

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday Morning, June 19, 1913.

The State Board of Education met at nine o'clock a. m. Members present: Messrs. Wilson, Duff, Duncan, Fite, Hester, Potterf and Wikoff.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Hester, July 1, 1913 was set as the date for the next meeting of the Board of Education.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Duff, the Secretary was instructed to notify the presidents and superintendents of the several state institutions that the Board would complete the faculties of such institutions at the meeting on July 1st, and that all reports for the past year of estimates of expenditures for the coming year should be presented at that time.

All voting aye.

Pres. Stratton D. Brooks of the State University appeared before the Board and made the following recommendations:

- (1) That the action fixing Professor VanVleet's salary at \$2100.00 be rescinded and that the salary be fixed for the year ending September 1, 1914 at \$2300.00
- (2) That Prof. F. C. Kent, Associate Professor of Mathematics, be transferred from appointment on tenure to appoint for one year, and that his salary for the school year ending September 1, 1914 be fixed at the rate of \$1600.00
- (3) That Frank L. Weaver be appointed Instructor in Civil Engineering for the school year ending September 1, 1914 at a salary of \$900.
- (4) That L. B. Rice be appointed Professor of Physiology to date from September 1, 1913 at a salary of \$1700.00
- (5) That Gus L. Huey be appointed Engineer for the year ending September 1, 1914 at a salary of \$900.00
- (6) That the following persons be appointed in the Medical School at Oklahoma City to serve with the ranks specified to date from September 1, 1913:

Archa Kelley West, Professor of Medicine,  
 Wm. James Jolly, Professor of Surgery,  
 Edmund S. Ferguson, Prof. of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases,  
 John Archer Hatchett, Prof. of Obstetrics and Gynecology,  
 Lauren Haynes Buxton, Prof. of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases,  
 Robert Mayburn Howard, Associate Prof. of Surgery,  
 John Wm. Riley, Associate Prof. of Surgery,  
 Horace Reed, Associate Prof. of Surgery,  
 Abraham Lincoln Blesh, Associate Prof. of Surgery,  
 Curtis Richard Day, Associate Prof. of Genito-Urinary, Venereal Skin Diseases,  
 George Althouse LaMotte, Associate Prof. of Medicine  
 Lewis Jefferson Moorman, Associate Prof. of Medicine

Lee Armistead Riely, Associate Prof. of Medicine  
 Antonio DeBoard Young, Associate Prof. Nervous and Mental Diseases  
 Edward Francis Davis, Assoc. Prof. of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases  
 John Smith Hartford, Assoc. Prof. of Gynecology  
 Harry Coulter Todd, Assoc. Prof. of Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Diseases  
 Samuel Robt. Cunningham, Assistant Prof. of Gynecology  
 Robert Elmore Looney, Assistant Prof. of Obstetrics  
 Millington Smith, Assistant Prof. of Surgery  
 William Richard Bevan, Assistant Prof. of Obstetrics  
 Robert Lord Hull, Asst. Prof. of Orthopedic Surgery  
 Joseph Fife Messenbaugh, Asst. Prof. of Children's Diseases  
 William Merrit Taylor, Asst. Prof. of Children's Diseases  
 Leigh Festus Watson, Asst. Prof. of Surgery  
 John Frederick Kuhn, Assistant Professor of Surgery  
 Everett Samuel Lain, Asst. Prof. Electro-Therapy and Radiography.  
 Curt Otto Von Wedel, Assistant Professor of Surgery,  
 Arthur Anderson Will, Assistant Professor of Rectal Surgery  
 Joseph Thomas Martin, Assistant Prbf. of Children's Diseases  
 Edgar Elmer Rice, Assistant Prof. of Gynecology  
 Ralph Vernon Smith, Assistant Professor of Surgery  
 Frank Burner Sorgatz, Assistant Professor of Medicine  
 Richard Leland Foster, Assistant Professor of Medicine  
 Arthur Weaver White, Assistant Professor of Medicine

- (7) That the following named persons be appointed to serve at the rank specified for the school year ending September 1, 1914: Casriel J. Fishman, Instructor in Clinical Microscopy, Thomas Craig Burns, Instructor in Nervous Diseases.
- (8) That the salaries of teachers in the School of Medicine at Oklahoma City be fixed at the following rates for the school year ending September 1, 1914: Professors and Associate Professors \$2.50 per credit hour; Assistant Professors \$2.00 per credit hour; Instructors \$1.50 per credit hour; Supervisor of the Laboratory of Clinical Microscopy, \$50. per month of actual service.
- (9) That the unexpended balance collected from students in the Medical Department of Oklahoma City, amounting to fifty per cent of the original fees be refunded to the students.
- (10) That instead of Prof. A. C. Parsons being placed upon the regular salary schedule, his salary be fixed as at present, namely: \$2,000. per year without additional compensation for the summer school. Therefore, that the previous action fixing his salary at \$1800. be rescinded and that his salary be fixed for the year beginning September 1, 1913, at the rate of \$2000. without additional compensation for summer school service.
- (11) That the following regulation be adopted:  
 Leave of absence on half pay for a period not exceeding one year may be granted by the President of the University, to any teacher above the rank of instructor who has completed seven years of service as teacher in

the University, provided the time shall be given to study and travel approved by the President of the University, and provided further that said teacher shall file with the University a bond guaranteeing to remain in the employ of the University three years after the expiration of said leave of absence, or to refund one third of the amount received during the leave of absence for each of the three years that he does not so remain.

