to be fixed by the Board till the new School be opened.

£15 allowed if Competent

Breaselet teacher application for increase refused

An application from Mr Nicolson, teacher at Breaselet for an increase of Salary was not entertained; and an Account by the Returning Officer in connection with the late contested Election amounting to £4-18-1 was submitted and ordered to be payed

Returning Officers Accounts

after being audited as directed by the Scotch Education Department.

£13

An application from George Macaulay ~~for~~ Crois Bernera for the office of Compulsory Officer at a Salary of £13 was ordered to lie on the Table till next meeting.

Jno Mackay
Chairman
10 June 1879

At Garynahine at a Meeting of the School Board of Uig on the tenth day of June 1879.

Present.

Messrs William MacKay Chamberlain
Rev John Campbell [of Lewis
Kenneth Macleod
Angus Macarthur
Angus Gillies
John Matheson
Dr Maclean

Mr MacKay in the Chair.

The Meeting opened with Prayer and the Minutes of last Meeting read & confirmed

Teacher appointed for Valtos de Crois deserted

The Clerk intimated that Mr John Ross Glasgow had declined to accept Office and that Mr John Smith who was appointed to Lochcroistean had intimated by letter of 5th May 1879 his Acceptance to the appointment on the terms advertised.

Loch Croistean School opened

The Rev. J. Campbell, Kenneth Macleod and the Chairman verbaly reported that they were present at the Opening of Lochcroistean School on Tuesday the 3rd Current and put the Teacher into Office and addressed the Parents who were present.

D Sutherland appointed Valtos School

The Clerk laid on the table an application from Daniel Sutherland Teacher Public School Rogart with Testimonials for appointment as Teacher to the Public School at Valtos which having been considered, the Board unanimously resolved to appoint him to the Valtos School at a Salary of Fifty Pounds Stg. £50 and half the Government Grant, three Months Notice to the Board being necessary before acquitting Office; the Clerk to intimate appointment to the Department.

Second application from Rev A Macaver for Gradish

Teaching Teacher Valtos

There was laid upon the Table a letter from the Rev. Angus Maciver dated 9th June 1879 craving payment of the full Salary of £30 for the Teacher at Tsilivig the Board having at last Meeting agreed to give a Grant of £15 for the Current Year, that is to Whitsunday last provided it be legal to do so. The Board delay consideration of the whole matter till it be ascertained if the Board can legally make such a Grant. There was also laid on the Table a petition signed by 9 Ratepayers craving the Board not to pay the Salary of the Teacher at Tsilivig for the year ending Whitsunday last that district having had the offer of a Teacher free from the Edinburgh Ladies Association.

Assessment for 1879/80

The Clerk submitted an Estimate of the probable Expenditure for the ensuing year shewing a deficiency in the School Fund of £9 9s the Board having carefully considered the same resolved to reduce the

the amount to £570 and instructed the Clerk to intimate to the Inspector of Poor for the Parish that that amount viz. £570 would be required by the School Board in order that the same may be levied and collected in terms of the Act.

There being at present no regular Compulsory Officer the Clerk was instructed to advertize for a Compulsory Officer for the 4 Schools in the Big District Viz: Lochcroistean, Valtos, Croulista, & Dsiliving another for the Island of Bernera and one for Callernish & Dun Carloway School Applicants to state Salarys expected.

The Clerk submitted an Account of Income and expenditure on the Achmore School for the year ending 15th May last showing the proportion payable by this Board to the Board of Lochs to be £2.7.9.6 which was ordered to be paid. There was submitted an Offer from Angus Macdonald Carshader dated 20th May offering to cut dry and stalk at the Public School at Lochcroistean four Irons ~~100~~ of peats @ 11/6 per Iron and four Irons for Valtos School to be stalked at the Road Side at Glen Valtos at 20/- p Iron which offer was accepted, and Mr Macrae instructed to intimate the same to Mr Macdonald.

The Salary of £7.10/- due to Malcolm Macleod for teaching at Croulista School till the end of April last was ordered to be paid.

Mr Donald M Lennan who was an Applicant for the Valtos School appeared at the meeting and intimated his willingness to accept of the Breasclete School on the same terms on which the Valtos School was advertized Viz; £50 a year and half the Government Grant with three months notice to either party and he was appointed accordingly.

Dr Maclean, Angus Macarthur, and Angus Gillies were appointed a Committee to examine the Breasclete & Dun Carloway Schools when the Inspector of Works intimates to the Clerk that the said Schools are completed.

