

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. HAROLD SMITH - #304 656 Buswell Rd., Richmond, B.C.

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Term of Office - 1945 - 1956

Reasons for Serving - Friends had asked him in to run for office

Some Other Board Members

- Mrs. Mary Cameron
- Mr. Van Bagen
- Mr. Will Reader
- Mr. Ed. Carlson
- Mr. Eric Low
- Dr. R. Talmey
- Mr. Fred Errington

Secretaries of the School Board

- Mr. Bodan
- Mrs. King
- Mr. Wallie Gibbs
- Mr. Art Bassett

School Board Office

- Cambie High School
- Moved to Richmond High School

Staff Increase

- In 1945 there was just one secretary
- In 1956 only increased by three secretary/typists

Budget Approval

- School Board makes up budget, first approved by council then Victoria for final approval.
- Board never had the right to do its won financing.

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### Board Committees

Finance - check finances

Maintenance - no maintenance staff , thus board members checked.

### Construction

- Find accommodation for growing population
- R.M. Grauer School
- Richmond High School
- Burkeville
- Several annexes and gymnasiums (new to the schools at time)

### School Referendums

- School construction by referendums
- Richmond High School was a major defeat, later approved but had cut out auditorium cost increase

### School Fires

- Lord Byng School - talks about insurance difficulties
- Cook School - burnt chiefly because there was no water in the hydrants

### New Staff & Equipment

- No outside maintenance, sub-contracted in the summer, first supervisors of maintenance hired
- First gardener hired
- Power lawn-mower - first one purchased

### Teachers

- Hired by School Board on advice of inspector - tells of procedure.

### Contributions

- Chiefly - speaking to the taxpayer regarding the proposed referendums
- Had been chairman on the board nine out of the ten years.

A. L. DYBALL