

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday Morning, March 10, 1914.

The State Board of Education met in their office in the Mercantile Building Tuesday morning, March the 10th, 1914. All members were present: Messrs. Wilson, Wikoff, Potterf, Hester, Fite, Duncan and Duff.

The State Board of Education convened as a Text Book Commission.

Mr. Potterf presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, heretofore, towit: on the 3rd day of January 1914, in the District Court of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, in certain several causes of action, styled W. H. Wheeler & Company v. Robert H. Wilson et al, No. 14566; Silver, Burdett & Company v. State Board of Education, No. 14562; Colonial Book Company v. State Board of Education No. 14565; Scott, Foresman & Company v. State Board of Education, No. 14564; John Allyn & George A. Bacon v. State Board of Education No. 14563; Atkinson, Mentzer & Company v. State Board of Education, No. 14561; Charles Scribner's Sons v. State Board of Education No. 14560, peremptory writs of mandamus were issued, commanding the members of this Board, and each of them to approve certain pretended contracts declared upon in said actions, and,

WHEREAS, said causes have been, by all members of this Board, except R. H. Wilson, appealed to the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, in said causes did, on the 14th day of January 1914 supersede and stay the execution of said peremptory writs of mandamus, upon the condition that this Board, sitting as a Text Book Commission, suspend all further proceeding looking towards the adoption of text books for the State of Oklahoma until said causes are finally heard in the Supreme Court,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the State Board of Education does hereby adjourn as a Text Book Commission from this 10th day of March, 1914 until the 24th day of March, 1914, and that all proceedings looking toward the adoption of text books be postponed until said date, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in postponing the proceedings looking to the adoption of text books until said date, it is the purpose of the Board to retain in effect all proceedings heretofore taken by this Board, looking to the adoption of text books on the 14th day of January 1914, and that the rights and privileges of all parties and proceedings are hereby preserved in statu quo until said meeting on the 24th day of March, 1914.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all bids heretofore received by this Board under the advertisement providing for the adoption of text books on the 14th day of January, 1914, shall be kept unopened and securely

locked by the Secretary and that no person be permitted to have access to the same, and that no consideration of the same by this Board shall take place until said meeting on the 24th day of March, 1914.

On motion by Mr. Potterf seconded by Dr. Fite the resolution was adopted. Members voting aye: Messrs. Wilson Wikoff, Potterf, Hester, Duncan, Duff and Fite.

The Board then adjourned as a Text Book Commission.

The minutes of the meeting of the State Board of Education on February 24, 1914 were read and approved.

Communications were read from Pres. Lynn Glover of the University Preparatory School at Tonkawa notifying the Board of the suspension of George Danenhour, F. A. Balcer and B. Chapman.

A telegram was read from George W. Fields, Jr., announcing the resignations of Sallie Gray, George W. Fields, Jr., T. E. Deihl, Bertha A. Fuller, Laura Lewis, Ida Giddings and Charlotta Markham, employees of the State Home at Pryor.

Communication was read from Pres. E. D. Murdaugh recommending first, that the salary of T. T. Montgomery, Instructor in the Summer School, be raised to \$150.00 per month; Second, that E. L. Rodman be elected as instructor for the summer normal at a salary of \$100.00 per month.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Hester, President Murdaugh's recommendations were approved.

All voted aye.

The following recommendations of Pres. G. W. Gable of the Northeastern State Normal were presented:

First, that Wade H. Shumate be elected substitute teacher in the department of education at a salary of \$1400.00 per annum; Second, that T. L. Ballinger be elected Head of the History Department of the Northeastern State Normal at a salary of \$1400.00 per annum.

No action was taken.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hester:

RESOLVED that it is the sense of the State Board of Education that in all state normal schools, except the Central State Normal, in cases of resignations of members of the faculties between the present time and May 15th where such resignations do not exceed three that such vacancies be not filled and that the money so saved be expended for use in the summer schools and that the presidents of the several state normal schools report any vacancy to the Board before placing any one in the position.

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duff the resolution was adopted.

Communication was read from Acting-President E. P. Barrett of the School of Mines recommending the election of Mr. V. B. Hinsch to the position of Professor of Mining in the School of Mines at a salary of \$1800.00 per annum.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Hester the recommendation was laid on the table.

All voted aye.

Supt. Frank Read of the School for the Deaf at Sulphur appeared before the Board and presented the following: First, suggested changes in the plans of the buildings being erected at Sulphur which were referred by the Board to the Board of Public Affairs; Second, Supt. Read recommended the employment of a stenographer to assist in the office work. On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duncan the recommendation was approved.

All voted aye.

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 Second, that the Superintendent and three or four of his staff make a canvass of the State exhibiting the work done in the School for the Deaf with a view to locating and securing additional pupils and advertising the school, that the itineracy be made some time during the summer after the school closes.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Potterf the recommendation was approved. All voted aye.

Supt. Stewart invited the members of the Board to attend the Choral Entertainment to be given at his institution Friday, March the 13th.

Pres. C. W. Briles of the East Central State Normal appeared before the Board and spoke concerning his recommendation for the Head of the English Department in his institution and stated his reasons for not being able to distribute the work of the English Department among the other instructors. He informed the Board that he had, at the time the vacancy occurred, appointed Mr. N. B. Malloy as substitute teacher pending the action of the Board.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Hester that inasmuch as the presidents had been given authority to make temporary appointments with the approval of the President of the State Board of Education that President Briles be permitted to continue the temporary arrangement until the close of the present term. All voted aye.

Moved by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duff that the Secretary request the Presidents of the State Normal Schools to furnish to each member of the Board the following information: First, the actual attendance at each institution on the 10th day of March; Second, the number of students in each of the six years in actual attendance on the 10th day of March; Third, the number of classes of each member of the faculty on the 10th day of March; Fourth, the number of students in each class on the 10th day of March.

All voted aye.

The Board recessed.

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Tuesday Afternoon, March 10, 1914.

The Board was called to order at two o'clock. Members present: Messrs. Wilson, Wikoff, Potterf, Hester, Fite, Duncan and Duff.

Mr. Potterf presented telegrams from two citizens of Durant in behalf of Mr. A. C. Haden, State Agent for the Orphans' Home at Pryor. He also presented a communication from Supt. Graham accompanied by a report of the inmates of the State Home who own property, personal or real, with the location of such property. Mr. Potterf informed the Board of the result of his conference with Assistant Attorney General Moore on the advisability of the postponement of the book adoption to March the 24th 1914.

Supt. F. O. Hays of Alva appeared before the Board and demonstrated a reading and number device and asked the approval of the Board for the sale of the device. No action was taken.

Dr. Fite informed the Board of the result of the meeting of himself and Dr. C. R. Day with the Medical Legislative Committee at Chicago. He reported that the University Medical School had been left in Class B of the American Medical Association.

The claim of Supt. W. L. Kendall for trip to Washington and New York to study methods in the management of the Institute for the Feeble Minded was presented, also the claim of Pres. J. B. Eskridge for expenses incurred in attending the meeting of the Department of Superintendents at Richmond.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Wikoff the claims were approved. All voted aye.

Communication was read from Pres. Charles Evans concerning the beginning of the services of the members of the faculties of the state schools. No action was taken.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Potterf the Board adjourned to March the 24th, 1914.

All voted aye.

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