



To the State Board of School Commissioners of Oklahoma:

This is to certify that the samples of Heath's First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Readers, presented herewith are identical in every respect to those filed with the bid of D. C. Heath and Company in Kansas on May 4, 1912.

(signed) Frank T. Hummel, Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 1914.

Ednah H. Burrington, Notary Public, Cook County, Ill.  
My commission expires January 31, 1917.

Miss Edith Miller appeared before the Board in behalf of Miss Minnie Puntteney's "Two Years' Work in Numbers" which was adopted by the Board as a supplementary text. Miss Miller asked, first, concerning the type in which the Board desired the "Forget-Me-Not Primer" printed. Second, that the word "supplementary" be dropped from the contract for the "First Two Years' Work in Numbers." The Board explained its desires in regard to the type and form of the book.

Vergis Wheeler, representative of the Bobbs-Merrill Company, appeared before the Board. He asked, first, for the instructions of the Board concerning changes that might be desired in the binding or cover of the Child Classics Readers. He explained the character of the binding and the color of the covers. Second, Mr. Wheeler presented telegrams and letters concerning the difference in prices of the Bobbs-Merrill Company in Indiana, Georgia, and Oklahoma. In regard to the affidavit of Edgar E. Wheeler of the W. H. Wheeler Company as to the Indiana prices, Vergis Wheeler filed the following letter of John R. Carr, Manager of the Educational Department of the Bobbs-Merrill Company, together with two books of the Child Classics Series of Readers as submitted in Indiana and the following affidavit:

"Board of Education, Oklahoma City  
Gentlemen:

April 27, 1914.

In Georgia bid was on basic text, no supplementary bid was made. The primer was put on supplementary without our bidding it as such. It was adopted at basic price of 15¢. There is no state depository and only 10% discount to the dealer.

In Indiana five years ago, we bid the Child Classics Readers, bound in board, which differed from the present books in many respects. The series has been entirely reprinted since they were offered at that time. The maximum discount in Indiana as provided by law is 15% from contract price. The discount as provided by law in Oklahoma is 20%. Our press is located in Indianapolis, and books can be distributed in Indiana direct, with but little or no cost for distribution. While freight and express rates to Oklahoma are almost prohibitive, yet in spite of this our Oklahoma basic bid is practically the same as the Indiana bid.

The Bobbs-Merrill Company  
John R. Carr, Mgr. Educational Department.

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Before me, W. T. Hunt, a Notary Public in and for the State of Oklahoma and Oklahoma County, personally appeared Virges Wheeler, who deposes and says that the two books here submitted, Namely, Child Classic Primer and Child Classic First Reader, are of the same edition as readers submitted in Indiana in 1909 for basic adoption. These books submitted in Indiana being bound in board and differing in many other respects from the cloth bound books submitted for basic adoption in Oklahoma in 1914.

(signed) Virges Wheeler.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of May, A.D. 1914

W. T. Hunt, Notary Public.

My commission expires January 30, 1915.

Mr. W. J. McFarland, representative of Benj. H. Sanborn & Company, appeared before the Board. The Secretary read the following letter from W. F. Young, President of the Benj. H. Sanborn & Company:

Mr. Leslie T. Huffman, Secretary  
State Board of Education, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Dear Sir:

April 28, 1914.

I am surprised that criticisms stating that the text of Roberts' Oklahoma History and Civics do not agree with the history and laws of the state have been filed with the State Board, because Mr. McFarland, himself, in his presentation to the Board, made a statement to the effect and gave the Board voluntary assurance that all errors would be corrected. When he made this statement he told the Board also why these errors appeared, in other words, why the text was not absolutely up to date. As soon as Mr. McFarland reached Chicago, following the adoption, he took the matter up with Mr. Roberts, and the corrections have been made and are being incorporated in the text so that Roberts' Oklahoma History and Civics as furnished to the children of Oklahoma will be up-to-date, with the errors that appeared in the sample copy corrected.

Please consider this official confirmation of Mr. McFarland's agreement to have the text corrected and made to agree with the history and laws of Oklahoma.

(signed) W. F. Young, President  
Benj. H. Sanborn & Company

Mr. McFarland explained the method adopted by the company in having the corrections made in Roberts' History and assured the Board that his company would gladly make any changes suggested and would submit all corrections to the Board for their approval.