Wm Mackay
Chairman
6 Augt 1879

At Garynahine at a Meeting of the School Board of Big held 6th Augt 1879

Present
Mr William Mackay Chamberlain
Revd John Campbell
Dr Alex Maclean
Mr Mackay in the Chair

The Meeting opened with prayer and the Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

The Revd Mr Campbell verbally reported that the Valtos School was opened on 21st July 1879 and the Teacher Mr Daniel Sutherland was installed into office a number of the Parents and Children were present who were

were present addressed both by the Revd Wm Campbell & Wm Wm Maciver
The Meeting again took into consideration the Revd Angus Maciver's application for payment of the Salary past due to the Teacher at Isilvig which was delayed at last Meeting till it was ascertained if they could legally make such payments. The Board being now informed that so long as any of the Rate payers object to such payment they cannot legally do so Farther seeing that the Board never appointed the Teacher at Isilvig nor was in any way consulted regarding his appointment and more especially seeing that a Teacher was offered to that District from the Edinburgh Ladies Association The Board now decline to make any such payment

Revd A Maciver asks being teacher

Third was laid before the Meeting several applications for the Office of Compulsory Officer as Advertized when George McAulay Croir Berneray was appointed Compulsory Officer for Berneray School at a Salary of £4 a year his duties & pay to commence from the date of opening School and the Board reserve the power to discharge him on three Months notice

G McAulay appointed Compulsory Off for Berneray

Mr James MacRae Mairaig was appointed Compulsory Officer for one year for Loch Croistean Valtos Croulista & Isilvig at a Salary of £5 a year

J McRae Compulsory Officer for L Croistean Valtos Croulista & Isilvig

The Appointment of an Officer for Braaslet and Dun carloway was delayed till Malcolm Macleod Esq Stornoway intimated his Offer in terms of the Advertisement A Petition from the inhabitants of Breasish & Isilvig was laid before the Meeting craving that a Teacher should be appointed to the Old School at Isilvig till the new School is completed Whereupon the Board appointed Mr Aulay MacAulay as Teacher at a Salary of £25 a year with the Fees as charged in the other Public Schools in the Parish. Mr MacAulay being present accepted Office and the School to be opened on Monday first the 11th instant from which date the Teachers Salary is to commence.

Temporary teacher for Isilvig

The Clerk was instructed to advertize for a certificated Teacher for Dun Carloway School Salary £47 Free House and Fuel with one half the Government Grant the Teacher to collect the Fees and hand over the same to the Treasurer the sum of £2 a year to be allowed the Teacher for cleaning School Room & Offices.

Dun Carloway Teacher to be advertized for

The Board having taken into consideration the rate of Fees fixed at a Meeting of the Board held on 14 July 1874 resolved to reduce the same to one penny per week and when there are four children from one family attending School one to be free. The Books supplied Teachers to be charged at Invoice prices.

Fees to be one penny Weekly & Books to be at Invoice prices

The Clerk laid before the Meeting

Meeting Draft of the Contract with John & Malcolm MacRae for the building of the Fishing School which having been read was approved of The Clerk was instructed to advertize locally for a sewing Mistress to the Bracelet School and further instructed to ~~ascertain advertize locally for a Sewing Mistress to the Bracelet School and further~~ ascertain from Mr. MacLennan the Teacher if he will undertake the cleaning of the School for £2 a year.

As to the Kitchen door wanted at Bracelete School delay consideration till the Plans of the School are before the Board. There was an application from the Teacher at Loch Croistean craving that a Sewing Mistress be appointed to his School. The Board appoint Mrs John Smith as sewing Mistress at a salary of £5 a year.

There was a letter from the ~~at Valtos~~ Teacher at Valtos read to the effect that in consequence of the number of children attending this school two or three additional Seats or Forms were required. The Inspector was instructed to provide the same

The Clerk was instructed to ascertain from Mr. Sutherland the Teacher at Valtos if he will undertake the cleaning of the School Room and Office for the Sum of £2 a year.

The Inspector was instructed to get the ground surrounding the Valtos School levelled & Sorted so far as this can be done and the same in regard to the Crosslista Play ground & Garden the former to be levelled and the latter trenched (Sixteen words deleted before signing)

Jno Mackay
"Chairman
27 Augt 1879

At Garynahine ~~Hotel~~ at a meeting of the School Board of Uig held 27th Augt 1879

Present

Mr Wm Mackay Chairman
Mr Maclean
Mr Angus Macarthur
" Angus Gillies
Revd John Campbell

The meeting opened with prayer and the Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk laid before the meeting an application and testimonials from Miss Christina K. Moir Barnhill Perth as Teacher for the Duncarloway School. The Testimonials being satisfactory and there being no other applicant, the Board hereby appoint Miss Moir as Teacher in the Duncarloway School for the Terms advertised and as mentioned in the Minutes of last Meeting, but before this appointment be intimated to her the Clerk to ascertain if Miss Moir could talk the Gaelic and if necessary to teach it.