- (12) That the payments be made as specified below for extra work during the summer session, in connection with planing and supervising the construction of the heating and power plant: To James Houston Felgar for the general supervision and for detailed plans of the steam heating and power \$200.; To Herbert Bancroft Dwight for the architectural plans of the building \$200.; To James Irwin Tucker for planning and supervising a conduit system, and for the construction of a water system \$200.; To Harold Veatch Boszell for planning and supervising the installation of the electrical work \$200. All of said amount to be charged against the appropriation for building.
- (13) Herewith I desire to report that the plans for University extension include the following work: 1, Public Discussion Groups; 2, Correspondence work; 3, Public Information and Welfare; 4, Extension Lectures; 5, Extension classes; 6, High School Debating.  
In order to carry on this work, it will be necessary to collect and expend from local sources amount sufficient to pay for express, postage, traveling, clerical service, correcting of papers, and other items. I desired approval of the outline of work submitted, and the granting of authority to collect and expend such amounts as may be necessary for the conduct of the work.
- (14) That Professor Harold Veatch Boszell, Director of the School of Electrical Engineering, be granted permission to attend the National Convention of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, at Cooperstown N. Y. at the expense of the University,

- (15) That Assistant Professor B. F. Tanner, be allowed to attend at the expense of the University, the Speech Arts Convention to be held at Washington, D. C.

On motion by Mr. Wikoff seconded by Mr. Hester, the above recommendations of President Brooks were approved and the request of Professor Burton F. Tanner for expenses for the purpose of attending the Speech Arts Convention held at Washington, D. C. was not allowed.

All voting aye.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Duncan, the President of the State University was instructed to inform Dr. A. L. Blash that the State Board of Education is not satisfied with his professional standing as now existing and hereby removes him from the tenure list reserving the right to terminate his services unless conditions are immediately improved.

All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Dr. Fite, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of three, who, with the Chairman of the Board, should make suitable recognition of Dr. Julian C. Monnet's services as Acting-President of the State University during the year 1911-12.

President Wilson appointed Mr. Duff, Mr. Potterf and Dr. S. D. Brooks.

President Wilson offered the following resolution:

✓ BE IT RESOLVED by the State Board of Education that it is the sense of this Board that all teachers, instructors, and professors shall serve from September first to September first; and Further, that all new employees shall begin to draw pay September first and that all retiring employees continue to serve and draw pay until September first, unless removed by the State Board of Education or upon resignation; and Further, that all increases in salary begin September first.

On motion by Mr. Wikoff seconded by Mr. Duff, the resolution was adopted. All voting aye.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Duncan, President Lym Glover's recommendation of Miss Marie Whinery as Assistant in Piano and Assistant in Girls' Physical Training at \$75. a month was approved. All voted aye.

The Board recessed at 12:45 until 2:00 p. m.

#### Afternoon Session

The Board was called to order Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. All members were present.

Pres, Stratton D. Brooks and Dr. Edwin DeBarr appeared before the Board. Dr. DeBarr explained the fees charged by him as Director of the Public Health and pure Food Laboratories; also private fees charged by him for analyses and as expert witness in court cases. Dr. DeBarr informed the Board of his absences from class work when called as witness. After discussion with the Board, Dr. Brooks and Dr. DeBarr retired.

Messrs. J. C. Finch, Walker Moore and J. M. Sugdon of Weatherford appeared before the Board and stated their objections to the retention of Pres. U. J. Griffith as Head of the Southwestern State Normal. Mr. Finch filed affidavits and Mr. Moore presented the application of Mr. U. R. Campbell for the Presidency of the Southwestern State Normal, after which they retired. No action was taken.

The resignation of Dr. George E. Ladd as President of the School of Mines at Wilburton was read. On motion by Mr. Wikoff seconded by Mr. Duncan the resignation was accepted, to take effect July 1, 1913.

All voted aye.