Mr. S. R. Warden and W. P. Stewart of the Warden Printing Company appeared before the Board and spoke concerning Winterburn's Graded Lessons in Language (Book One) and Mrs. Warden's Elementary History. Mr. Warden offered to reduce the price of Winterburn's Graded Lessons in Language from forty-five

cents to forty cents. He also explained that he was planning to issue a cheaper edition of the Elementary History and if the Board desired this edition it could be placed in the schools for forty cents instead of forty-five cents.

Communication was read from Miss Virginia Murray stating that she had been unable to secure a publisher for the Murray Primer and as the adoption had not been conformed to the specifications in her bid she would like to have the deposit of \$500.00 returned.

A telegram was presented from D. Appleton & Company asking whether it was the desire of the Board that Young and Jackson's Algebra be furnished with or without answers. The Secretary was instructed to notify D. Appleton & Company that the Board desired the answers bound with the text in Algebra.

The following telegram from the A. N. Palmer Company was read:

"Secretary, State Board of Education April 23, 1914  
 We have been waiting to see how much commission must be paid for distributing. We can make retail price of Palmer Method twenty-two cents in Oklahoma which is three cents less than adopted price. No change in price of writing lessons for primary grades. If no books taken in exchange Palmer Method twenty one cents. We would prefer an open state on penmanship because our work is mainly educational and we cannot obtain the best results in schools where superintendents are antagonistic. With an open state and no commissions to pay of books to take up school boards and dealers could buy at lowest net wholesale prices writing lessons for primary grades ten cents, Palmer Method of Business writing sixteen cents, f.c.b. point of ship. Local boards could determine retail prices. Wire instructions Thirty Irving Place, New York.  
 The A. N. Palmer Company."

Miss Leno Osborne submitted a bid on a text for Domestic Science entitled "Food and Clothing" as follows:

"Honorable Text Book Commission: April 23, 1914.  
 I herewith beg leave to submit to you my text book on Domestic Science, entitled "Food and Clothing" for use in the Public Schools of Oklahoma, as provided by law. I agree that the sample of binding and material be the same, or equal, as sample here submitted. I further agree to furnish this text book for the sum of 50¢ a copy to patrons, exchange price 25¢.

(signed) Leno Osborne.

No action was taken.

The Jasper Sipes Company presented the following communication:

"To the Honorable Text Book Commission for Oklahoma. May 5, 1914.  
 Gentlemen:  
 I hereby submit for your approval and the privilege to sell in this state the following line of Johnston's New Series of Charts on Physiology and Hygiene, also Blackboard Outline Maps. The prices of same are for goods delivered f. c. h. Oklahoma City:

Chart on Physiology and Hygiene:

Single chart common rollers	- - - - -	\$1.10
Single chart in shield case	- - - - -	1.98
Single chart in steel case	- - - - -	2.20
Full set 12 charts Tripod Stand	- - - - -	11.88
Full set 12 charts Johnston Case	- - - - -	18.70
Full set 12 charts Rotary Case	- - - - -	23.50
Full set 12 charts Roller Front Case	- - - - -	21.10
Full set 18 charts Tripod Stand	- - - - -	13.20

Blackboard Outline maps Single Mountings only.

Unrivalled series United States, World, and Continents each \$2.85

Imperial series United States, World, and Continents each \$3.90

Respectfully,  
Jasper Sipes Company."

Telegram was read from Lyons & Carnahan concerning the price of the Modern Advanced Arithmetic adopted as supplementary text by the Board.

Communication was read from Harry E. Pray, Secretary of Correlating Insignia Publishing Company asking that the supplies of that company be carried on the approved list of the State Text Book Commission for the next five years. No action was taken.

The following communication was presented from F. C. Kent:

State Board of Education,  
Gentlemen:

I desire a supplementary adoption of my algebra and trust you will feel that you can give the book this endorsement.  
(signed) F. C. Kent  
Norman, Okla.

No action was taken.

The Board recessed until two o'clock.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday Afternoon, May 5, 1914.

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

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Wikoff the Board reconsidered the adoption of the Palmer System of Penmanship. Voting aye: Messrs. Wilson, Wikoff, Duncan, Duff, Hester, Potterf, and Fite.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Hester the bid of the A. N. Palmer Company for the Palmer system of penmanship was rejected and at the request of the A. N. Palmer Company the subject of penmanship and unsupervised schools was left on the open list.