The Clerk laid before the meeting the

extended

Silvig Contract signed.

extended Contract with John & Malcolm Macrae for the Building of the Isilvig School and Teachers Residence which was approved of and signed by the members present.

Malcolm Macleod, Solsta, Chuilish having declined to become an applicant for the Office of Compulsory Officer for the Breasclete and Duncarloway Schools. The Board instruct the Clerk to advertize again for an Officer for these Schools, the Officer appointed to visit and report on each School once a Week.

Compulsory Officer wanted for Breasclete & Duncarloway Schools.

In regard to a Sewing School Mistress for Breasclete School the Clerk was instructed to ascertain if Mrs McLennan would undertake the duties for £5 and if not what salary she expects and to ascertain what salary the sum Mr Mac Lennan would take for cleaning the School House & Premises.

× Mrs McLennan

Breaclet Sewing Mistress

The Revd Mr Campbell reported that he and Mr Maclean accompanied by the Revd Mr Maciver opened the Breasclete School on the 15th July last and installed the Teacher Mr McLennan. There were a number of the Parents and Children present and they were addressed by him and thereafter by Mr Maciver (Two words deleted before signing)

Breaclet School opened.

Wm MacKay
Chairman

At Garrabost the fourth day of November 1879 at a Meeting of the School Board of Uig

Present

Messrs William MacKay Chamberlain
" McLean
" Kenneth McLeod
" Wm McArthur
" John Ellis
" John Matheson, Members

Mr MacKay in the Chair

The Meeting being Constituted the Minutes last Meeting were read when the Clerk reported that Miss Moir who was appointed at last Meeting as teacher of the Duncarloway Public School declined the appointment as she had no Gaelic and he submitted an application for the office from Mr Archibald Ross Lochbay, Skye which being duly considered with his testimonials the Board conferred the appointment upon him at a salary of £65 per annum with half the Parliamentary Grant and £5 for fuel besides a free House and the Clerk was instructed to intimate the same to him accordingly

Mr Ross appointed Teacher of Miss Moir

Mr MacKay appointed Compulsory Officer for Breaclet and Duncarloway Ballos Sewing Mistress Salary £5.

Mr MacKay appointed Compulsory Officer for Breaclet and Duncarloway Schools at a salary of £6 per annum and Mrs McLennan Breaclet was appointed Sewing Mistress of the Breaclet School at a salary of £8 per annum. While Miss Macleod the Sewing Mistress of Ballos whose salary was hitherto £9 per annum it was resolved should in future only receive £8 also per annum as from Martinmas first. The Ballos Teacher having applied for an Assistant the Board granted the

Ballos pupil teachers

Porch for Dr.

Crowlista New School ready & teacher advertised for

Annual Rep.

Mr Cameron's a/c for school furnishings

Rev A Rae wee Camis

requested the Clerk to ascertain from him whether there were Boys in the School capable of becoming pupil Teachers for whom Salaries of £25 p/an. were allowed previous to their Examination and passing, in terms of the Code as the Board were of opinion that two pupil teachers would be preferable to one assistant teacher. The Teacher of Ballos having also applied for a Porch on the Main Entrance and Shutters for the lower windows of the dwelling House the Board requested the Inspector of Buildings to examine the premises and report such an Estimate of the cost of these additions

Also the Crowlista School the Inspector reported that it was ready for occupation and the Board requested the Clerk to advertize for a teacher at a salary of £50 p/ann. with half the Parliamentary Grant found by the House. The Balance Sheet of the Boards transactions for the Year to 15 May last was then submitted by the Treasurer shewing a balance of £2901.12.1 due to the Bank and the same being duly examined with the corresponding Vouchers was found correct and approved, & an account from W R M Cameron for furnishings of Books Maps and Stationery supplied to the Ballos Look Gorsleum Breasclet and Dunscaith schools amounting in all to £149.18.8 being £37.11/2 per each School, was ordered to be paid.