Senator E. T. Sorrells, Supt. A. A. O'Malley and Prof. J. J. Brown Jr., of Wilburton appeared before the Board and spoke concerning the vacancy in the Presidency of the School of Mines. Senator Sorrells and Supt. A. A. O'Malley recommended Professor Brown for the position as President of the School of Mines. Professor Brown explained to the Board the contention that had arisen between him and Dr. George E. Ladd.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wikoff presiding, the special committee appointed to visit the School of Mines was further instructed at this time to select while there a suitable man for Chairman of the faculty and after receiving and checking the report of Dr. Ladd, to place such Chairman of the faculty in charge until further action by the Board with the understanding that this appointment will have no bearing, whatever, upon the final selection of a President of the School of Mines.

Motion seconded by Mr. Duff. All voted aye.

Mr. A. W. Gilliland was called before the Board. Mr. Gilliland asked the Board for an investigation of his qualifications as a normal school instructor, and if the Board found his work satisfactory, that he be given a position in one of the state normal schools.

No action was taken.

Mr. V. E. Kendall of Durant appeared before the Board and informed them of the conditions existing at Durant, especially with reference to Pres. E. D. Murdaugh of the Southeastern State Normal. He advised the Board that the head of the institution should not be retained and named his reasons,

No action taken.

Pres. E. D. Murdaugh appeared before the Board. He explained his faculty nominations and stated that he would withdraw his recommendation against Mr. Gilliland, provided a transfer to another school could be arranged for him.

The Board recessed at six o'clock.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Friday Morning, June 20, 1913.

The State Board of Education met Friday morning at nine o'clock.  
Members present: Messrs. Wilson, Duff, Duncan, Fite, Hester, Potterf and Wikoff.

President Wilson offered the following resolutions:

(First) In order to expedite business and at the same time give each party an equal opportunity,

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Board of Education that in the future we require all matters coming before this Board for consideration to be presented in writing, and except on extraordinary occasions, will we permit propositions to be presented to the Board verbally;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all parties desiring to appear before the Board on business shall, in a very brief way, set forth in writing their requests for such audience, stating as definitely as practicable the nature of such business.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Dr. Fite, the resolution was approved. All voting aye.

(Second) BE IT RESOLVED by the State Board of Education that we request the presidents and superintendents of all the institutions coming under the management and control of this Board to present to the Board at its meeting July 1, 1913, all matters including faculty nominations which will need attention before the opening of school in September; and

FURTHER, that we request a statement of the appropriation for the institution for the year 1913-14, together with the plan of its disbursement, first as to salaries; second, as to fuel, etc. etc., until it is clearly shown to the Board a detailed account of the proposed expenditure of all moneys appropriated;

It is further requested that seven copies of this financial report be furnished to the Secretary of the Board not later than Saturday, the 28th of June, in order that he may furnish a copy to each member of the Board of Education.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Dr. Fite, the resolution was approved. All voting aye.

(Third) BE IT RESOLVED by the State Board of Education that all presidents and superintendents, who have not made an annual statement of the conditions of their institutions, are requested to do so and furnish same to the Secretary of the Board not later than June 28, 1913, and that this report be furnished in seven copies.

On motion by Dr. Fite seconded by Mr. Duff, the resolution was adopted. All voting aye.

A communication from Harlow-Ratliff Printing Company concerning the advertising of the state schools in the Tucker-Bunn School Code was read. On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Duff, the President and Secretary were authorized to approve requisitions of one-half page each for such advertising.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Duncan the Board proceeded with the adoption of books for the Oklahoma Teachers' Reading Circle. All voting aye.

Bids were offered by the following companies:

- The MacMillan Company, Dallas, Texas
- Silvert, Burdette and Company, Chicago
- Ginn and Company, Dallas, Texas
- World Book Company, Yonkers, N. Y.
- Rand, McNally & Company, Chicago
- The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis
- Newson and Company, New York City
- The American Book Company, Chicago
- Little, Brown and Company, Boston
- Houghton-Nifflin Company, Boston.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Duncan, "Psychology and Psychic Culture" by Halleck published by the American Book Company of Chicago, was adopted, price \$1.25

All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Potterf, "Everyday Problems in Teaching" by M. V. O'Shea, published by the Bobbs-Merrill Company of Indianapolis, was adopted, price \$.90

All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Dr. Fite, "The History of Modern Elementary Education" by Parker, published by Ginn and Company of Dallas, Texas was adopted, price \$1.20

All voted aye.

The Special committee, Mr. Duncan Chairman, Mr. Potterf and Dr. Fite, appointed to visit the State Training School at Pauls Valley made their report concerning the conditions at that school. On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duff, the report was adopted and ordered filed.

All voting aye.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Potterf, Dr. Fite and Mr. Duncan were named as a committee to make rules governing the reception and medical inspection of children admitted to the State Training School for Boys, the State Home, Institution for the Feeble-Minded, Colored Orphans' Home.

All voted aye.

