

7. In regard to the use of the school building for other than school purposes, Committees should not allow the school to be so used when there is another building in the district available; and they should insist that no damage be done to the school building, fittings, or furniture; that the schoolroom be left thoroughly clean, the furniture replaced, and the key returned in good time to the teacher.

8. The Board disapproves of the schoolroom being used as a dancing-school or for frequent dancing assemblies.

9. Committees are recommended to have school buildings fumigated as a means of preventing the spread of infectious diseases when prevalent in the neighbourhood.

10. Subject to the approval of the Committee, the schoolroom may be used as a polling-booth for public elections, and the teacher may act as Returning Officer in such cases.

School Stationery.

11. The following stationery is to be supplied for the use of scholars in the public schools: Ink, pens, penholders, slates, slate-pencils, pencil-holders, lead pencils, erasers, chalk, foolscap paper, and blotting-paper.

12. These articles are to be procured and supplied by the School Committee of the district, in such manner as they may direct, and in quantities sufficient to meet the requirements of each school.

13. The articles are to be supplied free of charge for the use of scholars in school. They are not to be used for home work, nor must they on any account be removed from the school.

14. Committees and teachers are requested to certify in the monthly certificate for each month that there is an adequate supply of stationery in the school.

Miscellaneous.

15. Committees are requested to exert their influence in upholding the teacher's authority in the school, and to assist and protect the teacher in the discharge of his duties.

16. The course of instruction is regulated under the provisions of the Act.

17. Parents or guardians must not be allowed to interfere in school matters. If they have any complaint to make, they must make it not to the teacher personally, nor in school, nor in the presence of the pupils, but in writing to the Committee, whose duty it will be to investigate the complaint.

18. It is the duty of the Chairman of the Committee, or of some other member duly authorized by the Committee, to sign the teacher's monthly certificate and quarterly return, and also to countersign all requisitions for school furniture and appliances.

19. Committees are reminded that there is no power to close schools unless in very exceptional circumstances. Schools should not be closed for more than one day without the authority of the Board.

20. Committees are requested to render all possible assistance to the Board in obtaining accurate returns of attendance—(1) by from time to time inspecting and revising the register of attendance, which is open to their inspection at the school; (2) by carefully examining the returns when presented by the teacher for signature and approval; (3) by seeing that the returns are forwarded to the Board at the earliest possible opportunity.

REGULATIONS OF THE TARANAKI EDUCATION BOARD.

School Property.

55. The school-site, buildings, fencing, and all appliances are legally vested in the Board as public property, and cannot be sold or otherwise disposed of without the consent of the Board.

56. The Secretary of the Board shall have charge of the furniture of any school which is closed or is being removed.

57. Committees are expected to exercise a general supervision over school buildings, and to do all in their power to protect the buildings and furniture from damage.

58. Committees must not allow the school to be used for other than school purposes when another building in the district is available. When the building is used, they must insist that the school be left thoroughly clean, the furniture replaced, the key returned in good time to the teacher, and that, if any damage be done to the buildings, fittings, or furniture, the damage be made good. Committees are authorized to make a charge not exceeding 10s. on each occasion of using, to cover the cost of cleaning after use.

59. A School Committee shall not allow dancing in any school under its jurisdiction, except it be for the express purpose of raising money (1) to augment the School Fund, (2) to provide prizes for school-children. Where dancing is allowed for purposes other than the above, the contributions to the Committee's funds may be withheld by the Board.

60. Head teachers are requested to make known to their Committees any necessity which may arise for effecting repairs to the school buildings, furniture, &c. Teachers are expected to take a direct interest in maintaining the school buildings and premises in becoming order, especially when such can be done at the expense of slight personal effort.

61. If anything pertaining to a school or building is negligently lost or wilfully destroyed, the teacher must at once report to the Committee, so that action may be taken to recover the amount of damage, and a copy of the teacher's letter to the Committee must be written in the log-book.