

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Saturday Morning, April 25, 1914.

The State Board of Education met at ten o'clock. Members present: Messrs. Wilson, Duncan, Duff and Hester.

Prof. George W. Muhleman of the Oklahoma Methodist University of Guthrie appeared before the Board and asked that his institution be placed upon the list of accredited schools in order that the graduates completing the course in education be entitled to the issuance of state certificates.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Duncan the President and Secretary were instructed to investigate the courses offered by the Oklahoma Methodist University and the qualifications of the members of the faculty and report to the Board for action.

All voted aye.

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

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- 1 (129) I recommend that Prof. H. V. Bozell be authorized to attend at the expense of the University, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at Detroit, Michigan, June 22-26, and to visit the educational departments of the General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Company at Schenectady, New York, and Pittsburg, Pa.
- 2 (130) In accordance with your request, I recommend that the title of Miss Louisa Brooke, Assistant Professor of English and Adviser of Women, be changed to that of Assistant Professor of English, and that she be granted leave of absence without pay from September 1, 1914, to September 1, 1915.
- 3 (131) Subject to your approval, I have assigned Frank Bruner Sorgatz, Assistant Professor of Medicine, to serve as Assistant Professor of Histology and Pathology during the school year, beginning September 1, 1914. I recommend that his salary be fixed at the rate of \$1,000.00 per year.
4. (132) Subject to your approval, I have appointed the following named persons to the rank and at the salary specified in each case for the school year beginning September 1, 1914, to September 1, 1915:

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| John Taylor, Instructor in English | \$900.00 |
| Mollie Peterson, Instructor in Art | 900.00 |
| William H. Emig, Instructor in Biology | 900.00 |
- 5 (133) Subject to your approval, I have appointed the following named persons to the rank and salary specified in each case, to begin September 1, 1914, and to be advanced upon their respective schedules each year thereafter in accordance with their established rates:

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| Elizabeth Church, Asst. Prof. of English & Advise of Women | \$1300. |
| Andrew Robert Ramey, Assistant Professor of English | 1200. |

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

All voted aye.

Attorney J. B. Dudley of Norman, representing Dr. Davis Boyd, appeared before the Board and presented a proposal for the exchange of land belonging to the University as follows:

"To the Honorable State Board of Education
of the State of Oklahoma. Norman, Oklahoma

Gentlemen:

I cannot accept the proposition which you submitted to me several days ago with reference to the exchange of certain property of mine for Section 36, Township 9 North of Range 3 West, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, but in lieu thereof and as a substitute for the original proposition which I submitted, I submit the following proposition:

I hereby propose to exchange lots 13, 14, and 15 and the West 232 feet of South half Lot, 10 and West 232 ft. of all of Lot 11 of Elmwood Addition to the City of Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, together with the improvements thereon, and the South East Quarter of the South East Quarter, and the East half of the South West Quarter of the South East Quarter of Section Thirty-one (31) Township Nine (9) North, Range Two (2) West of the I. M., Cleveland County, Oklahoma, containing 60 acres, and furnish abstract of title thereto showing good and marketable title therefor, for Section Thirty-six (36), Township Nine (9) North, Range Three (3) West of the I. M., Cleveland County, Oklahoma, you to furnish abstract showing good and marketable title in said section. You are to take proper and legal steps to determine the rights of the lessees of said section, the amount of the award to be paid by me when ascertained:

Provided, however, that you will prosecute at my expense an appeal from the award if I so request, and provided further that before any steps are taken by you to determine the rights of the lessees I be given a reasonable time to make settlement with said lessees personally, and that you take no steps looking toward the settlement of the rights of the lessees until notified in writing by me.

The 1914 taxes which may be legally levied and assessed against the property which I propose to exchange for said Section is to be paid by you.

If this proposition is accepted, a written contract covering the same is to be entered into between us within thirty days from the date of the acceptance of this proposition.

David R. Boyd
By J. B. Dudley
His Attorney"

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Duncan the proposition of Dr. Boyd was accepted, subject to the approval of the three absent members of the Board (Messrs. Wikoff, Potterf and Fite) provided that Dr. Boyd should pay all costs of settling the claims of lessees and also the costs of appeals, should such be taken by either party in the settlements of these claims.

All voted aye.

President Brooks was requested to submit Mr. Dudley's proposition to the absent members of the State Board of Education for their consideration.

Pres. C. W. Briles of the East Central State Normal appeared before the Board and presented a proposition for the building of a dormitory at that institution by the Department of the Interior.

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duff the proposition of the Department of the Interior as presented by Pres. Briles was accepted and a committee authorized to be appointed to draw up a resolution concerning the acceptance of the proposition.

All voted aye.