With reference to the Board's decision at former Meeting declining to pay a Claim of £25 by the Rev W Macgill for Salary to the Ilding teacher a Petition from 54 Ratepayers of Ilding and Brenish praying the Board to reconsider

for Ilding teacher considered a/gainst the Rules.

reconsider the matter and pay the Amount was presented. Mr Mackay thereupon moved that the former decision declining to pay headers to as the teacher was not qualified in terms of the Act was not appointed by the Board and as payment was objected to by a considerable number of the Ratepayers in the District as the ground that a teacher was offered without Expense to the Parish whom he never would not receive. Dr M'Lean seconded this Motion. Mr John Matheson moved that the Salary be paid seeing that there were teachers in this Parish entitled to pay by the Board who were not qualified in terms of the Act and he was of opinion that this teacher should also be paid. Mr Angus Mellis having seconded Mr Mathesons Motion it was put to the Meeting and carried by a majority of two. Mr Mackay thereafter dissented and protested against the decision for the reason that as yet advised it was not competent for the Board to make such a payment.

Wm Mackay
Chairman
9 Dany 1880

At Garynahine Hotel at a Meeting of the School Board of Uig held the 9th January 1880

Present

Mr. Mackay Chamberlain
" Angus MacArthur
Dr. Alexander MacLean

Mr. Mackay in the Chair

The Minutes of last Meeting being read and confirmed The Clerk reported that he had intimated to Mr. Archd. Ross his appointment to the Duncarlowaay School but since then had received a letter from him declining the appointment and therefore removed the Advertisment and submitted the only application received for the Duncarlowaay School Viz. One from Mr. Colin Maccaichran Salen Mull which application being considered the Board agreed to appoint Mr. Maccaichran to teach Duncarlowaay School on the terms Advertised Three Months notice to be given by either Party as to the termination of this engagement Mr. Maccaichran to enter on his duties as soon as possible The Clerk reported that he had intimated to Mr. John MacAulay Bernera his appointment as compulsory Officer for Breasclete & Duncarlowaay Schools at a Salary of Sixpounds Sterling £6 Stg per annum which appointment Mr. MacAulay accepted and entered on his duties on the 15th day of Nov. last The Clerk further reported that he had intimated to Mrs. MacLennan

Mr. MacLennan Sewing Mistress Breasclete

Mrs. MacLennan her appointment as Sewing Mistress of the Breasclete School which appointment was accepted.

Ballos assistants & Porch considered

In regard to the teaching Staff in the Valtos School Dr. MacLean the Chairman and the Clerk were empowered to make the best arrangement they could either as regards Monitors or assistant Teacher With regard to the Porch and shutters asked for by the Valtos School Teacher Mr. MacKenzie the Inspector being present reported Verbally that he had been recently at the Valtos School during a gale and recommended that the Porch be built on the back entrance that the Front Door be boarded up on the inside in such a way that the Boarding may be removed when desired As to the Shutters the Teacher wants Mr. MacKenzie reported that the Buildings were not originally constructed with the view of having Shutters and that he thinks them unnecessary The Board instructed Mr. MacKenzie to get a wooden Porch erected on the Back entrance so soon as the weather permits the work to be done.

Crowlista School Application

The Clerk reported that he had advertised for a Teacher for Crowlista School and that the following applications were received 1st. Peter MacPhail Port Helen Islay
2nd David A. C. Macormack Stompter Public School
3rd John MacKay Flotta Public School Orkney
4th James Sinclair Lerwick Public School Sandwick Orkney

Compulsory Officer for Breasclete & Duncarlowaay appointed to fill

Compulsory Officers Salary for Breasclete & Duncarlowaay fixed at £6 stg

which applications having been received and considered the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Mr Alexr. Macpshail Teacher to Crowlista School on the terms advertised three Months notice to be given by either Party as to the termination of this engagement.

Mr A Macphail appointed Crowlista School

The Board appointed Messrs Alexr. Mackay & Donald Mackay as Monitors in the Breaclete School on the understanding that they engage to become Pupil Teachers their pay for the first year to be at the rate of three Shillings Sterling per Week but in the event of their passing their first years examination they are to be paid at the rate of £10 a year with an increase of (£2=10/-) two pounds ten Shillings Stg. a year during their apprenticeship.

Breaclete Monitors

The Compulsory Officer for the Uig School reported that the number on the Roll at the Valtos School for the month of December last was 41 and the average attendance 32 Lochcroistean school number on Roll for December last 55 averags attendance 51.