Voting aye: Messrs. Duff, Duncan, Fite, Hester, Potterf, Wikoff and Wilson.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Potterf the reduction of Winterburn's Graded Lessons in Language to Forty Cents was approved.  
All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Wikoff the contract for Reinsch's Civics with Oklahoma History and Government by Roberts was approved subject to the following provision to be placed in the contract:

"It is agreed that Roberts' Oklahoma History and Civics shall be corrected to date according to the history and laws of the state and to the approval of the Text Book Commission of Oklahoma before any books are distributed throughout the state."

All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Dr. Fite the contracts of D. C. Bath & Company of Chicago and the Bobbe-Merrill Company of Indiana were approved: Members voting aye: Messrs. Wikoff, Duncan, Potterf, Fite, Duff, Hester, Mr. Wilson recorded voting no.

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duncan the contracts of Minnie E. Puntenney; Rand, McNally & Company; Benj. H. Sanborn & Company, and the Garden Printing Company were approved.

All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Duff the contract of Lyons and Carnahan was approved, the Modern Advanced Arithmetic, supplementary, with answers at forty cents.

All voted aye.

Mr. W. J. McFarland appeared before the Board and presented the following letter:

State Board of Education  
Dear Sirs:

In preparing the Reinsch-Roberts book for Oklahoma we can place either the Reinsch or the Roberts book first in the combined book. The one arrangement will give United States Civics, Oklahoma History, Oklahoma Civics. The other arrangement will give Oklahoma History, Oklahoma Civics, United States Civics. The latter order appears the more logical as the course moves from the smaller unit to the larger, from the known to the unknown, from the near to the remote.

We would appreciate having the Board express its judgment on this matter at the May 5th meeting.

Benj. H. Sanborn & Company.

On motion, Mr. McFarland was requested to arrange the Reinsch-Roberts book in the following order: Oklahoma History, Oklahoma Civics, United States Civics.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Hester the President and Secretary of the State Board of Education were requested to approve and sign the contracts of the B. F. Johnson Publ. Company and the Ferguson Publishing Company upon the approval of the bonds of those companies by the Governor.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Dr. Fite, the Secretary was instructed to notify the State Treasurer to return the deposit of all companies which had complied with the requirements of the State Board of Education - ex-officio State Text Book Commission - also the deposits of Miss Virginia Murray and the A. N. Palmer Company whose contracts were not approved at their own request.

Moved by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duff that Miss Leno Osborne's book entitled "Food & Clothing" be approved and placed on an equal basis in the preparation of the course of study as that of Little, Brown & Company's "Lincoln's Boston School Kitchen."

At 3:45 Mr. Wilson asked to be excused on account of an engagement at Alva.

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Potterf, Hart's Essentials of American History was approved at the price of \$1.35

Voting aye: Messrs. Wikoff, Duncan, Duff, Fite, Potterf and Hester.

Mr. Potterf of the special committee appointed to investigate the charges against Supt. Gid Graham spoke concerning the report of the committee and the progress being made in transcribing the testimony taken. Mr. Wikoff and Dr. Fite also spoke briefly concerning the results of the investigation. The committee presented the following report:

The committee composed of Chairman Dr. F. B. Fite, and Frank J. Wikoff and Judge H. C. Potterf appointed to investigate the charges filed against Mr. Gid Graham, Superintendent of the State Home at Pryor, Oklahoma, reported verbally that after a full and exhaustive investigation covering two days and nights, the committee had decided that the charges were not sustained and recommended to the Board that Supt. Graham be fully exonerated, and that a complete report be prepared in writing, together with a copy of the testimony taken at the hearing, and filed in due time.

Upon motion, the report was received and the Board concurred in the findings of the committee.

Moved by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duncan that the report be received and that the Board concur in the findings of the committee.

All voted aye.

On motion by Dr. Fite seconded by Mr. Duncan, Mr. Potterf was instructed to make a complete report in writing of the investigation of the charges against Supt. Graham and that he be allowed per diem for the time spent in preparing this report.

All voted aye.

On motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Duff the next meeting of the Board was fixed for May 26th, 1914.

On motion the Board adjourned.

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

*Wm. T. Huff*  
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Secretary, State Board of Education

Oklahoma City, Okla.