

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday Morning, May 26, 1914.

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

The minutes of the meeting on May 5th were presented and approved.

The manuscript of Roberts' Oklahoma History and Government presented by Benj. E. Sanborn & Company for the approval of the Board was taken up for consideration. On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duff, the Board voted to refer the Roberts' Oklahoma History and Government manuscript to Dr. A. C. Scott of the State University for review as to the errors in History and Civics. All voted aye.

Messrs J. B. Thoburn and S. M. Barrett appeared before the Board and Mr. Thoburn spoke concerning criticisms on the Roberts' History and Government and indicated the similarity in many respects of the Roberts' text to his own Oklahoma History. He protested against the adoption of the Roberts' book for the reason, he stated, that the material contained therein was largely taken from Thoburn's Oklahoma History, after which Mr. Thoburn and Mr. Barrett retired.

The Normal School Presidents' Council presented the following recommendations for the consideration of the State Board of Education:

(1) WHEREAS, the N. E. A. at its regular session at Salt Lake City, July, 1913, and the Normal School division of the Superintendents' Association of the N. E. A. at its regular session held in Richmond, 1914 adopted a resolution fixing the Standard Course of Study of the Normal Schools to include four years of work in addition to the four-year high school course: therefore, be it resolved that the Normal School Presidents' Council recommend that the State Board of Education authorize a course of study in Oklahoma normals four years in advance of a four years' high school course, and upon completion of such course the degree, Bachelor of Science in Education be granted.

(2) That President Griffith be appointed to draft a new course of study and submit it at the next regular meeting of the Presidents' Council. Course of Study to involve the changes suggested during the discussion by the presidents.

(3) That we express disapproval of the acceptance of credits from other sources than those specified in the statutes and by Article Two of the Course of Study.

(4) That heads of state institutions unite in petitioning for legislation, authorizing the setting apart of (say) three per cent of the total appropriation for each institution as an emergency fund, deposited in local depositories subject to check of the president without previous auditing.

(5) The following are the teachers chosen to prepare the courses of correspondence work:

Free Hand Drawing	Stegall	Northwestern
El. Mech. Drawing	Bumann	Northeastern
Civics	Sears	East Central
Oklahoma History	Wyatt	Northwestern
American History	Sears	East Central
Ancient History	Ballinger	Northeastern
Med. and Mod. History	Mitchell	Central
Agriculture (3)	Ives	Central
Physiology	MacMillan	East Central
Physical Geography	Ives	Central
Zoology	Briles	East Central
Botany	Stevens	Northwestern
Plane Geometry	Ford	Northeastern
Algebra (4)	Hamilton	Southeastern
Arithmetic	Stephens	Southwestern
Latin	Briles	East Central
Caesar		Southeastern
German	Bremer	Southwestern
English 51,52	Sloat	Northwestern
English 53,57	Wiley	Southwestern
Psychology	Wood	Northwestern
R. S. Problems	Faulkner	Southeastern
Industrial Geography	Ives	Central
History and Education	Perkins	East Central
Pedagogy 6,7	Wood	Central
Economics, H	Starr	Central
American Literature	Linscheid	Southeastern
English Literature	Williams	Northeastern
History, Mod. Ed.	Smith	Southwestern
Advanced Grammar	Oakes	Central

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duff, the recommendations of the Normal Presidents' Council were approved except as to increasing the normal college course for four years, action upon which recommendation was deferred. All voted aye.

Communication was read from Dr. W. L. Kendall, Superintendent of the Institution for Feeble-Minded, requesting permission to incur the necessary expenses to be made in a trip to St. Louis and Chicago to select the equipment necessary for the new buildings at Enid.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Potter the request was granted. All voted aye.

Communication from Pres. Lynn Glover and Mayor Overstreet of Tonkawa concerning the agreement of the City of Tonkawa to furnish at all times the maximum water connections to the University Preparatory School was read.

The application of Warren B. Lippincott for the presidency of the School of Mines at Wilburton was read. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Lippincott that the Board would not take action at this time but would notify him of the meeting at which they would probably take final action.