A communication was read from Mr. C. L. Berry, inventor of the Insignia System of Education, asking for a hearing before the Board. On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duncan, Mr. Berry was asked to submit a brief on his system and a bid at the regular time for the adoption of text-books, July 15, 1913.

All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Duncan the State Board of Education asked the Legislature for an appropriation of \$12,500.00 per annum for the per diem, salaries and expenses of the State Board of Education.

All voted aye.

The following recommendations of Supt. O. W. Stewart of the Oklahoma School for the Blind were read:

Miss Venia Reece, Teacher in Grades, salary \$450.00

Mr. Sessler Hoss, M. D. Physician, to be paid for services rendered.

On motion by Dr. Fite seconded by Mr. Wikoff, the recommendations were approved. All voted aye.

The following recommendations of Pres. W. E. Gill of the Northeastern State Normal were read:

Gertrude Bond, Instructor in Music for June and July at \$75. a month;

Dr. Emmet Start, Librarian, Services begin September first, \$75. a month;

L. P. Whitcomb, Instructor in Manual Training, \$1400.00 per annum;  
 Alice Kirkbride, Critic Teacher for June and July, 1913;  
 W. L. Tackett, Yard Man for July, 1913.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Duff, President Gill's recommendations were approved.

All voted aye.

The recommendation of Pres. Grant B. Brumbine of Miss Etta Bilby as Instructor in Piano at a salary of \$900. per annum was read. On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Duff, Miss Bilby was declared elected.

All voted aye.

The Board recessed at twelve o'clock.

#### Afternoon Session

The State Board of Education met at 2:15 All members were present.

Dr. Fite reported the condition of the water supply at Tahlequah. The Board requested Dr. Fite to present his report in typewritten form to be filed at a later meeting.

The Special Committee, Mr. Wikoff Chairman, appointed to visit the State Home at Pryor, gave an oral report upon the conditions in that institution. The Board asked the committee to present their report in typewritten form to be filed at a later meeting of the Board.

State Auditor, J. C. McClelland, was invited to appear before the Board. President Wilson stated that the Board wished to discuss with Mr. McClelland the Perkins' claim for salary while on leave of absence under the regulations of the Board of Education. Mr. McClelland stated that he would pay claims for salaries to the teachers of the state schools when on a leave of absence under the regulations of the Board; provided, that the resolution of the State Board of Education authorizing such a leave of absence be attached to the claim when presented to him.

On motion by Dr. Fite seconded by Mr. Duff, the claim of Mr. M. L. Perkins for salary while on leave of absence under a former resolution of the State Board of Education was approved.

All voted aye.

The Board then proceeded to consider the applications for the position of Superintendent of the Oklahoma State Home at Pryor.

Moved by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Hester, that whoever is elected to the position of Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Pryor begin services on



September 1, 1913, and before taking charge he shall visit institutions of like character in other states and the information that he obtains in regard to the management of such institutions shall be presented to the Board of Education in typewritten form before he shall assume his duties on September 1, 1913.

All voted aye.

✓ Moved by Dr. Fite seconded by Mr. Duncan that the position of Superintendent of the State Home at Pryor be tendered to Senator Gid Graham, services to begin September 1, 1913, in accordance with the resolution previously adopted by the Board.

All voted aye.

The Secretary was authorized to notify book companies submitting bids that deposits should be made in accordance with the provisions of the rules and regulations adopted by the Board in 1912.

Pres. J. B. Eskridge of the Oklahoma College for Women was invited to appear before the Board. He recommended Miss Eva M. Wier as Teacher of Voice in the Oklahoma College for Women.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Hester, President Eskridge's recommendation was approved.

All voting aye.

Dr. Eskridge spoke to the Board concerning the course of study, enrollment, etc. at the Oklahoma College for Women.

Senator Gid Graham was invited before the Board and informed of their action in tendering to him the position of Superintendent of the Oklahoma State Home.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Duff, the Committee on Rural and Consolidated Schools was authorized by the State Board of Education to make rules and regulations for the distribution of the \$100,000. appropriated for aid to consolidated schools under the provisions of Chapter 112, Session Laws of 1911; to pass upon the sufficiency of the proofs of all districts applying for a share in this apportionment; and to approve the claims of all districts complying with the provisions of this law.

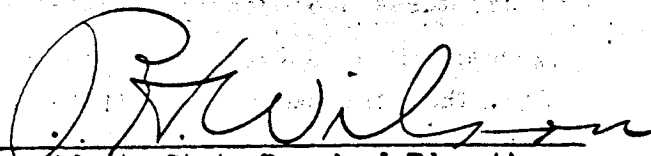
All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Dr. Fite, the committee on certification was authorized to make such revision of the rules and regulations governing the issuance of state certificates as they might deem best.

All voted aye.

The Board adjourned.

Oklahoma City.

  
President, State Board of Education.

  
Secretary, State Board of Education.