

BOARD DECIDES SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT MONDAY

President David B. Oliver and Other Officers Are Re-elected.

TEACHERS ASK RAISE

All officers of the Board of Education were re-elected and plans for re-opening the schools, which were closed by the influenza epidemic, were approved yesterday afternoon at the annual reorganization meeting of the board.

David B. Oliver, who has been president of the board since its organization, was re-elected to that office, as were Taylor Allderice as vice president and George W. Gerwig as secretary. In accordance with provisions of the school code, City Treasurer Charles S. Hubbard was elected treasurer of the school board and City Controller R. S. Morrow was chosen school controller. Attorney J. Rodgers McCreery was re-elected solicitor.

Plan for School Reopening.

Superintendent William M. Davidson submitted a plan for re-opening the schools, which was approved: The sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils will report at their buildings Monday morning, November 18. All pupils of these grades will be examined on that day and will be permitted to resume their regular work the following day.

Other designated grades will be examined Tuesday, November 19, and will resume work the following day. This examination will continue by groups of grades until the close of the week, by which time, according to the schedule, all pupils of the elementary grade will have resumed work.

Examination of high school pupils will begin next Thursday and continue through Friday, one-half of the pupils being required to present themselves for medical examination on Thursday and the other half on Friday. The high schools will resume regular work next Monday.

Opening of the evening schools will be postponed until January 6. Owing to the fact that six weeks of the evening school term have elapsed and that only one month of work could now be undertaken from now until January 3, the Thanksgiving and Christmas vacation periods intervening, Sup. Davidson recommended this postponement.

Teachers Ask Raise.

A petition was received from the Pittsburgh Teachers' Association under signature of Bertha C. McEntee, chairman, asking that the board increase salaries of teachers pending hoped-for legislation by the state granting such increase. The petition, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Administration, follows:

The low salaries being paid to the Pittsburgh teachers make it so difficult for them to meet living expenses that they earnestly urge upon the Board of Public Education the necessity of immediate relief.

Realizing how difficult it is for the board to finance an increase without state legislation, and yet being confronted with the absolute necessity of obtaining greater remuneration for present services, they ask that pending the hoped-for legislation some immediate provision be made whereby they will receive an increase now of at least 15 per cent of their present salaries.

Dr. A. L. Lawton commended the teachers for their services in aiding the school children during the influenza epidemic, saying they acted as nurses and in other capacities, and were instrumental in keeping down the spread of the disease.