On motion by Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Duff the Secretary was instructed to request Acting-President Barrett to make a full and complete report concerning the progress of the School of Mines under his administration as Acting-President. All voted aye,

Attorney J. B. Dudley of Norman appeared before the Board and presented abstracts of title to the tracts of land being offered to the University in exchange for the University section of land. He informed the Board that there was lacking, first, an affidavit to accompany abstract No. 1123; second, a release of mortgage with abstract No. 8530. Mr. Dudley also informed the Board of the progress that was being made in securing the relinquishments of the interest of the present lessees of the University section.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEED TO DAVID R. BOYD

WHEREAS, on April 29, 1914, the State Board of Education of the State of Oklahoma, entered into a written contract with David R. Boyd of Albuquerque, New Mexico, by the terms of which it agreed and obligated itself to sell, transfer and convey to the said David R. Boyd the following described real estate and premises, situated in Cleveland County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Section Thirty-six (36), Township Nine (9) North of Range Three (3) West of the I. M.,

in exchange for the following described real estate and premises situated in said County and State, to-wit:

Lots Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), and Fifteen (15) and the West 227 feet of the South half of Lot Ten (10), and the West 227 feet of Lot Eleven (11) of Elmwood Addition to the City of Norman, 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 of Range Two (2) West of the I. M.,

being contiguous to the present campus of the State University of the State of Oklahoma, at Norman, Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS the terms and provisions of said contract have been fully complied with by the said David R. Boyd, and by reason thereof he is entitled to have said section of land conveyed to him, in accordance with said contract; and

WHEREAS said section of land was granted to the Regents of the University of Oklahoma by the United States, and became the property of the University of Oklahoma, by the Act of Congress approved February 25, 1907, (34 Statutes at Large, Part I, page 932), subject to confirmation by the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS thereafter and on June 10, 1908, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma confirmed, ratified and approved said Act of Congress (Section 3, Chapter 5, Article 15 of the Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1907-1908, pages 86 and 87), and,

WHEREAS under said Act of Congress said section was granted to the University of Oklahoma for the purpose of being used for and securing a proper campus and grounds for building purposes for the use of said University, and the Board of Regents of said University was authorized to use, dispose of and convey any portion of said section for the purpose of acquiring grounds contiguous to the present grounds belonging to said University, and to enlarge the campus and grounds for building and campus purposes in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS thereafter the State Board of Education of the State of Oklahoma, as it is now composed, by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma approved March 6, 1911, (Chapter 46, pages 120 to 123 inclusive, of the Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1910-11), became and is the legal successor of the Board of Regents of the State University of the State of Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS said real estate and premises sought to be exchanged for said section of land, under the contract aforesaid, is contiguous to the present campus of the State University of the State of Oklahoma, at Norman, Oklahoma, and that it is the sense of the Board of Education of the State of Oklahoma that said real estate and premises should be acquired for the purpose of enlarging the present campus and grounds, for building and campus purposes of the State University; and,

WHEREAS it is the sense of the Board of Education of the State of Oklahoma that the property proposed to be exchanged for said section is of the fair, reasonable value of said section, and that it will be and is for the best interests of the University of Oklahoma that said section of land be sold and exchanged for said real estate and premises, for the purposes aforesaid; and,

WHEREAS the said David R. Boyd has furnished abstracts of title to the property proposed to be exchanged for said section, which said abstracts have been examined and approved by the Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Board of Education of the State of Oklahoma, that the President and Secretary of the said State Board of Education of the State of Oklahoma, be and they hereby are authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the said State Board of Education of the State of Oklahoma, a good and sufficient warranty deed to the said David R. Boyd, conveying said section of land, in accordance with said contract.

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

Mr. Wilson offered the following resolutions:

(1) The State Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the State School Land Commissioners to turn over to Dr. David R. Boyd of Albuquerque, New Mexico, seven-twelfths of the rental income of Section 36, Township Nine (9) North of Range 3 West of the Indian Meridian, this being the proportional part of the income of this section from June 1, 1914, to the end of the year.

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

(2) The State Board of Education hereby requests Hon. J. B. Dudley of Norman, Oklahoma, to appear before the Board of County Commissioners of Cleveland County, Oklahoma and secure the removal of the following described property from the tax rolls for the year 1914; Lots Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), and Fifteen (15) and the West 227 feet of the South half of Lot Ten (10), and the West 227 feet of Lot Eleven (11) of Elmwood Addition to the City of Norman, 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 of Range Two (2) West of the I. M.

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

The Board recessed until two o'clock p. m.

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Tuesday Afternoon, May 26, 1914.

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

Miss Kate Barnard, Commissioner of Charities and Corrections, and Miss Estella Blair, Assistant Commissioner, appeared before the Board. Miss Barnard protested against the retention of Supt. E. B. Nelson of the Boys' Training School at Pauls Valley, first: for the reason that the building erected at the State Training School was an improper building for the care of the inmates of such an institution under the modern methods of management adopted by the leading training schools of the United States. She explained at length the difference between the cottage and congregate plans for the care of inmates of such institutions;

Second: Miss Barnard also stated that Mr. Nelson was not progressive in the management of the institution and that sufficient improvement had not been made during the time of his incumbency in the office of Superintendent.

