

NEITHER ITTNER NOR LLOYD SELECTED

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Boyd, of the American Seating Company.

Sensational developments featured the meeting from the beginning. When a vote was called to give the entire architectural work to Mr. Ittner the ballots were: For—Directors Bacon, Enders, Dr. Yates and President Stamm; Against—Directors Dr. Keene, Bretz, Boll, Boyer and Werner.

The line-up when the vote was taken to employ Mr. Lloyd for the entire work follows: For—Messrs. Bretz, Boll, Boyer and Werner; Against—Dr. Keene, Bacon, Enders, Dr. Yates and President Stamm.

Behind Closed Doors

What happened behind closed doors, while it would probably help solve the question for the people of Harrisburg, may never be known.

That charges and counter charges were made because of a compromise by Mr. Ittner which it is believed tells of a meeting with a well-known Harrisburg man in Chicago, was rumored. After the second executive session, it became apparent that neither side had won.

Motion after motion to divide the work between Mr. Ittner and Mr. Lloyd with attempts to compromise by giving some of the remodeling to C. Harry Kain and M. L. Kast, failed, either because there was no second, or by a 5 to 4 vote. The ballots in each case changed according to the amount of work given Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Ittner.

The 5-hour-23-minute session started at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Arthur D. Bacon was the first one to open the subject after a lengthy statement from the Municipal League had been read reviewing the high school question from the time the loan was decided on.

Questions and Answers

Mr. Bacon first read the six questions presented two weeks ago by Dr. C. E. L. Keene and gave the answers of the special committee on the selection of an architect.

Dr. Keene raised objections to answers to some of the questions claiming they were unsatisfactory.

The answers objected to were the ones in which the special committee stated its only function was to select and recommend an architect, not to act on the acceptance or rejection of plans.

Following a short discussion, Mr. Bacon read the report of the special committee, recommending Mr. Ittner for the entire planning work, with a five per cent commission.

Before the vote was taken Directors Keene, Bretz, Bacon, Enders, Yates, and President Stamm had a lengthy discussion about the work which Mr. Ittner did in Washington. Directors Boll, Boyer and Werner did not enter into this talk.

While the debate was on H. M. Brooks, of the Central Labor Union and Union Trades Council, of the city, asked to be on the floor and given the floor. He declared the union men of the city were not against Mr. Ittner, but wanted the contracts to be let in Harrisburg so that local workmen would be given a chance to get some of the work.

President Stamm explained the architect would have nothing whatever to do with awarding of contracts. The vote was then taken on Mr. Ittner's employment. The vote was 5 to 4 against this. The five voting against the committee's recommendation were Keene, Bretz, Boll, Boyer and Werner.

Mr. Bretz then moved Mr. Lloyd's employment for all designing except the Camp Curtin remodeling, which he gave to Mr. Kain. Mr. Werner in seconding the motion said:

"Who should control this school board? The members, the Chamber of Commerce, the Municipal League, the special committee or the taxpayers? There has been much talk about 'isms' in connection with this architectural question. I hate one of those 'isms' and at one time I voted against Mr. Lloyd as architect for the Steele building. But so long as he did his work legitimately I have nothing against him and will second the motion that he be named as architect."

President Stamm intervened before

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At the meeting of the School Board on April 6, Dr. C. E. L. Keene presented six questions to be answered. He stated that if the answers were satisfactory he would change his vote

and ballot for Mr. Ittner. These questions have been answered by the special committee and were presented also yesterday afternoon.

The reply follows:

"Harrisburg, Pa., April 19.

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"Gentlemen: At a meeting of the Board held Friday, April 6, 1917, there were referred to this committee for consideration and report six questions, to which we beg leave to make reply as follows, viz.:

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"Question 2: Will Mr. Ittner have supervision of the buildings during their construction?"

"Answer: Mr. Ittner stated to the board when he appeared before it that he would supervise the building during their construction, and in the judgment of this committee he should be given the work of supervision as well as the work of designing.

"Question 3: Will Mr. Ittner submit plans complete with equipment and without equipment?"

"Answer: We have no doubt Mr. Ittner will submit plans both ways if it is the desire of the board, and any contract entered into with him shall so provide. It is easily possible, however, that the board may find that there is no need in the interest of economy and proper efficiency for specially designed equipment."

"Question 4: Will the committee reject all plans which go beyond the money available and not touch our present borrowing capacity?"

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the question was called for and asked the board to retire with him in executive session. This session lasted for half an hour.

Minor business was disposed of when the board met again in open session, including the setting of dates for school inspections in the future. These trips will be made next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Behind Closed Doors

A half hour meeting then Mr. McIlhenny, President Boyd and Mr. Ittner met with the board. President Stamm opened this part of the meeting with the following explanation to the voters:

"I had some information for the board members which I thought they ought to have. I read to them in executive session a statement made to me by Mr. Ittner. A few days ago it came to my ears that some opposition to Mr. Ittner had been raised on the ground that he had conferred with George W. McIlhenny, I know of no reason why they should not confer. I wired Mr. Ittner about the matter and he wired back he would be here on Wednesday."

