

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
Monday Morning, April 28, 1913.

The State Board of Education was called to order by Pres. Wilson at 9:00 o'clock a. m. The member present: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Duncan, Dr. Fite and Mr. Potterf.

The consideration of the minutes of the meeting of February 28th was deferred until all members of the Board were present.

A communication from Merrill & Braniff concerning their claim to the amount of \$20.95 for premium upon the bond of W. W. Williams, former Local Treasurer and Purchasing Agent at the University, was presented. On motion by Mr. Potterf seconded by Dr. Fite that if it be found upon investigation that no premium had been paid for the time indicated the claim be allowed.

All voted aye.

Communications were read from Presidents Grant B. Grumbine and E. D. Murdaugh concerning lecturers for the summer session of the state normal schools, and upon motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Potterf, the plan suggested by Pres. Wilson for the conducting of a lecture course or local chautauqua in the normal schools, using the local talent or school people of the state and one speaker of national reputation, if the funds of the institution justified such expense, was approved.

All voted aye.

A communication from Prof. A. K. Gosson, Chairman of the Committee on Credits of the Northwestern State Normal, was read and referred to the Normal School Presidents' Council.

Moved by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Potterf that the Board fix the first meeting in June as the time for the adoption of books for the Oklahoma Teachers' Reading Circle.

All voted aye.

Communications were presented from Presidents S. W. Black of Goodwell and R. K. Robertson of Lawton of the District Agricultural Schools concerning the approval of their course towards certification of the teachers attending these schools. On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Potterf that Pres. S. W. Black be invited to appear before the State Board of Education at its next meeting and furnish the Board with information concerning his course of study, the members of his faculty and the equipment of the school.

All voted aye.

Communications from Supt. E. B. Nelson of the State Training School for Boys and James T. Wheeler, Atty., concerning the claim of R. L. Courtney was read.

No action was taken.

Pres. Grant B. Grumbine's recommendation of Miss Minnie Walls of Durant to the position of Physical Director for Women in the Northwestern State Normal at a salary of \$800.00 per annum was read, and on motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Dr. Fite was approved.

All voted aye.

Mr. Wikoff entered.

A communication from Pres. Charles Evans notifying the Board of Miss Lucy J. Hampton's acceptance of a position in Washington City and his recommendation of Miss Margaret J. Mitchell of Chickasha for Miss Hampton's position as Assistant in the Department of History in the Central Normal was presented. On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Dr. Fite, Pres. Evans' appointment of Miss Mitchell was approved.

All voted aye.

Pres. Stratton D. Brooks of the State University was invited to appear before the Board. Pres. Brooks presented the following recommendations for the approval of the Board:

- (1) The resignation of Lillian Robertson Caldwell as Director of Physical Training for Women to take effect Sept. 1, 1913.
Accepted.
- (2) The appointment of Chester Wells, Instructor in English and Journalism, for the year ending Sept. 1, 1914 at a salary of \$900.00
Approved.
- (3) The appointment of Miss Rachel Revell, Instructor in Physical Training for Women, for the year beginning Sept. 1, 1913 at a salary of \$900. per annum.
Approved.
- (4) The appointment of C. E. Hamner, Instructor in Bacteriology, from May 1, 1913 to September 1, 1914 at a salary of \$900.00
Approved.
- (5) The appointment of Joseph B. Thoburn, Instructor in History, beginning September 1, 1913 at \$900.00 per annum. Approved.

Pres. Wilson appointed Dr. Fite and Mr. Wikoff as a committee to invite the State Board of Public Affairs to come before the Board and discuss the construction of the buildings at Sulphur and Muskogee.

A communication from Supt. A. A. Stewart of Sulphur asking permission to excuse, about the 1st of June, three or four of his oral teachers who were expecting to attend a special training course, was read. On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Potterf, Supt. Stewart was granted permission to excuse the teachers and provide for conducting their classes during their absence.

All voted aye.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 to meet at 1:45.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The State Board of Education was called to order at 1:45 p. m. The members present were Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wikoff, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Potterf, and Dr. Fite.

A communication was read from Pres. Lynn Glover recommending the following:

- (1) A summer session of the University Preparatory School at Tonkawa.
- (2) Changing the name of the University Preparatory School.
- (3) The employment of Mr. E. F. Nelson as Instructor in Manual Training.

The Board took no action upon the establishment of a summer school or the change of name. On motion by Mr. Wikoff seconded by Mr. Duncan, Mr. E. F. Nelson of Tahlequah was elected Instructor in Manual Training in the University Preparatory School at Tonkawa at a salary of \$1200.00 per annum. All voted aye.

Communications from Supt. A. L. Malone of the Oklahoma State Home were presented to the Board. Upon motion by Mr. Potterf seconded by Mr. Wikoff the Secretary was instructed to wire to Mr. Malone to appear before the Board on Tuesday morning. All voted aye.

Claims from the state institutions were presented. The President appointed Mr. Potterf and Mr. Duncan as a special auditing committee to consider these claims.

The Board adjourned at 6:00 P. M.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday Morning, April 29, 1913.

The State Board of Education was called to order at the close of the committee meeting at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Members present: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wikoff, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Potterf, and Dr. Fite.

The minutes of the meeting of the State Board of Education on February 28th were read and approved.