Compulsory Officers Report

With regard to the Porch to the Breaclete School Mr MacKenzie Inspector reported that such was required on the front entrance and that it should be built of Stone and the Roof slated. The Board accordingly instructed the Inspector to get this done

Breaclete Porch

The following Offers were submitted for erecting the fences around the Schools 1st Uig School

Argus Calder 3/9 per Lineal yard

Apps

John Macivor 4/- per Lineal yard and Gate Pillars £1 Stg. each

Murdo Macleod 3/11 per Lineal yard Gate Pillars 20/- each

Roots for Road Uig John Macivers accepted

John Macivor Garrabost offered to trench and level the Garden & Play Ground for the sum of 2/- per Rood of 36 square yards which offer was accepted as also his Offer of 4d per yard for the Fences and 20/- each for the Gate Pillars.

N. Macleod Offer for trenching at Dun Carloway accepted Limited

There was submitted an offer from Norman Macleod Tobata Chulisil to trench the Garden and Play ground at Dunn Carloway for 2/- a Rood of 36 square yards and to form the Roadway to the Schools at 1/8 per yard 1 cross Drain at 8/- and one at 4/- which Offer was accepted.

There was laid before the Meeting a Petition from 29 of the Principal Rate payers in the Parish of Uig objecting to the payment of the Salary of the present Teacher at Islivig while in the Revd Angus Macivor's employment on services which payment was agreed to by a majority of the last Meeting of the Board two of the Members having dissented and protested against such payment

Petition from Rate payers against Revd Macivers Claim for being Teacher

Wm Mackay
Chairman
24 Feby 1880

At Garrynahine Hotel
at a Meeting of the School Board
of Uig held the 24th day of Feby 1880
Present

Mr. MacKay Chamberlain
Dr. Alexander MacLean
Mr. Angus MacArthur
" John Gillies
" John Matheson
" Kenneth MacLeod

Mr. MacKay in the Chair

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Boards reporting Officer submitted a list of parents from Crowlista and Aird Uig whom he had summoned to appear before the Board here this day to explain and give their reasons why they fail in their duty with respect to the Education of their children. The parties summoned were as follows Viz.t.

Defaulters Reported from Crowlista and Aird

1 Peter MacLean Crowlista for his
Son John 12 years of age
Son Malcolm 10 years of age
Daughter Ann 8 years of age

No Defaulters Summoned to Board

2 Malcolm Macritchie Crowlista for his
Daughter Margaret 9 years of age

3 Angus MacDonald Crowlista for his
Son Murdo 11 years of age

4 Angus Maciver Crowlista for his
Daughter Mary 12 years of age
Daughter Catherine 10 years of age

Statement of Parents as to Crowlista

5 Widow Ann MacAulay Crowlista for her
Son John 10 years of age

6 Donald MacLeod Aird Uig for his
Son Donald 9 years of age

7 Malcolm Matheson Aird Uig for his
Son Norman 8 years of age

8 Hector MacLeod Aird Uig for his
Son Malcolm 10 years of age

All the foregoing parents with the exception of Widow Ann MacAulay No.5 Crowlista appeared before the Meeting and gave as their reason for not sending their children to the Public School at Crowlista that this School was situated at too great a distance from them to enable their children to attend. Further each and all of them distinctly stated that they would not for the reason already given send their children to the Public School at Crowlista. The Board being satisfied that the School at Crowlista is considerably within three miles of the Township of Crowlista and Aird Uig.

Resolution of Board to Prosecute Parents

The reason assigned by the foregoing parents for non attendance was not considered satisfactory whereupon the Board unanimously resolved to prosecute these parents in terms of the Statute and authorizis the Chairman to grant the necessary Certificate to the Procurator Fiscal of the district in order that the said parents be tried before the Sheriff.

The Defaulting Officer for Breasclete was instructed to summon Norman MacDonald Breasclete. Donald MacAulay Breasclete

Breaselet defaulters Summoned to Board

Breaselet and any others in that district who were neglecting to send their children to school to appear at next Meeting of the Board.

D. Carloway School opened

Dr. MacLean reported that Mr. Macrechran who was appointed Teacher for the Dunearlloway School had arrived and that the school was opened by him and Mr. MacRae Carloway on the 18th of February current.

Alex. McLean & Hug Matheson appointed Monitors for Valtos

Dr. MacLean further reported that Alexander MacLean son of Murdo MacLean and Angus Matheson son of Hector Matheson both residing at Valtos were appointed monitors to the Valtos School on the same terms as the other monitors appointed to Breaselete School further that Mr. MacNeill had arrived for the Crowlista School which was opened on the 28th January The Revd Mr. MacIver and Mr. Matheson a member of the Board being present.