"His statement was put in writing and I presented that statement to the board before the members voted on Mr. Lloyd. Mr. Ittner, Mr. McIlhenny and two others know what it contains."

Ittner on the Floor

Mr. Ittner at once took the floor. "I had no idea it had become public. Before it is read I want to say this. I came to this city in good faith. Before I left it was told me this board was dominated by Mr. McIlhenny and that Mr. McIlhenny was an agent of the American Seating Company. Knowing this company as I do, though a personal friendship made me president, I felt I would not tolerate this condition. When I learned that there was capital being made of my meeting Mr. McIlhenny I therefore made this statement and I prefer to withdraw rather than have the statement made public."

"I made a clean fight and saw no members excepting the president. I only saw Mr. McIlhenny on the request of my friend, the president of the American Seating Company. Though we are very friendly we never had business relations. I do not intend my friendship with Mr. Boyd has cost him some business, for I know the last two schools I have built were equipped with seats made by competitors."

Mr. Ittner again said he would rather withdraw than have the statement made public.

"I should be pleased to come into Harrisburg and build schools, but the price is too dear. If I must purchase it through the publication of that document, Mr. Ittner went on, I suggest you go back to the executive session and arrange this. On that condition I will not withdraw."

President Boyd explained his only reason for raising the question was because of his friendship for Mr. Ittner and to defend him from unjust accusation.

J. Horace McFarland, of the Municipal League, took the floor and declared he would not promise to keep quiet anything in Mr. Ittner's statement which might relate to the future of Harrisburg.

Mr. McIlhenny's request that Mr. Lloyd be called for the executive session was agreed to, and a few minutes later the second meeting behind closed doors began.

Then the final session was resumed. Time and again the five building operations which are to be done, were rearranged, giving the work to Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Ittner, but no one made a satisfactory arrangement. Motion after motion was defeated, all but one of these on a 5 to 4 vote or were no seconds. During the session the special committee was voted discharged. Three motions to adjourn were defeated, and the deadlock stood.

A half hour recess was taken although not declared by action. Once again the nine directors took their seats. Dr. Keene moved Mr. Ittner be given the designing of the girls' school and the remodeling of the Camp Curtin building and Mr. Lloyd the Junior high school and remodeling Central. There was no second.

Mr. Bacon's motion to adjourn was defeated. Dr. Keene and Mr. Werner declaring they would stay until Doom's Day unless the question was settled.

Mr. Enders made a motion to table the selection of an architect. This was lost. Dr. Yates moved Mr. Ittner's employment for the Junior high school and Camp Curtin work only. Mr. Bacon seconded. Messrs. Keene, Bretz, Boll, Boyer and Werner voted against it.

Back to the Beginning

After fifteen minutes more of similar motions, a second motion because no suitable arrangement was made, President Stamm's suggestion to submit the whole question to the board and Advisory Committee, prevailed.

Mr. Enders made the motion, Dr. Yates seconded, and it carried, Dr. Keene balloting with Messrs. Enders, Bacon, Yates and Stamm.

At the joint meeting to be called next week, all briefs submitted by city and out-of-town architects will be gone over and an effort will be made, it was said, to make a unanimous choice. On the Advisory Committee are William Jennings, George A. Shreiner, D. E. Tracy, William M. Donaldson and Francis J. Hall.

In the report the special committee stated it could not suggest any Harrisburg architect as an alternative, as requested by the School Board when Mr. Ittner was originally suggested several months ago. His appointment was recommended to be made unanimous.

The complete report follows:

"Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 15, 1917.

"To the Harrisburg School Board,

"Gentlemen: At a meeting of the joint committee consisting of the School Board and the Citizens' Advisory Committee held the afternoon of the 12th instant, we presented a report recommending the employment of William B. Ittner, of St. Louis, as the architect of the School Board in its proposed building construction. This report and recommendation was approved by your joint committee, but the School Board in regular session declined to adopt the report of the joint committee. Instead, the Board referred the matter back to this committee with the request that it recommend not only Mr. Ittner, but also a Harrisburg architect for this employment. We respectfully beg leave to report to the School Board as follows:

"In the selection of Mr. Ittner we took into account and carefully considered the merits of all of the architects that appeared before the joint committee, including all the Harrisburg architects, and without minimizing in the slightest degree the architectural ability of any of them, we were brought to the conclusion that Mr. Ittner would be recommended because of our conviction that his greatly superior training and experience practically put him in a class by himself. The taxpayers, in our judgment, are entitled to the most and the best their money can buy. We cannot, in good conscience, suggest any Harrisburg architect as an alternative. We, therefore, find ourselves unable to comply with your request, and we renew in the language of our former specific recommendation, which we hereby adopt for the purposes of this report, our recommendation that Mr. Ittner be selected, in the hope that further consideration of the whole question on the part of the members of the Board may result in a decision taking this point of view and in making Mr. Ittner's selection unanimous."

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both points with respect to Mr. Ittner. Respectfully submitted,

D. E. TRACY,
A. D. BACON,
W. M. JENNINGS,
A. C. STAMM.

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By Associated Press

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