Mr. Potterf replied to Miss Barnard upon behalf of the committee of the Board, who had investigated the Training School, and read the report of the committee to her. Mr. Wikoff also spoke concerning the desires of the Board to secure the best possible service in the Training School.

Miss Barnard and Miss Blair retired.

Supt. Frank Read of the School for the Deaf at Sulphur appeared before the Board and spoke, first: concerning the appointment of teachers and employees for his institution; second: in regard to salaries.

The desire of the Board in the matter was communicated to Supt. Read, after which he retired.

Hon. W. A. Durant of Durant, Oklahoma, was present and spoke concerning conditions existing at the Southeastern State Normal. He expressed the opinion that the work of Dr. E. D. Murdaugh as President was not satisfactory and stated that it was his belief that as long as Dr. Murdaugh continued as President of that institution it would continue to decrease in efficiency. He recommended that the Board employ a new president and spoke concerning the members of the faculty whose work he thought was on the whole very satisfactory. Mr. Durant retired.

Mr. Frank Buck, representative of the Macmillan Company, appeared before the Board and explained that a number of schools wished to use Tarr & McMurray's World Geographies as supplementary texts, and he requested that the Board place the Tarr & McMurray books on the approved list for supplementary use.

No action was taken.

Messrs O. E. Garrett, A. R. Hickam, and W. W. Robertson, representatives of book companies, appeared before the Board. Mr. Garrett requested information concerning the resolution of the Board in regard to a central depository. Mr. Potterf read the law concerning the establishment of a depository, after which the above agents retired.

The following recommendations of Pres. Stratton D. Brooks of the University were presented:

- 1 - (134) Subject to your approval, I have appointed Osmond Francis Field, Professor of Physical Education, to begin September 1, 1914, at a salary of \$1700.00 per annum, with annual advances in accordance with the salary schedule established for professors who are heads of departments.
- 2 - (135) I recommend that C. E. Hammer, Assistant Professor of Bacteriology, be granted leave of absence, without pay, from October first, 1914, to September first, 1915.
- 3 - (136) Subject to your approval, I have accepted the resignation of John C. Darling as Director of Physical Education, to take effect September 1, 1914.
- 4 - (137) I desire to report that the following persons, recently elected to positions in the University, have declined to accept the same:
  - Mr. John T. Taylor, Instructor in English
  - Josiah W. Gain, Instructor in Mathematics

5 - (138) Subject to your approval, I have appointed the following named persons to the ranks and at the salary specified in each case for the school year, September 1, 1914 to September 1, 1915:

Harry B. Gossard, Instructor in Mathematics, \$1000.

Herbert Victor L. Sapper, Instructor in Bacteriology, \$900.

Fred Larery, Instructor in Shops, \$900.

6 - (139) Subject to your approval, I have appointed Warder Clyde Allee, Assistant Professor of Zoology, to begin September 1, 1914. I recommend that the same arrangement with reference to salary be made as was made with Assistant Professor Morrow, namely: that he be given \$1300.00 for the first year and be placed upon the regular schedule, beginning at \$1300.00 for the second year.

7 - (140) Subject to your approval, I have appointed Herbert Victor L. Sapper, Assistant in the Public Health Laboratory from July 15th to September 1, at a salary of \$75.00 per month.

On motion by Mr. Potterf seconded by Mr. Hester, President Brooks' recommendations were approved.

President Wilson spoke concerning the conditions at Taft and the absence of Supt. S. Douglas Russell. He stated that for the present he had appointed J. R. Johnson Acting-Superintendent and that if such appointment was satisfactory, Johnson would be continued in that position for the present. It was agreed by the Board to continue J. R. Johnson as Superintendent until September 1st, at least.

The Board recessed until Wednesday, the 27th.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Wednesday Morning, May 27, 1914.

The State Board of Education convened at nine o'clock. Members present: Messrs. Wilson, Duff, Potterf, and Hester.

On motion by Mr. Duff seconded by Mr. Hester, June 9th and 10th was fixed as the date of the next meeting of the State Board of Education.

The following recommendations of Pres. Charles Evans of the Central State Normal were read:

- (1) That George Williams be appointed in the place of Faye Nelson Boone who is on a leave of absence without pay;
- (2) That A. J. Hicks be appointed to take the place of Margaret J. Mitchell who is on leave of absence without pay during the month of June;
- (3) That Miss Olive Nash be appointed to take the place of Mrs. Frances Walker who is on leave of absence without pay during the month of June;