Crowlista School opened

Breaselet Compulsory Report

The Compulsory Officer for Breaselete School submitted his report shewing that the average attendance at that School for the week ending 6th Feby was 116-2 for the Week ending 30th Jany 103-3 for the week ending 13 Feby 82-1 for the week ending 20 Feby 83-9.

Sewing Mistress for D. Carloway

The Board agreed to appoint Miss MacDonald Carloway Cottage as sewing Mistress of the Dunearlloway School providing she accepts the the Situation at a Salary of £6 Sterling a year.

With regard to the Berneray Teachers application for Fuel It was agreed to continue

Berneray fuel

the allowance hitherto paid him till the new School is opened.

Repair &c for Crowlista

Mr. MacKenzie the Inspector of Works was requested to provide a Chair and Scuttle for Crowlista School and to see that the cleaning of the Schools is attended to and the chimneys regularly cleaned.

Crowlista and D. Carloway Teachers to reside in Houses

The Clerk was instructed to intimate to the Teachers at Crowlista and Dunearlloway that they must occupy the Dwelling Houses and that immediately and that they also attend to the opening of the Schools punctually at 10 O'Clock A.M. and the Dwelling Houses regularly fired and ventilated.

Managers for Croisteam Valtos, Crowlista & Suiving

The Board appoint Dr. MacLean Mr. Kenneth MacLeod and Mr. John Matheson Managers of Lochcroistean School, Valtos School, Crowlista School and Suiving School when finished.

Crowlista Sewing Mistress

There was an application from Miss Ann MacLeod Valtos for the Situation of Sewing Mistress in the Crowlista School consideration of which was delayed till a future meeting.

10 days Notice of Meetings

Mr. John Matheson gave notice that at next Meeting he would move that the Clerk be instructed to give at least ten days notice of future Meetings that is ten days from the date of posting his circulars at Stornoway

Jno. MacKay
Chairman

At Garynahine Hotel
The 14th day of April 1880
In a Meeting of the
School Board of Uig

Present

Revd John Cambell
Mr William MacKay Chamberlain
Dr Alexander Macdean Garynahine
Mr John Matheson Aird Uig
Mr Kenneth Macleod Valtos
Mr Angus MacArthur Kirkibost
Mr John Gillies Kirkibost

Mr William MacKay Chairman presiding

The Meeting having been opened with prayer the Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

Bressclet Building grant

The Clerk submitted Certificate A for a Building Grant for the Bernera School which was signed by the Chairman and the Members Present

D Carloway preliminary Statement

The Clerk farther submitted preliminary Statement Form 6 B Public School" for Dounie Carloway School which was read and the queries therein answered and thereafter signed by the Clerk - a similar preliminary Statement was read filled in and signed by the Clerk for Crowlista School

Female Teachers Dear Carloway

There was laid before the Meeting a letter from Miss Maggie S MacDonald intimating acceptance of her appointment as sewing Mistress to the Dounie Carloway School at a Salary of Six pounds Sterling a year.

Bernera Peats

A letter from the Teacher at Bernera craving a further payment for peats was read consideration of which was delayed till next Meeting

Bernera Teacher advertized

The Clerk informed the Meeting that the Inspector of Works since last Meeting had reported to him that the School at Bernera was then so far completed that a Teacher might be advertised for and that he had accordingly advertised for a Teacher on the same terms as to Salary as is paid to other teachers in the parish but that he had received no applications as yet - The actings of the Clerk in this respect was approved of by the Board and he and the Chairman were instructed and authorized by the Board to select and appoint a Teacher for Bernera should suitable candidates make application before next Meeting and to make it a condition with any teacher that may be appointed that he is to occupy the dwelling house and properly attend to the regular keeping on of fires in the School Room and Dwelling house

Bressclet Defaulting Officer Report

The Defaulting Officer submitted a certificate of having summoned the following parties to appear before the Board this day to give information and explanations respecting their failure of duty in regard to the Education of their children

Defaulters

Appeared Donald Mucivor Callernish
for his Ward Colin Morison

Refuse to appear

Colin Morison explained that this child was sickly and unable to attend school which was confirmed by the Medical Officer. This explanation was satisfactory to the Board — Donald MacAulay Breaclete for his son Angus 12 years of age failed to appear but his son John appeared on his behalf and stated that his father was unwell and could not appear and had sent him to say to the Board that his son Angus would be sent to School on Monday. Margaret MacAulay Breaclete for her son Donald 8 years of age and John Maciver Breaclete for his son Alexander 10 years of age failed to appear whereupon the Board resolved to prosecute the said Margaret MacAulay and John Maciver and authorised the Chairman to grant the necessary Certificate to the Procurator Fiscal of the district in order that these parties may be forthwith prosecuted in terms of the Statute

