

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
At Sulphur, Oklahoma, October 7, 1913.

Pursuant to a call by the President of the State Board of Education, the Board met in Sulphur at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. All members were present except Mr. Duff.

The Board proceeded to the building site, inspected the old buildings which had previously been condemned, from there they went to the School for the Deaf and visited as many of the class rooms as possible, after which, in company with Superintendent Read and Principal Scott, the Board took automobiles for the purpose of viewing the town of Sulphur.

After dinner, the Board met in the parlor of the Artesian Hotel. The Board was called to order by the President. Superintendent Read was called upon to report the condition of his school. This he did very much to the satisfaction and enlightenment of the Board members present.

The question of sewerage, water supply, drive-way and side walks for the school was discussed by different members of the Board, after which Mr. Hester and Mr. Potterf and Dr. Fite were appointed a committee to confer with the Mayor of Sulphur on Wednesday morning, the 8th, relative to the site, sewerage, water supply, walks, etc. This committee will report to the Board at its next meeting.

The matter of looking after an orphan, who had been placed in a home by Mr. Malone without adoption and who had been kicked by a horse and is now in the hospital at Muskogee, was presented by Dr. Fite. On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Hester, Dr. Fite was instructed to look after the boy and see that he had proper medical attention, etc. After which motion, Dr. Fite offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of the State Home at Pryor is hereby advised and instructed that ninety days is sufficient time for an applicant to be allowed the custody of a child or children who are in the Orphans' Home at Pryor for the purpose of determining whether or not said applicant desires to adopt into his home such child or children; and that he is further instructed to ascertain immediately the names of all children now being kept by applicants who have had them longer than ninety days and to see that said parties either adopt and become responsible for such children or return them to the Home immediately.

The Board of Education does not approve and forbids the continuance of a plan that permits applicants to keep children out of the Home indefinitely without adoption. The Superintendent is hereby requested to make a report giving the names of all children who have been adopted out of the Home, the name and address of the parties adopting them, as well as those who are out at present without adoption, together with the name and address of the person or persons in whose homes they are at present, giving in each case the length of time such children have been out of the Home.

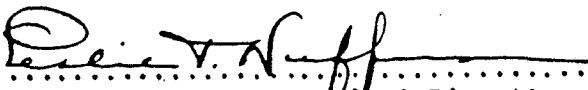
Motion seconded by Mr. Potterf and passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at eleven o'clock p. m. to meet in Oklahoma City, Friday, October the 24th.

Sulphur, Oklahoma.



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President, State Board of Education.



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Secretary, State Board of Education.