✓ A communication from Pres. Evans asking permission to tear down the temporary Physical Training Building at Edmond and store the lumber was read, and upon motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Wikoff Pres. Evans' request was granted.

All voting aye.

The contract between Douglas Lanning and the State Board of Education by Supt. A. L. Malone providing for the establishment of a nursery at the State Home under the supervision of Mr. Lanning was read. On motion by Mr. Potterf seconded by Mr. Wikoff the contract was approved.

All voted aye.

The Board then took up the consideration of the appropriation for state aid to consolidated schools. On motion by Mr. Potterf seconded by Mr. Wikoff the President was authorized to appoint a committee upon rural and consolidated schools. Pres. Wilson appointed Mr. Potterf and Mr. Wikoff as the Committee.

Mr. Potterf, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported upon the claims upon consideration. Upon motion by Mr. Wikoff seconded by Dr. Fite the claims reported favorably were approved.

The claim of Pres. Evans for the expenses of judges and debaters in the Triangular Debate was presented. On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Dr. Fite the claim was allowed with the understanding that its allowance should not establish a precedent for the future disposal of such claims.

All voted aye.

Supt. A. A. Stewart of Sulphur appeared before the Board and explained his claim for trips to confer with Legislators. Upon motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Potterf, the claim of Supt. Stewart was allowed,

All voting aye.

The report of Dr. J. C. Mahr, State Commissioner of Health, upon conditions existing in the Boys' Training School at Pauls Valley was read, and upon motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Potterf the report was received and filed.

All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Wikoff the President was authorized to appoint an auditing committee. Mr. Wikoff and Dr. Fite were appointed members of this committee.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 o'clock to meet at 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The State Board of Education was called to order at 1:30 P. M. Members present: Mr. Wilson, Dr. Fite, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Potterf, and Mr. Wikoff.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wilson:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the State Board of Education, that we respectfully ask the Legislature now in session to pass an act placing the Boys' Training School, located at Pauls Valley; the Orphans' Home, located at Pryor; the Institute for the Feeble-Minded, located at Enid; and the Orphans' Home for the Colored, located at Taft, under a separate board composed of men peculiarly fitted for the needs of these institutions, in order that they may have more specific attention and supervision than can possibly be given by a board having so many and such varied duties as the present State Board of Education.

Upon motion by Mr. Potterf seconded by Dr. Fite the resolution was adopted. All voted aye.

Supt. A. L. Malone of the Orphans' Home was called before the Board, and the Board proceeded to the consideration of the problems involving the Home. After thoroughly considering all questions involved, Supt. Malone retired.

Mr. L. M. Frame, Mr. E. E. Morris and Mr. E. B. Howard of the State Board of Public Affairs, with Superintendents O. W. Stewart of the School for the Blind and A. A. Stewart of the School for the Deaf appeared before the Board. Mr. Howard, Secretary of the Board of Affairs, made a statement concerning the condition of the building appropriations of the School for the Blind at Muskogee and the School for the Deaf at Sulphur.

Supt. O. W. Stewart asked for the removal of the School for the Blind from Fort Gibson to Muskogee at the close of the present school term, which ends the latter part of May. He explained at length the advantages of an immediate move. On motion by Mr. Wikoff seconded by Mr. Duncan, Supt. Stewart was authorized to move as soon as practicable after the close of the present term of school. All voted aye.

Supt. A. A. Stewart explained the condition of his buildings at Sulphur and offered suggestions as to the beginning of the new building. Mr. Morrise, member of the Board of Affairs, discussed the employment of an architect to plan the buildings. He stated that no binding contract could be entered into until after the tax levy is made in July.

The Board then discussed the matter of plans and specifications for the building at Sulphur, and considered whether the old plans could be used or new ones provided. Upon motion by Mr. Wikoff seconded by Mr. Potterf the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that it is the desire of the State Board of Education that the State Board of Public Affairs make arrangements with an architect to furnish plans and specifications for the building of the School for the Deaf at Sulphur, taking into consideration the amount of money appropriated by the Legislature for such purposes, and the material in the old building and on hand, and providing for the use of the same to the best advantage.

All voted aye.

Moved by Mr. Duncan seconded by Dr. Fite that the next meeting of the Board be held on the 16th and 17th of May.

All voted aye.

Supt. A. L. Malone appeared before the Board and presented his resignation as Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Fryor. On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Wikoff the resignation was accepted to take effect May 15, 1913.

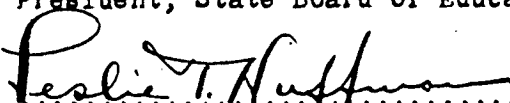
All voted aye.

A communication from Pres. I. E. Page of Langston concerning Dr. A. J. Jordan and the conditions existing in the Nurse Training Department of the C. A. and N. University at Langston was read. Moved by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Wikoff that since it is reported to the State Board of Education by Pres. Page that there are no students taking the course in the Nurse Training Department of the C. A. and N. University that such department is hereby, from this date, temporarily discontinued and the services of the head of the Nurse Training Department is terminated with said discontinuance.

All voted aye.

The Board adjourned at 5:30 P. M.


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President, State Board of Education,


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Secretary, State Board of Education.