Warders Margt MacAulay a Married Woman

She did not appear in Court but as her husband was not cited as respondent the case is not at the instance of the father who does not appear

Summons to be served on the boy in future

The Clerk was instructed to intimate to Mr Sutherland the Teacher at Valtos that he was no longer to have the cleaning of the School Room and Offices or only until another person would be appointed for this purpose which would be done when the Inspector of Works visited the School and further to call the Teachers attention to the cleaning and fencing of the Dwelling House as well as the ventilating of the whole premises and failing his doing so or

Crowlista occupier fencing

Valtos cleaning and fencing

or another complaint on this head by the Inspector of Works or by the School Managers the Board must take into consideration whether or not they can continue Mr Sutherland as Teacher at Valtos

The Clerk was also instructed to write the Teacher at Crowlista to the effect that the Board consider it incumbent upon him to occupy the dwelling House and that he regularly keeps up fences in the same

There was submitted a letter from Norman Buchanan assistant Teacher at Valtos dated 3rd April 1880 intimating that he had now been teaching for four Months and wished the Board to make known to him the amount of his Salary The Board agreed to allow him a Salary at the rate of twenty four pounds Sterling a year

Valtos Assistants Salary fixed £24

Mr John Matheson in terms of notice given at last Meeting moved that the Clerk be instructed to give at least 10 days notice of all Meetings that is 10 days from the date of posting his circulars which motion was seconded by Mr Angus MacArthur and agreed to on the understanding that 10 days notice would not be necessary in cases of urgent business that could not be delayed, the Clerk to have power to call Meetings as formerly when any such urgent business had to be attended to

10 days Notice of Meetings

Wm MacKay
Chairman

At Garynahine Hotel The 7th day of June 1880 In a Meeting of the School Board of Uig

Present

Mr William MacKay Chamberlain
Dr MacLean Garynahine
Mr John Matheson Aird Uig
" Kenneth MacLeod Valtos
" Angus MacArthur Kirkibost

Mr William MacKay Chairman presiding

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The Chairman intimated that as instructed at last Meeting he and the Clerk had appointed William Milne as Teacher for the Bernera School who appeared at the Meeting and it was arranged to open the School on Monday the 14th instant Mr Angus Gillies and Angus MacArthur were appointed a committee to open the School when Mr Milne arrives.

The Clerk submitted an Estimate of the probable expenditure for the ensuing year shewing a deficiency in the School Fund of One thousand pounds Sterling (£1000 Stg.) would be required by the School Board for the ensuing year in order that the same may be levied and collected in terms of the Act

The Board agreed to appoint Dr Maclean Revd Roderick MacRae Carloway and Donald MacDonald Grounds Officer Dunscarloway as Managers for the Breaclete and Dunscarloway Schools and Mr Angus MacArthur Kirkibost

Wm Milne appointed Bernera Teacher

Salaries for 1880-81

Managers for Breaclete & Carloway

Managers for Bernera

Kirkibost Angus Gillies Kirkibost and Malcolm MacDonald (Murdo's Son) Fopson as Managers for the Bernera School

The Clerk was instructed to apply to the Education Department to see if it can be so arranged that the examinations of the Schools in this Parish take places in March or failing that month any time between the 1st of January and the 15th of April

Application to Department as to H.M. Inspector's visits

The Board agreed to appoint Bella MacLeod Aird Uig as sewing Mistress in the Crowlista School at a salary of £5 a year and also appoint her for cleaning the School Room and attending the Officies at a Salary of £2 a year

Bella M'Leod appointed Sewing Mistress of Crowlista

The Chairman moved that in consequence of his having obtained the opinion of Messrs Stuart and Cheyne W.S. Edinburgh to the effect that it was not competent for the Board to pay the Salary claimed by the Revd Mr Maciver for Uig Teacher that the Minute of 4th November 1879 be now rescinded which was seconded by Dr Maclean and carried there being no counter motion Mr John Matheson dissented Mr John Matheson moved that the Clerk be requested to attend personally at future Meetings of the Board which was seconded by Mr Angus MacArthur

Wm MacKay
Chairman

Not Competent to pay School Salary claimed by Mr Maciver

At Garynahine Hotel this 26th day of October 1880 the School Board of Uig met

Present

Messrs. William MacKay Chamberlain
Angus Gillies Bernera
Angus Macarthur Kirkibost
Kenneth Macleod Valtos
John Matheson Aird Uig
& Alexr. Macdean Garynahine