Pres. Wilson appointed Mr. Hester of the Board to act with President Briles in the forming of the resolution, which was presented as follows:

WHEREAS, The Department of the Interior has removed, or proposes to remove, the restrictions on a portion of the homestead allotment of Daniel Hays, and to sell the same at public auction, and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Interior proposes from the proceeds of said sale to build two dormitories upon a portion of the land reserved for that purpose to be used for the benefit and convenience of the pupils of East Central State Normal, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Hays in his application for removal of restrictions has agreed that the said Department of the Interior shall retain control of said dormitories, and

WHEREAS tentative plans and specifications drawn by E. J. Peters, an architect of Shawnee, Oklahoma, have been presented showing a Girls' Dormitory with two stories and basement constructed of fireproof material, reinforced concrete throughout or reinforced concrete floors and brick walls, the same containing thirty-three (33) rooms, each designed for the accommodation of two students and a Boys' Dormitory containing twenty-five rooms, constructed in the same manner as that just described. The said buildings to be heated with steam and rooms provided with hot and cold water, and

WHEREAS, the said Department of the Interior proposes from the proceeds of the sale of the said land to provide each room with heavy furniture including bedsteads and springs, study table, dresser and three chairs,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the State of Oklahoma having in charge the management and control of the said East Central State Normal, hereby authorizes and instructs the President of the said East Central State Normal and his successor in office to lease from the said Department of the Interior the dormitories herein described for a period of two years, commencing July 1st after

the completion of said buildings and that the said Pres. Charles W. Briles, or his successor in office, is hereby authorized and instructed to assume control of the management of the said dormitories in such manner as will make them self-supporting, and that the said Charles W. Briles, or his successor in office, is hereby authorized and instructed to pay to the Department of the Interior the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month for the use of said buildings herein referred to, and that if the amount herein specified is not realized from the dormitories that he is hereby authorized and instructed to pay whatever deficit may arise from the maintenance fund appropriated by the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma for the said East Central State Normal.

The said President of the East Central State Normal, Charles W. Briles, or his successors in office, is further instructed to pay to the Department of the Interior the sum of Four Dollars (\$4.00) per month for each room which may be occupied, during the actual time of its occupancy. From the time of the completion of the building to the date of commencing the lease referred to above.

Signed - R. H. Wilson
President, State Board of Education of Oklahoma.

Leslie T. Huffman
Secretary, State Board of Education of Oklahoma.

The Board then proceeded to the consideration of matters relating to the text book adoption. President Wilson presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the State Board of Education, that the Secretary of the Board be hereby directed to notify the State Treasurer to return to the respective book companies bidding in the adoption just closed and not receiving contracts from the Text Book Commission all earnest money deposited in the State Treasury by these companies, and

FURTHER, that the State Treasurer be notified to return to the respective companies receiving contracts the earnest money deposited by them as soon as their bonds have been approved and the contracts signed.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Duff the resolution was adopted. All voted aye.

The following statement was made by Mr. Wilson: " I wish to withdraw my motion to reconsider the adoption of Myer's Ancient History and Myer's Mediaeval and Modern History for the reason that I have investigated the charges made against certain subject material in those texts and have found that the complaints were not well founded."

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duncan the contracts of the following companies were approved and ordered signed on behalf of the Board by the Governor:

American Book Company
 D. Appleton & Company
 Atkinson, Mentzer & Company
 Ginn & Company
 Henry Holt & Company
 Macmillan Company
 Row, Peterson & Company
 Jasper Sipes Company
 Southern Publishing Company
 World Book Company

All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duncan the Board also approved contracts of the following publishers and ordered them to be signed behalf of the State by the Governor:

Charles E. Merrill Company
 Scott, Foresman & Company
 Eaton-Ives-Sturgis-Walton Company
 and the contract of Benjamin H. Sanborn & Company for Evans' Essentials of History and D'Ooge's Cicero.

Recommendation of Pres. Lynn Glover of the University Preparatory School at Tonkawa that Raymond A. Courtright be elected Head of the Athletic Department and Assistant Teacher in Physiology and Mathematics at a salary of \$1200.00 per annum was read. Also the recommendation of Miss Lucy Moore as Assistant in English and Modern Languages at a salary of \$960.00 per annum, read. No action was taken.

Communication was read from Pres. Grant B. Grumbine of the Northwestern State Normal requesting permission to attend the Quadriennial Conference of the Methodist Church South in Oklahoma City in the month of May.

On motion, President Grumbine's request was granted.

President Grumbine also presented the following recommendations:

- (1) That Prof. H. Clay Fisk, superintendent of the city schools of Cherokee, be employed to teach in Northwestern State Normal during the month of July at a salary of \$100.00 per month;
- (2) That Prof. A. W. Fanning, superintendent of city schools of Ingersoll, be employed to teach in Northwestern State Normal at a salary of \$100.00 per month during the month of June;
- (3) That A. G. Vinson, Professor of Agriculture and Geography, be granted a leave of absence on full pay during the summer session of 1911 for the purpose of attending school.

On motion the above recommendations were approved.
 All voting aye.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Duncan, President Grove was instructed to lease the forty-three acres of land belonging to the Unive Preparatory School on the like terms as same was leased last year.

All voted aye.

Communication was read from Pres. C. W. Briles concerning the employing of faculty members for the summer term of the East Central Normal.

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duff, the Secretary was requested to notify Pres. Briles to submit the names of persons whom he wished to employ for such services.

All voted aye.

Communication was read from Supt. E. B. Nelson of the State Training School for Boys notifying the Board of the visit of Dr. William T. Jacocks, representing the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission, to his institution and the result of the visit.

Communication from the Oklahoma Children's Home Society was presented. On motion the proposal of that Society was rejected.

All voted aye.

The date for the adoption of Reading Circle Books was fixed at the first meeting of the State Board of Education in June; and the Secretary was instructed to notify the companies bidding that agents of such companies will not be given hearings.

Recommendations of Pres. Charles Evans for members of his faculty were presented. No action was taken.

The Board adjourned.

O. H. Wilson.....
President, State Board of Education

Robert T. Huffman.....
Secretary, State Board of Education

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.