Mr MacKay in the Chair

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

Treasurer Accounts ordered

The Accounts for the year to 15th May last were submitted with the Vouchers and found correct shewing a balance of £297=14/6 in favour of the Board The Board having considered the Subject of Teacher for Eishig School resolved to continue the present teacher Mr Aulay MacAulay at the rate of Twenty five Pounds Sterling per Annum on the understanding that he obtains a Certificate of Competency at the Christmas Government Examination Said Salary to continue until the result of Said Examination be known to the Board

Aulay McAulay continued pending till passed

D/ Carloway teacher resigned

A letter from Mr McEachran teacher at Duncarloway dated 6th October current was read resigning his situation and this resignation was accepted on condition of his quitting only at the expiry of three Months from the date of his letter according to original agreement

Appointment offered Mrs Fowlie

And understanding that Miss Margaret Fowlie Stonoway is an applicant for a School in Lewis the Board agree to offer the appointment to her on the same terms as Mr MacEachran and in the event of Miss Fowlie declining the Clerk was authorized to offer the same to Mr Robert Whitford 84 Abbotsford Place Glasgow he having offered for a School in the Lewis applied

Bernera Form VI B read

The Preliminary Statement in connection with the Annual Grants and the Bernera School (Form VI B) from the Department was read confirmed by the Board and certified by the Clerks signature

Sewing Mistress Mary MacDonald appointed Bernera

The appointment of Mary MacDonald, Braaclet in September last as Sewing Mistress for Bernera School on the Recommendation of Dr. Macdean was confirmed in the meantime till further enquiry.

Compulsory Officers Reports Lochroistean Valtos

The Compulsory Officers Reports for Duncarloway Braaclet Bernera Crowlista Lochroistean and Valtos were submitted to the Board The Report for Bernera was considered on the whole satisfactory but three Defaulters Kenneth MacDonald Donald MacDonald and Angus MacDonald all from Vallosay were summoned to appear before the Board who appeared and in respect that they are distant more than three miles from the School it was resolved not to prosecute them at present but to admonish them to cause their children to attend School as regularly as possible particularly in good weather when they

they could have no good excuse for non attendance and this was done accordingly. The Reports for Braeseleta and Bonnearlowray were deemed on the whole satisfactory. As to Crowlista the Report was satisfactory only up to 5th August but far from satisfactory since and the Officer was instructed to call on the Parents and urge regular attendance and failing this to summon defaulters before the Board. The Lochcroistan Report was considered satisfactory and the Valtos Report shewing the attendance below an average the Officer was instructed to act in the same way as in the Crowlista district.

Mr K M Cameron Account for Crowlista and Kenara School Furniture amounting respectively to (£31=9/8) Thirty one pounds nine shillings eight pence Sterling and (£34=4/5) Thirty four pounds four Shillings and five pence Sterling were submitted to the Board and ordered to be paid and similar furnishings were authorized for Leiurig New School.

H M Inspectors Report on the Examination of the five Schools in operation in the Parish were read.

The Kenara Seats Account from the commencement in 1877 was examined and it was found that the teacher was amply paid having received Four pounds nine shillings Sterling since then being £3=9/8 a year and no further claim on his part was ordered to be sustained.

Leiurig School teacher Re-installed

The Leiurig New School being completed Messrs Kenneth Macleod and John Matheson with the Inspector of Works were appointed to take the School off the Contractors hands and to instal Mr. Aulay Macaulay the newly appointed teacher on Tuesday the 9th Novr Proxo. Messrs Angus Macarthur and Angus Gillies were appointed with the Inspector to take the Kenara School off the Contractors hands on the day following weather permitting.

Kenara School

Resignation of Macrae as Compulsory Officer

Mr James MacRae Compulsory Officer for Lochcroistean Valtos and Crowlista intimated that from 11 November next he will cease to act. The Board instructed the Clerk to advertize for a Successor by notices on the Church doors.

Mr Mackenzie Teacher Braeseleta having applied for a Monitor the Board appointed John MacKay aged Fourteen years whom he recommended at 3/ Three Shillings Sterling per week until appointed a pupil teacher. In regard to the Valtos Staff the Clerk was instructed to order the teachers to take on Alexander Mackenzie and Rodgers Matheson as Monitors who were appointed in February last and to explain why they were not presented at H.M. Inspectors Visit to the School in June last.

Kenneth MacKay a Pupil Teacher at Braeseleta

Valtos Staff

Wm MacKay
Chairman
31 Mar 181